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

DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
May 15, 2024.

I hereby appoint the Honorable KEITH SELF 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, 2023, 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.

NATIONAL WOMEN'S HEALTH WEEK

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

Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, National Women's Health Week empowers women and girls to prioritize their unique health journeys.

A crucial part of that journey is education, prevention, and early detection for illness and disease, like ovarian cancer.

Globally, ovarian cancer is the eighth most common cancer among women, most of whom are over 60 years

old. In the United States, the American Cancer Society estimates that this year, more than 19,000 women will receive a diagnosis of ovarian cancer, and more than 12,000 women will die from ovarian cancer.

It is a frequently missed or misdiagnosed disease, there is no routine screening, and it is not always included as part of an annual gynecological exam like other cancers of the female reproductive system.

I saw this firsthand with my mother's diagnosis and death, within just weeks of her diagnosis of ovarian cancer many years ago, how devastating ovarian cancer can be and how fast it can claim a loved one. We must do better for our mothers, our grandmothers, our grandchildren, our sisters, and our friends.

We must raise awareness, bolster research and education, and pass legislation that prioritizes women's healthcare and saves lives. Our health and our stories matter.

HONORING REV. DR. JOHN E. DOUGLAS

Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I pause now to start with something that is of local color and recognizes a man of faith.

I rise today to recognize Reverend Dr. John E. Douglas of Antioch Baptist Church in North Hills, Pennsylvania, as he celebrates 30 years as a pastor.

I first met Pastor Douglas a dozen years ago when I served in the Pennsylvania House for Montgomery County. As I was still getting to know our district, he did not hesitate to welcome me to his church and to introduce me to his neighborhood, which perfectly encompassed his warmth and unwavering commitment to the Antioch community.

Each week, he faithfully leads his congregation in beautiful services with song, prayer, and a welcoming spirit to all. He is a man of family and of faith.

Yet, his devotion does not stop there. Pastor Douglas has made Antioch Bap-

tist Church an integral part of the surrounding community as well, a home for town halls and community gatherings, again, where all are welcome, including me.

I am just one of the so many people who have been guided by his grace, his faith, his leadership, and his friendship, which will continue to grow and shape North Hills and the greater community for years to come.

Congratulations to Pastor Douglas on 30 years of hard work, faith, and joy. The Antioch family and I are blessed to know him.

CELEBRATING 75 YEARS OF THE 193RD AIR OPERATIONS GROUP

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 in recognition of the 193rd Air Operations Group in State College, Pennsylvania, who celebrated their 75th anniversary on May 2, 2024.

Established in April of 1949, the unit was initially named the 112th Aircraft Control and Warning Squadron. The unit was Federally recognized as part of the Nation's reserve defenses.

A notable alumnus of the squadron is the Honorable Dr. John L. Lucas who served in State College during the 1950s prior to becoming the Secretary of the Air Force in 1973.

In January 2016, the 112th Air Operations Squadron was designated the 193rd Air Operations Group with three subordinate squadrons: the 193rd Air Communication Squadron, the 193rd Air Intelligence Squadron, and the 193rd Combat Operations Squadron. The three squadrons operate under the Air Combat Command.

Since the redesignation, the unit has sent members to more places around the globe than ever before to project

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American air power and to support operations worldwide.

Since 2010, the Air Operations Group took on its current role supporting the U.S. Air Force's central theater as they have completed nine deployments in Doha, Qatar.

During these deployments, the 193rd supported the 609th Air Operations Center, conducting operations vital to the global war on terror and thwarting al-Qaida, ISIS, and Iranian-aligned aggressors in Afghanistan, Iraq, and Syria.

Additionally, the unit assisted in sustaining military operations throughout the U.S. Central Command area of operations, including 21 Nations in the Middle East, Central Asia, and South Asia.

Mr. Speaker, as the national strategy has begun to focus on defending against near-peer adversaries, the 193rd AOG has excelled at staying agile, informed, and at the tip of the spear for providing combat mission-ready warriors to support operations worldwide.

The members of the 193rd have most recently supported U.S. Indo-Pacific Command exercises in line with the national strategy to train and meet the increasing threat posed by China.

Additionally, the 193rd has participated in the Pennsylvania National Guard State partnership program with Lithuania, conducting military training and readiness with a strategic military ally.

Mr. Speaker, I personally thank those who previously and currently serve the 193rd AOG for their dedication and service to our great Nation, and I congratulate them on 75 years of operations.

HONORING OFFICER BRIAN SICKNICK

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from New Jersey (Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN) for 5 minutes.

Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN. Mr. Speaker, today I rise during Police Week to honor a son of New Jersey's 12th District who gave his life protecting many of the people that are Members of this Chamber.

Brian Sicknick was raised in South River, New Jersey. He attended East Brunswick Technical High School where he dreamed of being a police officer.

He later joined the New Jersey Air Force National Guard's 108th Wing at McGuire Air Force Base in New Jersey.

Officer Sicknick served in Operation Enduring Freedom, attaining the rank of staff sergeant. He later moved to Springfield, Virginia, and joined the United States Capitol Police. One of his first assignments was the inauguration of President Obama.

For 12 years, Officer Sicknick was a dedicated protector of our Capitol. On January 6, 2021, he found himself at the front lines on the Capitol's west side, facing off against a violent mob bent on dismantling our democracy.

He came under repeated attacks but held his post, defending the lives of the people who had been elected, their staff, and employees of this Capitol. Later that night, Officer Sicknick collapsed at the Capitol and sadly passed away the next day.

Officer Brian Sicknick gave his life defending our democracy against an insurrection fomented by the former President of the United States of America, who is currently on trial.

Were it not for that insurrection, Officer Sicknick would still be with us today. Were it not for the heroism of Officer Sicknick and his fellow USCP officers, we would not be here today.

For those who were not with us on that day, it must be hard to imagine the danger of the moment, how close we came to losing everything, particularly our lives and our democracy.

We have a responsibility to the officers who defended the Capitol on that day and who still protect us now to ensure that never again shall they be called upon to sacrifice in such a way.

I will be forever grateful to Officer Sicknick and his fellow USCP and Metro Police Department officers for defending my life, for the lives of my colleagues, and most importantly, for our democracy. We are all forever in his debt.

THE GREAT STATE OF IOWA

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 in honor of my home State of Iowa being ranked the sixth overall State to live in.

Scoring third in opportunity and in the top 10 for education, Iowa has proven that regardless of where you come from or where you are going, you can find success in the Hawkeye State.

Looking for a great place to study? Iowa has some of the Nation's top schools. Want to buy a house and start a family? Iowa is one of the most affordable States to live in and a beautiful State to raise a family.

Want to start a new career? Iowa is home to several booming industries, entrepreneurship flourishes, and we would be happy to have you.

Iowa is historically known for being a farming State, but recently our State has emerged as one of the Nation's leaders in clean energy production.

In Iowa, the American Dream is alive, well, and waiting for you. God bless the Hawkeye State.

CELEBRATING NATIONAL TEACHER APPRECIATION DAY

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate National Teacher Appreciation Day, which took place this past Tuesday on May 7.

America's teachers are heroes who take on the monumental task of shaping our Nation's future leaders with the utmost grandeur and grit.

Growing up, we never forget those teachers who have left a marked im-

pact on our lives and mentor us through the grueling process of maturation.

As a matter of fact, I remember my second grade teacher, Ms. Tenniswood in Michigan, who helped me to know that I was special enough to one day achieve my dreams.

Thanks to the tireless efforts of America's teachers, our upcoming generation stands poised to confront the complexities of the future with resilience and readiness.

Iowa is home to over 35,000 teachers who play a key role in the future of our State. As we honor their invaluable contributions, let us unite in recognition of their dedication and pray for their continued success in nurturing the youth and steering the course of America's future.

Together, let us commit to supporting and uplifting our educators who are the bedrock of our society.

NATIONAL NURSES WEEK

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of National Nurses Week, which takes place from May 6 to May 12 every year.

In 1974, President Nixon declared that one week in May should be dedicated to our amazing nurses. Then in 1993, the American Nurses Association board of directors declared that May 6 through May 12 would be the official dates, coinciding with National Nurses Day on May 6 and Florence Nightingale's birthday on May 12.

As someone who has dedicated their life to healthcare and public service and was a former nurse before becoming a physician and married to a nurse, I can confidently say that our nurses are community heroes. The sacrifices they make for the well-being of our communities are commendable.

Let's take a moment to express our heartfelt gratitude to these dedicated healthcare heroes and thank them for their unwavering care and compassion.

CELEBRATING NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of National Police Week. National Police Week stands as a beacon of honor, remembrance, and solidarity, allowing us to pay homage to the heroes who made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty.

Since its inception in 1962 by President John F. Kennedy, this week holds profound significance as we commemorate Peace Officers Memorial Day on May 15 and the surrounding days as Police Week.

It is a time when tens of thousands of law enforcement officers, survivors, and citizens converge on our Nation's Capital to partake in events that honor and remember our fallen heroes.

National Police Week isn't just a commemoration; it is a testament to the resilience and dedication of those who wear the badge. It is a reminder that the sacrifices made by our law enforcement officers will never be forgotten.

Let us stand together in gratitude and solidarity, honoring the heroes

who have given their all for the safety and well-being of others. In Iowa, we will always back the blue.

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HONORING COACH LISA BLUDER

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the incomparable career and influence of Iowa women's basketball Coach Lisa Bluder, who announced her retirement from coaching this week.

In her 24-year career coaching the Hawkeyes, she has led the team to five Big 10 tournament championships and two Final Fours. She is finishing her tenure as the Big Ten's winningest women's basketball coach of all time. Her wide-ranging influence over women's basketball is undeniable, and her time spent mentoring and molding young women into this generation's elite assembly of athletes is worthy of the utmost commendation.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating Coach Bluder's immaculate career and in wishing her well on a well-earned retirement.

As always, go Hawkeyes, and I congratulate Coach Bluder.

HONORING DR. ASSAD MEYMANDI

THE SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. MOLINARO). The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from North Carolina (Ms. ROSS) for 5 minutes.

Ms. ROSS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the remarkable life and extraordinary legacy of Dr. Assad Meymandi, who sadly passed away last week.

Born in Iran, Dr. Meymandi moved to the United States in 1955 and quickly fell in love with this country. He moved to Raleigh, North Carolina, after receiving his medical degree from George Washington University. He dedicated much of his career to improving mental health care in our State at a time when mental health was much less understood.

His place in the community is also marked by his dedication to the arts. He believed in the power of the arts so much that we can thank him for the creation of the Meymandi Concert Hall, home to North Carolina's Symphony, where thousands of people go every year to hear the breathtaking music and to experience the concert hall's renowned acoustics.

Dr. Meymandi always said that he was an American by choice, not by birth, and that he loved his country so much that he celebrated his naturalization date as his true birthday. His love for America and for our Raleigh community should serve as a guiding light to all of us.

HONORING THE VICTIMS AND HEROES OF THE ALLEN PREMIUM OUTLET TRAGEDY

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

Mr. SELF. Mr. Speaker, today, I stand in solemn reflection in the wake of the first anniversary of the devastating mass shooting at the Allen Premium Outlet Mall.

I stand to pay tribute to the eight cherished souls we mourn from that fateful day and to commend the courageous actions of the countless heroes in our community whose swift response mitigated what could have been an even greater tragedy.

On May 6, 2023, the community of Allen, Texas, faced a harrowing ordeal as a lone gunman unleashed terror upon innocent shoppers and workers in the Allen Premium Outlet Mall. Amidst the chaos and devastation, our first responders' collective bravery and swift actions exemplified the highest standards of courage and professionalism as they selflessly risked their safety to protect and assist those in harm's way.

Therefore, I extend my deepest gratitude and solemn appreciation to the individuals, departments, and agencies whose acts of valor undoubtedly saved lives and provided comfort and reassurance to a grieving community.

In remembrance of the innocent lives lost—Kyu Song Cho, Cindy Cho, James Cho, Elio Cumana-Rivas, Christian LaCour, Daniela Mendoza, Sofia Mendoza, and Aishwarya Thatikonda—we honor their memory and offer our sincerest condolences to their families and loved ones.

I reaffirm my commitment to combating senseless acts of violence and fostering communities of peace and safety. May this proclamation stand as a testament to the resilience, compassion, and spirit of unity that define our Nation in the face of adversity.

Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD a list of those individuals and organizations who assisted.

ALLEN POLICE OFFICERS

Ofc. Dominique Akins, Ofc. David Childers, Ofc. Ryan Dexter, Ofc. John Pena, Ofc. Lane Pollan, Ofc. Daryel Whitehead, Ofc. Rory Kelly, Ofc. Brett Anderson, Ofc. CJ Rider, Corporal Dillon Egizi, Corporal Kyle Griffith, Sgt. Chadwick Hernandez, Lt. Ty Latham, Lt. Kris Wirstrom.

ALLEN FIRE DEPARTMENT

Jake Blackshear, Hunter Bostick, Dean Boyce, Jonathan Boyd, Kristopher Bravo, Hunter Brent, Zach Caldwell, David Cannaday, Chase Condor, Tony Cooper, Marcus Corey, James Cummings, Hannah DeGan, Brandon Derrick, Elton Grant, Greg Grimes, Sam Herber, Jillian Hernandez, Brian Hoverman, Jared Inman, Payton Lamberg, Paul Lopez, Matt Madding, Steve McCormick, Marc Morrow, Roger Nolen, Jeffrey Peters, Mark Randle, Simeon Royal, Nolan Skidmore, Justin Sullivan, Greg Truitt, Luis Vargas, Michael Wade, Daniel Williams, Michael Wilson.

COUNTY

Collin County Sheriff's Office, Collin County Constable 1, Collin County Constable 3.

MUNICIPAL POLICE DEPARTMENTS

Dallas PD, McKinney PD, Frisco PD, Fairview PD, Hickory Creek PD, Prosper PD, Wylie PD, Plano PD.

MUNICIPAL FIRE DEPARTMENTS

McKinney Fire, Plano Fire, Fairview Fire, Frisco Fire, Prosper Fire, Lucas Fire, Princeton Fire.

STATE

Texas Department of Public Safety, Texas Alcohol Beverage Commission.

STOP SPENDING MONEY WE DON'T HAVE

Mr. SELF. Mr. Speaker, the everyday people of America can't stand at this podium and talk about the crushing inflation Washington's spending has created. The single mothers struggling to put food on the table don't have a voting card to vote against the spending that fuels food price increases. Young families struggling to buy a home can't give a speech on the House floor about the surging home prices and mortgage rates.

We are their voice. We are their Representatives, or at least we are supposed to be, but based on the tax-and-spend policies of the administration and the blowout omnibus packages forced through this Congress by many of my own colleagues, I might add, I don't think Congress is doing a very good job listening to America.

Mr. Speaker, this Congress has passed two massive spending packages, continuing the blowout COVID expansion and leaving NANCY PELOSI's spending levels in the dust.

What did Americans get for it? What did they get for their money? They didn't get a secure border. They didn't get safer cities. They sure didn't get a better economy.

Mr. Speaker, do you know who did benefit from the blowout spending? LGBTQ youth organizations, transgender organizations, abortion facilities, and the FBI, which got a brand-new headquarters and expanded authority to spy on Americans.

Mr. Speaker, the Washington establishment is addicted to spending my constituents' money, and it is never enough. We are \$34 trillion in debt, and it is still never enough.

I have no doubt there are plans brewing right now in this murky swamp to clear the decks—that is the phrase—and use the upcoming appropriations to force through more spending and more leftwing poison pills with nothing to actually secure our border and significantly cut spending to stimulate our economy. It doesn't have to be this way.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of my constituents and Texas District Three, I urge my colleagues to wake up. Stop spending money we don't have and commit to cutting wasteful government spending. We must bring prosperity back to the hardworking Americans.

HONORING DON LEE BLANKENSHIP

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

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of my very good friend, Don Lee Blankenship.

Don was a husband, grandfather, and longtime Orange County resident, a lifelong law enforcement officer who proudly served the city of Santa Ana for 25 years. As president of the Police Officers Association, he represented those whom we refer to as the thin blue line that protects our communities.

Don was also passionate about honoring fallen officers and dedicated over 20 years to the California Peace Officers' Memorial Foundation, where we worked together to remember those who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

Don was also a devout member of Santiago de Compostela Catholic Church. He loved to volunteer there, spend time with his family, and support Notre Dame football.

Today, I join Don's children, grandchildren, neighbors, and friends in remembering his legacy. I thank Don for his dedication and protection of the Santa Ana community.

HONORING SERGEANT MIKE GONZALEZ

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the career of Sergeant Mike Gonzalez, who served our country and our Santa Ana community for 32 years.

Sergeant Gonzalez served in the U.S. Navy for 7 years. He was born and raised in North Carolina but soon came to love our Orange County community and served the residents of the city of Santa Ana for 32 years as a police officer.

Sergeant Gonzalez is a hero on and off duty. On duty, he received service medals for his valor as a police officer. Off duty, he sprang into action in 2017 during a mass shooting in Las Vegas, where he saved many lives.

I thank my good friend, Mike, for his service to our country and community. He represents the best Orange County has to offer.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize National Police Week and the brave men and women who serve and protect Orange County.

Beginning under President Kennedy in 1962, Police Week recognizes those who protect our neighborhoods. We also remember the brave men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty.

Back home in Orange County, our police officers are essential to keeping our community safe. I am proud to have brought back \$3 million just this year to renovate and upgrade police headquarters in Fullerton and Stanton.

I thank all the police officers at home and across the country for keeping us and keeping our neighborhoods safe. We are proud to have their service.

HONORING THE STATUE UNVEILING OF THE REVEREND WILLIAM FRANKLIN "BILLY" GRAHAM, JR.

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

Mr. ROUZER. Mr. Speaker, for the first time since 1932, North Carolina will receive a new statue representing our State in the U.S. Capitol tomorrow.

The late Reverend Billy Graham, Jr., was a very cherished Christian leader and an exemplary North Carolinian. I am proud to welcome him into the U.S. Capitol's National Statuary Hall Collection.

Born on a dairy farm in Charlotte, North Carolina, Reverend Graham came from humble beginnings. He grew up learning the value of hard work and developed an unwavering commitment to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Through his ministry, he would go on to reach more than 200 million people in 185 countries, and many of those who heard his message accepted Jesus as Lord and Savior. I have no doubt he led millions to Christ, securing their salvation.

Known as America's pastor, he is one of the few private citizens to receive three of the highest honors that are bestowed by Congress: the Congressional Gold Medal in 1996, lying in honor in the U.S. Capitol Rotunda in 2018, and now a statue placed in the U.S. Capitol Building.

Created by Charlotte-based artist Chas Fagan, the statue depicts Reverend Graham pointing to an open Bible. Inscribed on the pedestal of the 7-foot statue will be the verse so foundational, John 3:16. This well-known Scripture tells us: "For God so loved the world that He gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."

At a time when America could use a spiritual revival like never before, how refreshing and great it is that we are enshrining this verse and Reverend Graham's legacy of faith within the Halls of Congress.

As noted in his 2011 book, "Nearing Home," Billy Graham wrote: "The greatest legacy you can pass on to your children and grandchildren is not your money or the other material things you have accumulated in life. The greatest legacy you can pass on to them is the legacy of your character and your faith. . . . Why is faith our greatest legacy? Because the memory of what we were like—not just our personalities but our character and our faith—has the potential to influence others for Christ."

Mr. Speaker, Reverend Graham dedicated his life to proclaiming the Gospel throughout the world and, I might add, in places and countries that were and in many that still are hostile to Christianity. I am proud that countless visitors and lawmakers will now be able to honor his legacy and message for generations to come in the U.S. Capitol.

MAGIC OF THE PACK

Mr. ROUZER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to highlight, honor, and celebrate the NC State University men's and women's basketball teams. Both reached the Final Four of their respec-

tive NCAA Division 1 basketball tournaments this past month of April, registering a historic achievement that few schools have ever achieved.

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The NC State women's team led by Coach Wes Moore displayed strength all year with a 31-7 overall record, including 9 wins over AP Top 25 teams while earning their first Final Four appearance since 1998. They had statement wins in the tournament against Chattanooga, Tennessee, Stanford, and Texas. Junior guard, Aziaha James, was the leader of the Pack with blistering accuracy from three-point range.

Not to be outdone, the men's basketball team won the school's 11th ACC Tournament championship. The Wolfpack, led by Coach Kevin Keatts clenched an 84-76 victory against incredibly talented UNC-Chapel Hill, becoming the first ACC team to win 5 games in 5 days, securing their spot in the NCAA Tournament, and launching them to their first Final Four appearance since the magical championship run of the 1983 NC State team.

This team's collective skill, dedication to each other, and the team chemistry they solidified in the ACC Tournament enabled the Wolfpack to keep advancing, reeling off wins against Texas Tech, Oakland, Marquette, and Duke. With each round of the NCAA Tournament, the Wolfpack continued to excel and win.

As an NC State alumnus, it is with great pride that I join so many in celebrating these two teams and their accomplishments. Only a select few universities can say that both of their basketball teams made the Final Four in their respective tournaments in the same year. Both teams, as well as the individual players, will be long remembered. Their legacy is now etched in NC State basketball lore.

NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

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

Ms. SPANBERGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the courage and the sacrifice of the brave law enforcement officers who work each day to keep our communities safe and to honor those who have given their lives.

This week, as we commemorate Police Week, a week of appreciation and of solemnity that was first honored and created back in 1962, when President Kennedy designated May 15 as Peace Officers Memorial Day and the week in which it falls Police Week, we know that this week draws between 25,000 and 40,000 attendees from across the Nation, including from Virginia; people who come to honor the sacrifice and the service of their fellow officers and their family members.

I grew up in a law enforcement household. My father was a career law

enforcement officer, and I grew up with a deep appreciation of those who commit themselves to service. I stand here today during National Police Week to recognize every officer who works to keep Virginia's communities safe.

I am proud to represent many brave men and women who have answered the call to serve their fellow Americans, their neighbors, and our communities, and I am grateful for their service and their sacrifice.

This week, we remember with reverence their colleagues and friends who have laid down their lives in the line of duty. We owe these heroes a debt of gratitude that can never fully be repaid. Their legacies live on in the continued dedication of the officers who served alongside them and the families who mourn and miss them.

In Congress, I will continue to advocate for legislation to support our local police departments and sheriff's departments in carrying out the vital mission that they hold in our communities.

Together, we can honor their dedication to duty by connecting them with the resources, the training, the support, and everything necessary for them to perform their jobs effectively, and importantly, to get home safely.

To all those who wear the badge, I offer my deepest gratitude. This week and every week, we extend our appreciation to the men and women who continue to serve, and we remember those who did not come home. May their sacrifice never be forgotten, and may their legacies continue to inspire the next generation to serve and protect.

HONORING THE LIFE OF TERRY ANDERSON

Ms. SPANBERGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the remarkable life and the legacy of a former constituent, Mr. Terry Anderson.

When I was first running for Congress, I had the occasion of meeting someone who was known to be a local advocate and a local activist, but the name was familiar to me, Terry Anderson. I met with this gentleman, and I heard his story. It was one that was familiar to me from my childhood and one that was familiar probably to many of you.

In 1985, Mr. Anderson became quite well known the world over when he was kidnapped in Lebanon and held hostage by Hezbollah until his release in the very late days of 1991.

He was kidnapped when he was a reporter for the Associated Press. He was a correspondent who fearlessly pursued truth in some of the world's most volatile regions. His commitment to on-the-ground eyewitness reporting was unwavering.

This continued his path as he had begun his inquisitive time in life through his service in the Marine Corps where he rose to the rank of staff sergeant, and he saw combat during the Vietnam war.

It was from this time when he was in captivity in Lebanon that he brought

back home a support for those who continue the mission of collecting knowledge, who continue the mission of reporting hard facts on the ground.

Mr. Anderson continued to advocate for press freedom worldwide throughout the remainder of his career. Once he returned back home to the United States, he lived in many places. He even once ran for elected office in Ohio. He taught university-level journalism. He opened a few restaurants, a horse ranch, and a blues bar. For a time, he lived on a farm in Orange County, Virginia, which is when I had the opportunity to meet him, and, frankly, eat some of his extraordinary cooking.

Terry was a man of many interests. He was a man of great passion. He was a man who loved and spoke often of his children. He was a man who inspired me. I am grateful I had the opportunity to meet him, to learn from him, and upon his passing, I wish his family the very best.

Towards the end of his life he once remarked: I have lived so much, and I have done so much; I am content. His legacy has left an indelible mark on our world. His resilience and his courage have set an example for so many of us. I ask my colleagues to please join me in remembering Terry Anderson.

ISRAEL

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

Mr. BACON. Mr. Speaker, on October 7, 2023, the Palestinian terrorist group, Hamas, viciously attacked Israel—America's best ally in the Middle East—and they did it from the Gaza Strip. On that day, more than 1,200 Israelis and foreign nationals, including at least 35 Americans, were killed. Not since the Holocaust have so many Jews been killed in a single day.

During the unprecedented attack, Hamas, in conjunction with other terrorist groups, seized 253 hostages, many of whom are still held captive today, and we know for a fact that some were murdered while in captivity by Hamas. The barbaric attacks against Israel on October 7 were of a scope and lethality not witnessed ever before in the 16 years of Hamas' control in Gaza.

The U.S.-Israel alliance is founded upon our shared democratic and cultural values, our mutual security interests, and an enduring friendship. I say we have spiritual connections. Also, there are moral reasons to support Israel. There needs to be a safe haven for Jews all over this world that have been persecuted for several thousand years.

We support the Abraham Accords. These accords reflect our mutual respect for our partnership and the significance that the pursuit of peace in the region holds for the United States and Israel—a peace vital to the national security of both of our countries.

Israel is a vibrant democracy with a government elected by the people of Israel. Israel is a sovereign nation with a right to self-defense and self-determination.

No country, including the United States, has the right to tell Israel whether or how to conduct wartime operations in response to a devastating terrorist attack. We certainly have no right to demand that Israel submit to a cease-fire. This course of action is for the leadership of the military of Israel to determine. It is for the people of Israel to determine.

In addition, no country has the right or authority to suggest that the Prime Minister of Israel should resign. Only the citizens of Israel have this right. Israel is a sovereign and capable nation with a right to determine who will serve in the government and how it wants to defend itself, and only Israel can determine its security needs after the fall of Hamas.

Sadly, our President has called for a cease-fire, and Leader SCHUMER has called for a new election—disregarding and interfering in Israel's sovereignty.

We also see the administration is calling for a two-state solution. So I ask: Who is Israel going to negotiate with? Who on the Palestinian side acknowledges Israel's right to exist as a Jewish state? Who on the Palestinian side is committed to peace and the rejection of terrorism?

Pushing for a two-state solution with the current Palestinian leadership is a fool's errand. The Palestinian leaders want a one-state solution where there is no Israel. So who are the Israelis supposed to negotiate with? Who are the trusted Palestinian leaders for Israel to talk to? There are none.

Last month, Congress voted to send much-needed munitions to Israel. Iran has fired 330 munitions recently. The Israeli air defenses are depleted. Their precision munitions are also depleted.

The President has halted sending these needed weapons after Congress approved them and directed them to be sent there because he is trying to prevent Israel from going into the last stronghold of Hamas, which is Rafah.

Israel can't let Hamas and Gaza survive. If they do, Hamas will continue to be a mortal threat. Israel needs to go and finish the job quickly so humanitarian aid can get to the Palestinian people, and the President should get out of the way. The United States should continue to support Israel, to stand with Israel in the face of attacks, not only from Hamas but from anti-Semitic nations throughout the world, particularly with the United Nations.

The United States should continue to assist Israel with the means to defend itself. Israel is a longtime friend and ally, and our policies toward Israel should be consistent and in line with that history. American politics and election year concerns should have no role in the United States' foreign policy with Israel.

In short, the administration and the majority leader and the Senate must

stop meddling in Israel's politics. The goal for Israel is to destroy Hamas so that no more terrorist acts can be conducted from Gaza. They are trying to provide security for their people. We would do the same thing just like we did after 9/11.

RECOGNIZING COLVIN RANCH

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

Ms. PEREZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Colvin Ranch, a family-owned ranch in Thurston County in my district.

Colvin Ranch started soon after Ignatius Colvin came to Washington State on the Oregon Trail back in 1851. Since then, the family has continued to raise livestock in a humane and sustainable way. The ranch is currently run by Jennifer Colvin, making her a fifth-generation rancher.

Local farms are the backbone of a resilient and sustainable local food supply chain. However, in recent years we have seen growing consolidation in the agricultural industry. Multinational, corporate-run farms are known to cut corners and prioritize profit over community-minded farming practices.

Colvin Ranch has been an advocate for building a meat processing plant with a storefront in the park near their ranch so they can establish what they like to call "the world's shortest supply chain."

By supporting farmers like Colvin Ranch, we are investing in sustainable agriculture practices and supporting our local economy and local jobs.

NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

Ms. PEREZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today during National Police Week to recognize the brave men and women in law enforcement across southwest Washington.

Recently, I had the honor of going on a ride-along with Sergeant Ripp of the Vancouver Police Department, and I had the pleasure of watching his profound knowledge and deep engagement with the local community. He literally knew 9 out of 10 people we saw walking on the streets, what their lives were like, what their struggles were, and how he could support them.

Sergeant Ripp talked to me about the biggest challenges he sees in our community, including the increasing devastation of drugs like fentanyl and meth, as well as the challenges of folks struggling with serious mental health issues.

The work our officers do is dangerous and often unrewarding, and I am deeply committed to ensuring they receive the resources, regard, and support they deserve.

By providing our law enforcement adequate funding and ensuring they are given the respect and support they deserve, communities like mine will be able to recruit and retain the best public servants possible.

You cannot pay people enough to be disrespected, and we need a cultural

shift that values the sacrifices these officers make along with their families.

I am so grateful to have such a strong team working in my district. I sincerely thank them all.

RECOGNIZING ANDREW WEBBER

Ms. PEREZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Andrew Webber, a proud husband, father, and veteran who was raised in Raymond, a small town in my district.

Last year, Andrew signed up to volunteer for the Ukrainian army's 59th Motorized Brigade.

He went to Ukraine in order to provide combat training to their soldiers; however, when he noticed that a young man next to him did not have any protective gear, Andrew gave him his.

Andrew passed away on July 29 of 2023 while serving in Ukraine. To this day, his family firmly believes his death would have been prevented if the Ukrainians had proper resources.

That is why it is critical and crucial that after passing the House and Senate on April 24, the President signed the lethal military aid package to send \$61 billion to Ukrainian soldiers.

Andrew was a soldier, but he was also a father, a husband, and a son. My thoughts are with Andrew's family and loved ones as they navigate their profound loss. His heroic service and sacrifice will not be forgotten.

RECOGNIZING DORIS BIER

Ms. PEREZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Doris Bier, who was one of the original Rosie the Riveters during World War II in Fort Lewis.

Doris was raised in Adna, Washington, a small town in my community. From owning the second bicycle in Adna to being hired to drive trucks in cornfields at the age of 14, she has always surpassed expectations.

At the age of 16, she was one of just a few chosen women, along with a few other women, to take a mechanics course at the Clover Park Vocational School.

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Upon graduation, she became an official Rosie the Riveter and worked at assembly lines at Mount Rainier Ordnance Depot. No matter what pushback she faced, she continued to work and excel. Doris received an Army-Navy E Award, also known as an Excellence in Production pin, for producing twice as many axles as her colleagues each day.

Doris Bier, along with all of the Rosie the Riveters, helped pave the way for freedom. She still resides in my district where she continues to share her remarkable stories.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Doris for all she has contributed and still contributes to our community.

LEWIS COUNTY PUBLIC UTILITY DEPARTMENT

Ms. PEREZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize five Lewis County Public Utility Department crew workers who were recently honored by the Northwest Public Power Association with a Safety Heroism Award.

On January 22, Brad Peters, Bob Hadley, Joel Chandler, Travis Merriman, and Hunter Blair saved the life of man who was disabled by pulling him out of a burning RV.

The five PUD crew workers were working in the Mossyrock area when they noticed smoke nearby. While attempting to extinguish the fire, they realized a man was trapped inside and was not able to escape on his own.

Our PUD workers are crucial to our community, but saving lives is well out of their expected duty. The quick thinking and choices of these five men was literally lifesaving, and I applaud them for their heroic work.

NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

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

Mr. MOYLAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of National Police Week.

As a Nation, we pay tribute to the law enforcement officers who have lost their lives while performing their duties. We honor their commitment, bravery, and selflessness in protecting and serving our communities.

The sacrifices made by these officers extend far beyond their own lives, affecting the lives of their spouses, children, and extended family members who will forever carry the weight of their loss.

We are thankful for the service they gave, the courage they exhibited, and the example they set. We honor their legacy and commitment to protecting and serving communities across the Nation.

As the crime rates seem to skyrocket across the Nation, including in my district, the territory of Guam, our police officers' duties become even more critical to every one of our jurisdictions. National Police Week gives us the chance to show our gratitude to those officers who continue to safeguard our streets and neighborhoods.

Pictured next to me are several officers from the Guam Police Department who serve as the backbone of our island's fight against crime. It is not uncommon for them to respond to calls with little to no information on what they are walking into, yet they do so with courage.

Additionally, our police department has been quite understaffed to combat the level of crime we are experiencing, yet they still manage to provide effective service and public safety. This is why we have submitted CPF requests for patrol cars, mobile commands, and other necessities to better equip our men and women in blue.

Our officers work long hours, put their lives on the line, and are always willing to go the extra mile to ensure our island residents are okay. Often this is a challenging job that takes a toll on one's physical and mental state, but I am here to ensure that they are recognized and appreciated for their

service and sacrifice. Today and every day we honor their commitment, bravery, and selflessness in protecting and serving our communities.

Mr. Speaker, I thank the men and women in blue.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO DR. RALPH GUERRERO
SABLAN

Mr. MOYLAN. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to an influential figure from my district who has made extraordinary contributions to the field of medicine, the late Dr. Ralph Guerrero Sablan.

Dr. Sablan sadly left this Earth several weeks ago and was well known throughout Guam as a talented physician through his exceptional skills, compassionate care, and unwavering dedication to his patients.

Dr. Sablan became interested in medicine after experiencing a life-threatening situation early in life. His uncle, Dr. Ramon Sablan, who was the first Chamorro physician, saved his life. This incident instilled in him a lifelong passion for pursuing a career in medicine.

Upon completing medical school, Dr. Sablan joined the United States Navy. He was stationed at the U.S. Naval Hospital in San Diego and provided medical services at Camp Pendleton. He was soon transferred to the U.S. Naval Hospital on Guam.

From 1968 to 1969, Dr. Sablan was deployed to Vietnam where he served in Da Nang and Saigon. He received the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal, and the Navy Unit Commendation. Upon request from Delegate Antonio B. Won Pat, Dr. Sablan was reassigned to U.S. Naval Hospital in Guam in 1970.

After 20 years of service, Dr. Sablan retired from Guam's U.S. Naval Hospital. In his last tour of duty, he served as the executive officer and chief of clinical services. Following that, he practiced an additional 30 years as the sole dermatologist for Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and Micronesia.

As a skilled and distinguished physician on the island of Guam, Dr. Sablan has been a shining example of loyal devotion to duty and service.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor him today and pay tribute to his exemplary military service, leadership, and life's work to the people of Guam.

May he rest in peace.

CELEBRATING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF THE XI LAMBDA CHAPTER OF ALPHA PHI ALPHA FRATERNITY, INC., ON ITS CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY

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

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to the numerous accomplishments and influences of the Xi Lambda chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity based in Chicago, Illinois.

As we all know, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity stands as the oldest and largest fraternity for African-American men in the United States. As one of the most renowned chapters of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, the Xi Lambda chapter proudly celebrates its centennial anniversary today, May 15, 2024. As a proud Alpha myself, I commend my brothers wholeheartedly on this monumental milestone.

Established on May 15, 1924, in Chicago, Illinois, by 22 community and organizational leaders, including Dr. Henry Callis, a founding member of the national Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, the Xi Lambda chapter has become one of the largest and most prestigious chapters in the world. Since its inception, the Xi Lambda chapter has made significant educational, social, financial, and cultural contributions to the city of Chicago and its surrounding areas.

For example, the Xi Lambda chapter operates both local and national programs, such as the Xi Lambda Educational Foundation that encourages the education of our Nation's youth through scholarships and mentorships.

Additionally, as leaders and pioneers of our communities, the members of the Xi Lambda chapter established a computer lab school for inner-city youth back in the 1980s, well before the advent of mainstream computer usage. For decades, the chapter has also focused on eradicating the disenfranchisement and suppression of Black voters through its A Voteless People is a Hopeless People voter empowerment campaign.

Currently, the Xi Lambda chapter serves as the home chapter of the sitting general president of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., Dr. Willis L. Lonzer III, and notable business leaders including: John H. Johnson, Tom Burrell, Paul King, and Robert King.

The Xi Lambda chapter also proudly claims many members who have served in the U.S. judicial system, as well as in the Congress, such as Senator Roland Burris and Representatives William Dawson, Bennett Stewart, and Ralph Metcalfe. Other notables of Xi Lambda chapter include: Jesse Owens, John Hope Franklin, and E. Franklin Frazier.

It is worth noting that presently in the city of Chicago there are 23 public buildings named in honor of Xi Lambda brothers, including schools, parks, and the downtown Federal courthouse that is named for Ralph Metcalfe.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, I applaud the contributions, leadership, and service the Xi Lambda chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha has provided to our communities, country, and the world at large over the past 100 years or more, all of the accomplishments that I expressed. I express my strong support in recognizing May 15, 2024, as Alpha Phi Alpha Xi Lambda Chapter Day in the United States of America.

RECOGNIZING HUNTER GRIFFITHS

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

Mrs. LESKO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize someone whose service has been important to the welfare of constituents in Arizona's Eighth Congressional District, Hunter Griffiths.

I appreciate Hunter's dedicated service to the Eighth District as a community outreach liaison in my Surprise, Arizona, District Office. In just a short period of time, Hunter built relationships with stakeholders and constituents across the district. As Hunter interacted with the community, he educated constituents on our available services and connected them to critical casework services that aided in the office's ability to return nearly \$400,000 directly to constituents.

I thank Hunter for his service to the Eighth Congressional District. His dedication and determination were critical to the success of our constituent service programs and improved the lives of those living in the District.

RECOGNIZING MAYOR SKIP HALL

Mrs. LESKO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize someone whose commitment to public service and to their community will stand the test of time, Surprise, Arizona, Mayor Skip Hall.

Mayor Hall began his life of public service as a member of the city of Surprise Planning and Zoning Commission before running for city councilman in April 2008. He went on to be reelected in 2009 before being redistricted and being elected again in August 2018.

While serving as a city councilman, Hall also began his time in the mayor's office where he served as vice mayor in 2011 and 2014. In November of 2018, he was chosen to fill a vacancy by the Surprise City Council and began his mayoral tenure.

Since becoming mayor, Hall has generated budget surpluses, restored fiscal health to the city, and has made Surprise, Arizona, the thriving community it is today. He has even brought thousands of new jobs to the city through investments from Amazon and more.

Mayor Hall has accomplished all these things while maintaining strong public safety, increasing water sustainability, and strengthening the city's infrastructure. His impact on the city of Surprise cannot be overstated, and he will be dearly missed when his term ends in December.

On behalf of Arizona's Eighth Congressional District, I thank Mayor Hall for his years of service.

RECOGNIZING MAYOR JASON BECK

Mrs. LESKO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a strong leader in Arizona whose commitment to America and his community has set a remarkable example, mayor of Peoria, Mayor Jason Beck.

Mayor Beck began his career as a Marine Corps reservist before going on

to found Diamond Tactical and eventually founding and becoming CEO of TYR Tactical, the leading global manufacturer of tactical gear and equipment for military and law enforcement.

While successfully leading his company as CEO, Beck also began his career as in public service when he announced his run for Peoria mayor on a promise of realizing Peoria's full potential.

In realizing this potential, Mayor Beck has secured increased funding for Peoria's fire and medical departments and added more law enforcement positions.

Mayor Beck's accomplishments for the city have made Peoria somewhere people are proud to be from, proud to work in, and proud to raise a family. As a Peoria resident, I applaud his commitment to our community.

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HONORING ARIZONA'S POLICE OFFICERS

Mrs. LESKO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Arizona's police officers. They are honorable men and women who protect us each and every day.

I promise I will always fight against the defund our police movement. I promise I will protect qualified immunity for our law enforcement. I promise that I will always stand with the men and women in blue.

PROTECTING LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT

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

Ms. CRAIG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today nearly 3 months since Burnsville lost Police Officers Matthew Ruge and Paul Elmstrand and Firefighter-Paramedic Adam Finseth in the line of duty.

They answered a domestic call early one Sunday morning, where seven children were being held inside a home by an armed gunman. A tactical vehicle from the city of Rosemount was a critical part of the emergency response that day.

Look at these photos beside me. Take a long look at these photos. Forty-one shots from a gunman's rifle hit this vehicle as officers from Rosemount and Apple Valley tried to help their brothers. We may have had even more injury and, God forbid, death that day without this vehicle.

It was 3 months ago when I stood on the House floor and pledged to honor Matthew, Paul, and Adam's lives by giving the first responders who keep our communities safe the support they need on the ground. That is why, today, I am introducing the Protect Local Law Enforcement Act, a bill that would allow local law enforcement to purchase vehicles like the one used in Burnsville with Federal funds, which is currently restricted by the Federal Government.

Law enforcement's multiple missions are harder and more dangerous than

ever before. They are routinely put in harm's way. This National Police Week, let's honor them by protecting them.

Mr. Speaker, this bill will save lives, and I ask my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to support it.

THANKING THE LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMUNITY

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

Mr. MANN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the brave men and women who wear the badge and put their lives on the line to serve us, protect us, and keep our communities safe. I proudly back our women and men in blue, and National Police Week is an opportunity for our Nation to come together and thank the law enforcement community.

According to a recent study, 58 percent of Americans believe reducing crime should be a top priority for the President and Congress to address, yet some Washington Democrats maintain their calls to defund the police.

We must reject that nonsense and support the brave men and women who serve on the front line by collecting accurate data to address the rise in antipolice attacks, empowering law enforcement to detain any illegal immigrant charged with or convicted of assaulting a law enforcement officer, and ensuring our officers have access to a variety of mental health services as they bear the weight of protecting their neighbors and our communities.

This body will have the opportunity to offer that support this week by voting "yes" on bills that will do just that.

Americans deserve to live in an environment that is safe and secure. It is not lost on me that our law enforcement plays the most significant role in securing and defending that safety. We are grateful.

EVERY STATE IN AMERICA IS A BORDER STATE

Mr. MANN. Mr. Speaker, 370 days ago, this body passed the Secure the Border Act of 2023. After President Biden's policies created the worst humanitarian crisis in our Nation's history, House Republicans rallied together to end the crisis and secure the southern border.

Sadly, some Washington Democrats are more loyal to progressive activists than to keeping Americans safe. My colleagues on the other side of the aisle would rather leave the border wide open than consider our legislation. In the meantime, America suffers.

Since House Republicans passed H.R. 2, there have been more than 2.1 million encounters with illegal immigrants trying to enter the country at the southern border. Nearly 120 of those individuals' names appear on the terrorist watch list, and almost 33,000 of them have some sort of criminal background.

In the past year alone, our Border Patrol agents have seized enough fentanyl to kill 3.8 billion people. That is the entire population of the United States, China, India, Indonesia, Pakistan, Nigeria, and Brazil combined.

It doesn't matter what the White House says. The numbers don't lie. President Biden's policies are failing, and our country is less secure because of it.

Under President Biden, every State in America is a border State. Kansas and the Big First feel that, and that is why they are so concerned about President Biden's border crisis.

In my commitment to the Big First, I pledged that I would fight for a nation that is secure and work to end the crisis at the border. That commitment is one of the reasons why I supported H.R. 2.

Rather than working with House Republicans to fix the President's crisis, Senate Democrats have decided to let H.R. 2 just sit in the legislative graveyard. In the meantime, Mexican cartels are more empowered while more drugs and more crime pour into our country over the border.

Mr. Speaker, Americans deserve better than this. Our children deserve to live in a country where they are safe and secure. It is beyond time for President Biden to work with House Republicans to secure the southern border. Enough is enough.

ELIMINATE BARRIERS TO REPORTING SEXUAL ASSAULT AND HARASSMENT IN THE COAST GUARD

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

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, last night, the U.S. House of Representatives voted in an overwhelming majority, 376–16, to pass H.R. 7659, the Coast Guard Authorization Act.

This critical measure, which Congress approves every 2 years, authorizes Coast Guard procurement programs, such as Coast Guard shipbuilding, which is so necessary in terms of carrying out the Coast Guard's mission both at home and overseas, and also makes prudent adjustments to shoreside infrastructure, including the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, which is located in my district in New London, Connecticut.

Mr. Speaker, unfortunately, in 2023, the press discovered that there was an investigation that the Coast Guard internally conducted over a number of years, tracking and identifying an unacceptable and really outrageous amount of sexual harassment and even sexual abuse that was happening on the campus. The report, which the new Commandant, Admiral Fagan, did release publicly, describes a totally unacceptable situation, which this Coast Guard authorization bill does address.

Specifically, the bill includes H.R. 5249, the Coast Guard Academy Safe-to-

Report Parity Act, which I introduced with a bipartisan coalition, that requires the Coast Guard to prescribe a safe-to-report policy to protect personnel who report incidents of sexual assault or sexual harassment from being punished for minor offenses, which may hinder them reporting acts which they were victims of.

In February of this year, the Commandant, Admiral Fagan, directed the Coast Guard to establish this policy through administrative action. Our bill, which we passed last night, will actually codify the policy and make it part of the Federal U.S. Code and bring parity for the Coast Guard with the Department of Defense and its service academies, which have had this law in effect for the last 5 years.

Mr. Speaker, unfortunately, many victims of sexual assault hesitated to report because they feared repercussions for minor collateral misconduct. In fact, a recent Coast Guard workplace gender relations survey found that 25 percent of the female victims who chose not to report their sexual assaults were concerned that they might get in trouble for something else that they did.

This bill will firmly and finally eliminate a barrier to reporting sexual assault and harassment, taking fear of repercussions off the table.

Again, I thank Admiral Lisa Fagan for her outstanding leadership and for working diligently with me, my office, and other Members of Congress to craft this crucial policy. I also thank Chairs GRAVES and WEBSTER and Ranking Members LARSEN and CARBAJAL for their work in passing the Coast Guard authorization out of committee and bringing it to the floor last night for a successful vote.

Again, I urge my colleagues in the Senate to quickly craft their version of the bill and make sure that we codify these protections for outstanding young cadets who are going to be the future leaders of the Coast Guard for decades and decades to come.

BACK THE BLUE

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

Mr. FEENSTRA. Mr. Speaker, this week is National Police Week. It is a time to recognize and thank our police and law enforcement officers for risking their lives to protect our families.

These heroes work long hours and make incredible sacrifices to keep our communities safe, never seeking recognition or praise for what they do. We cannot thank them enough for their service to our country.

Today, we also honor those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty, including Algona Police Officer Kevin Cram and those who sadly passed away due to medical complications, such as Iowa State Trooper Rose Hoyt Ives, who was based in Council Bluffs for years. Our prayers remain with their families and loved ones.

In Congress, I will continue to stand with our law enforcement community and back those in blue. They deserve our deepest appreciation in all that they do.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL HOSPITAL WEEK

Mr. FEENSTRA. Mr. Speaker, during National Hospital Week, I recognize our incredible hospitals in Iowa and thank our doctors, nurses, healthcare workers, and administrators who keep our hospitals running each and every day. Their work is critical in keeping our families and communities safe and healthy.

On my 36-county tour, I met with healthcare workers and families about the importance of keeping our hospitals open and operational in our rural communities. That is why I introduced the Rural Hospital Stabilization Act, which just passed out of Ways and Means Committee, to help our hospitals meet payroll, retain quality staff, make needed improvements, and deliver exceptional care.

As a past city administrator, I can fully say that when a rural hospital closes, it is truly devastating to the community and to Iowa as a whole.

Fortunately, this bill will deliver the financial support that our hospitals need to provide high-quality healthcare to our families.

As a member of the Ways and Means Committee, I will continue to advocate for policies that keep our rural hospitals strong and vibrant and protect access to affordable, reliable healthcare in Iowa.

Again, I thank all of our healthcare workers for creating true quality care in Iowa.

RECOGNIZING DORDT UNIVERSITY WOMEN'S BASKETBALL CHAMPIONS

Mr. FEENSTRA. Mr. Speaker, on March 26, Dordt University women's basketball won the 2024 NAIA Women's Basketball National Championship.

Led by Head Coach Bill Harmsen, the Defenders defeated the University of Providence by a score of 57–53 to secure their first-ever national championship. With this championship victory, the Defenders finished the season with a nine-game winning streak and ended with a program-best 35–2 record. This is an incredible milestone in the history of this program.

I thank the head coach and the girls' basketball team for their hard work, dedication, and sportsmanship that has elevated Dordt's women's basketball team on the national stage.

I congratulate women's basketball Coach Bill Harmsen on a successful season and look forward to cheering him on in the Defenders' 2025 and 2026 seasons.

HONORING DISTINGUISHED SHERIFFS OF GEORGIA'S 10TH DISTRICT

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

Mr. COLLINS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today during this National Police Week to honor four Georgia sheriffs. Sheriffs Janis Mangum, Melvin Andrews, Robert Markley, and Joe Chapman are each distinguished officers from Georgia's 10th District, who, after a career of serving others, are retiring later this year.

Our law enforcement officers and first responders risk their lives every time they don their uniforms.

Mr. Speaker, in a time of the defund the police movement out there from the left, it is more important than ever that we back our men and women in blue.

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Mr. Speaker, I join millions of Americans out there in expressing my gratitude to every law enforcement officer during this National Police Week for their service, dedication, and courage. I also thank Sheriffs Mangum, Andrews, Markley, and Chapman on behalf of Georgia's 10th District.

SERGEANT DENNIS MILLS VETERAN OF THE MONTH

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

Mr. ALFORD. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to honor an extraordinary individual, Sergeant Dennis Mills, as our Veteran of the Month.

Drafted into the U.S. Marine Corps at the age of 20, Sergeant Mills exemplified bravery and dedication in some of the most difficult conditions imaginable during the Vietnam war. Assigned to the First Reconnaissance Battalion of the 1st Marine Division, he led approximately 40 reconnaissance patrols.

On a day that started as a beautiful morning on April 1, 1970, at Camp Reasner, tragedy struck when a member of his patrol triggered a landmine.

Despite sustaining severe injuries, Sergeant Mills' courage never wavered. He was medically evacuated after suffering injuries to both legs, his left arm, and receiving shrapnel wounds to his back.

For his valor, Sergeant Mills was awarded the Navy Commendation Medal with Combat "V" and the Purple Heart.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Sergeant Dennis Mills for his service and his sacrifice for our great Nation. He is a true hero.

SMALL BUSINESS OF THE MONTH, ENERGY TRANSPORT SOLUTIONS

Mr. ALFORD. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to recognize the Fourth District of Missouri's May Small Business of the Month, Energy Transport Solutions.

ETS is a customer service-focused business. It is run by an industry-experienced family that is proud to have an excellent safety record while getting the job done in Missouri. Energy Transport Solutions has been owned and operated by a father and son duo,

Glen and Eric Kolkmeyer, in Bates City, Missouri, since 1955.

ETS specializes in transportation of refined fuels, propane, jet and aviation fuel, and anhydrous ammonia. ETS has been in the propane industry for over 68 years and has continued to be a reliable company to haul our community's products. By the way, they also haul the fuel for the B-2 Stealth bomber at Whiteman Air Force Base.

We are so grateful for Energy Transport Solutions' support as we continue to support them. It is an honor to watch them go out of their way to hire and support veterans.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Energy Transport Solutions on the well-deserved recognition of Small Business of the Month in the Fourth Congressional District of the great State of Missouri. Keep up the great work.

PRESIDENT BIDEN'S ULTIMATUM TO ISRAEL

Mr. ALFORD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my deep concern over the President's ultimatum to the State of Israel.

Having recently visited Israel on the border with Gaza, I fully grasp the gravity of the situation right now. I witnessed the resolve of the Jewish people. Never have I seen such determination from a country and its people as I have there in the State of Israel. Their resolve is strong. They are resilient and ready to finish the job, bring the hostages home, and eradicate Hamas.

The White House's decision to halt weapons shipments to Israel is wrong. Mr. Speaker. It is just plain wrong. When the going gets tough, you do not abandon friends and allies. They are our greatest ally in the Middle East.

It is unacceptable that Hamas still holds Americans and others hostage. This could be over today, Mr. Speaker, if Hamas would release the hostages and surrender. We must help Israel eradicate Hamas. We must remove them from that region by any force necessary.

I call on the President of the United States and Secretary of Defense Austin to immediately lift the blockade and resume shipments to Israel. The future of the region depends upon it.

There is no excuse for pausing the weapons. It is an attempt to strong-arm Israel. The Biden administration has crossed the line.

Mr. Speaker, I can say with certainty that while the Biden administration does not stand with Israel, the American people do.

ALLEGHANY HIGHLANDS PUBLIC SCHOOL 2024 EMPLOYEE HALL OF FAME CLASS

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

Mr. CLINE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor an extraordinary group of educators and staff whose dedication has profoundly impacted the Alleghany Highlands com-

munity. This group was selected as the seven inaugural inductees into the Alleghany Highlands Public Schools Division Employee Hall of Fame.

This distinguished class, announced on May 9, symbolizes the unwavering commitment to excellence that defines our educators in Virginia's Sixth District. These individuals: Helen Harris, Brenda Holloway, Harold Lambert, the late Katharine Nicely, Donna Vaughn, Archie Wells, and Linda Williams, have each dedicated over 20 years of their lives fostering a nurturing environment for learning within the Alleghany County, Covington City, and Clifton Forge school divisions.

Their roles range from teachers of English, French, science, and art to counselors, coaches, and even a beloved custodian.

Each, in their unique way, has contributed significantly to the educational fabric of our community, guiding countless students toward achieving their full potential. Their legacy, now forever enshrined in the Alleghany Highlands Public Schools Division Employee Hall of Fame, reminds us all of the transformative power of education.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate all of them on this well-deserved honor and I thank them for their significant contributions to education in the Commonwealth and Alleghany Highlands.

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SHENANDOAH VALLEY TRAVEL ASSOCIATION

Mr. CLINE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate an incredible milestone, the 100th anniversary of the Shenandoah Valley Travel Association, one of the oldest tourism organizations in the region.

Founded in 1924, the SVTA has played a pivotal role in showcasing the Shenandoah Valley's unparalleled beauty, cultural richness, and historic legacy.

Through collaboration with local businesses and national parks, the SVTA has consistently highlighted what makes the Shenandoah Valley special.

In honoring the SVTA's 100th anniversary, we recognize the profound impact that dedicated organizations and individuals can have in promoting the unique beauty and history of the Shenandoah Valley. Their efforts enrich our Commonwealth and indeed our country.

Mr. Speaker, I extend my congratulations to the Shenandoah Valley Travel Association on this significant anniversary and wish them another 100 years of success.

RECOGNIZING HELEN ZEBARTH OF BLUE RIDGE HOSPICE

Mr. CLINE. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to honor a remarkable individual from Virginia's Sixth District, Helen Zebarth of Winchester, and her monumental legacy. She changed the face of end-of-life care in our community through the founding of Blue Ridge Hospice.

In recognition of her incredible impact, the Helen Zebarth Legacy Soci-

ety was established, symbolizing our community's ongoing commitment to support the mission of this noble organization.

Helen was inspired to establish the hospice here in Winchester after her experiences in England, demonstrating her foresight and dedication to serving others. It is awe-inspiring to witness how her vision of providing compassionate care at life's end has grown from serving 30 patients in 1974 to over 10,000 by 2014, with the numbers continuing to increase.

By acknowledging the substantial impact of Helen Zebarth and Blue Ridge Hospice on our community, we are all encouraged to support such essential organizations. Their work not only enriches our community, but also offers comfort to families during their most difficult times, exemplifying the utmost in human kindness and unity.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud Helen Zebarth for her many years of success and for founding an organization that continues to shine as a beacon of hope and care in our cherished community.

CELEBRATING JACKSON RIVER TECHNICAL CENTER'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

Mr. CLINE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the hub of education and workforce development in the Alleghany Highlands, the Jackson River Technical Center, as it celebrates 50 years of outstanding service to our community.

Established in 1974 as the Jackson River Vocational Center, JRTC has since flourished into a beacon of opportunity and growth, playing a pivotal role in the education landscape of the Alleghany Highlands Public Schools.

Over the years, JRTC has evolved to meet the changing demands of the workforce, offering a broad spectrum of programs that include automotive, building management, carpentry, culinary arts, drafting and design, early childhood education, electricity, marketing, nurse aide/health assistant, and welding.

Through these programs, JRTC ensures that our students are not just prepared for the jobs of today but are also poised to meet the challenges of tomorrow.

Mr. Speaker, I thank all those educators, staff, and students, past and present, for their dedication and hard work. Their efforts have made JRTC a symbol of success in our community for 50 years. May they continue to inspire, educate, and empower for many more years to come.

HONORING AMERICA'S POLICE OFFICERS

Mr. CLINE. Mr. Speaker, this week marks National Police Week, a time dedicated to honoring America's courageous police officers who stand on the front lines to ensure our safety.

While certain voices on the left have demonized our police officers these past several years, it is important that we recognize and remember the profound sacrifices these men and women make protecting our communities every day.

In light of this, we must rally behind the bills proposed this week aimed at bolstering our local law enforcement and unequivocally denounce the left's effort to defund and dismantle our local police departments.

It is alarming that President Biden and many on the left support this defund the police movement and the soft-on-crime policies that have directly fueled surges in crime across the country, endangering both the public and the police.

Since 1776, over 26,600 police officers have lost their lives in the line of duty. In Virginia alone, 550 have made the ultimate sacrifice. These represent individual lives, families left heartbroken, and communities forever changed.

Mr. Speaker, as we honor National Police Week, I urge all my colleagues to join us in support by passing these bills.

RECESS

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

Accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 25 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 1200

AFTER RECESS

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

PRAAYER

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

Almighty God, You are our refuge and our strength, a very present help in times of trouble. As evidence of Your divine protections, You have set among us brave men and women as Your own shield around us to keep us from all harm. On this National Police Officers Memorial Day, we pray on behalf of these heroes.

Thank You for the humble dedication that our brothers and sisters in blue have demonstrated on patrol, standing watch, guarding our streets, and walking our neighborhoods, safeguarding our communities and our country against all those who would shatter the peace You desire for us.

Remind us, O Lord, that the security they have committed themselves to uphold comes at their own personal cost. Aside from the countless missions that place each law enforcement officer at uncertain and inconceivable risk, these men and women are all too often called to put their service over self and the welfare of others before the preservation of their own life and limb.

As communities across the country honor the line-of-duty deaths they have sustained this year and over time, make it our duty never to take lightly

the weight of their faithful and sacrificial service. Speak comfort to the families of the fallen and all who have also paid the untold price for our peace and safety.

Keep watch over the lives of all police officers. As You have promised, watch over their coming and going, now and forevermore.

In the strength 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 North Carolina (Mr. DAVIS) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

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

NONCITIZENS ALLOWED TO VOTE

(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, shockingly, some cities in America now allow noncitizens to vote, including in Ohio, but Republicans in that State, led by Secretary of State Frank LaRose, support only American citizens voting.

Election integrity with voter ID in person is crucial for democracy. House Republicans continue to work hard to protect Americans and strengthen our borders, not give illegal aliens the right to vote.

Every day, we have corrupt Judge Merchan, through incompetence and unprofessionalism, pave the way to re-elect President Donald Trump.

The Democratic New York Times reports record support for Donald Trump by Blacks, Asians, and Hispanics due to Merchan judicial abuse, which they recognize. I so appreciate corrupt Judge Merchan reelecting Trump that I will invite him to be my guest at the Trump inauguration.

In conclusion, God bless our troops who successfully protected America for 20 years as the global war on terrorism continues moving from the Afghanistan safe haven to America with Biden's open borders for terrorists from dictator countries. It is sadly clear there are more 9/11 attacks across America imminent, as warned by the FBI.

END HUNGER NOW

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

Mr. McGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, as working families try to get ahead, billionaire food companies and grocery giants continue to engage in excessive price gouging.

That is why I am joining my colleague from Massachusetts, Senator ELIZABETH WARREN, to call them out.

We heard good news this morning. Grocery prices are flat thanks to a rebounding economy under the leadership of President Biden, but times are still tough and grocery prices are still stubbornly high.

Meanwhile, corporate CEOs are raking in profits and urging people to eat cereal for dinner and urging people to eat Doritos as a side dish to save money. It is absurd.

Corporations can no longer hide behind the guise of inflation. At various points in recent years, grocery price increases have outpaced inflation, with families paying 25 percent more for groceries as compared to pre-pandemic.

I applaud the Biden-Harris administration for the economic relief they have already delivered for working families. Now, we are putting billionaire corporations on notice. Their time of greed is coming to an end. We all need to work together to end hunger now.

USAFC CUTS MUST INCLUDE CONSIDERATION OF COMMUNITY IMPACT

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

Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, we aren't going to stand idly by as the proposed 520 job cut at Seymour Johnson Air Force Base threatens to damage eastern North Carolina's economy.

The Air Force's plan to eliminate an entire squadron at Seymour Johnson is absolutely unacceptable. Safeguarding our national security and preserving these jobs are not mutually exclusive, and the Air Force must acknowledge that.

Eliminating a fighter squadron in Wayne County would be devastating for this already economically distressed community. Unfortunately, this plan does not build the economy from the middle out and bottom up.

The Air Force must thoroughly examine the risk and consider the community impact. I encourage the Air Force to engage directly with the local community.

The Air Force must be more transparent and accountable to the people of Wayne County, eastern North Carolina, and the Congress.

CALLING FOR RELEASE OF TYLER WENRICH

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

Mr. GOOD of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise to call on Turks and Caicos to treat Louisa County resident Tyler Wenrich fairly and appropriately for his accidental mistake in their country.

Tyler is a paramedic and vice president of operations at Emergency Services Solutions in Powhatan County. On April 23, while traveling with friends in Turks and Caicos, law enforcement discovered two stray bullets in his baggage. Tyler apparently had the two bullets in his luggage when leaving the United States, but they were not discovered by our own TSA.

He is facing up to 12 years in prison despite no demonstrated criminal intent.

My staff and I remain in constant communication with Tyler and his family, providing support and advocating for his release with consequences that fit the unintentional offense.

I call on the Biden administration to join me in demanding his release and issuing a State Department travel advisory, warning travelers to Turks and Caicos of the excessive criminal penalties they may face there for accidental minor offenses.

Tyler's wife, Jeriann, and young son need him in Louisa, and my staff and I will continue to pursue every avenue to help facilitate his safe return.

APPOINTMENT OF INDIVIDUALS TO COMMISSION ON INTERNATIONAL RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces the Speaker's appointment, pursuant to Section 201(b) of the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998 (22 U.S.C. 6431) and the order of the House of January 9, 2023, of the following individuals on the part of the House to the Commission on International Religious Freedom for a term ending May 14, 2026:

Mrs. VICKY HARTZLER, Harrisonville, Missouri

Mrs. Maureen Ferguson, Potomac, Maryland

Mr. Asif Mahmood, Bradbury, California

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 8369, ISRAEL SECURITY ASSISTANCE SUPPORT ACT; PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 7530, D.C. CRIMINAL REFORMS TO IMMEDIATELY MAKE EVERYONE SAFE ACT OF 2024; PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 7343, DETAIN AND DEPORT ILLEGAL ALIENS WHO ASSAULT COPS ACT; PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 8146, POLICE OUR BORDER ACT; PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 7581, IMPROVING LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER SAFETY AND WELLNESS THROUGH DATA ACT OF 2024; PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 354, LEOSA REFORM ACT; PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H. RES. 1213, RESOLUTION REGARDING VIOLENCE AGAINST LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS; AND PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H. RES. 1210, CONDEMNING THE BIDEN BORDER CRISIS AND THE TREMENDOUS BURDENS LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS FACE AS A RESULT

Mr. LANGWORTHY. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 1227 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 1227

Resolved, That upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to consider in the House the bill (H.R. 8369) to provide for the expeditious delivery of defense articles and defense services for Israel and other matters. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived. The bill shall be considered as read. All points of order against provisions in the bill are waived. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill and on any amendment thereto to final passage without intervening motion except: (1) one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs or their respective designees; and (2) one motion to recommit.

SEC. 2. Upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to consider in the House the bill (H.R. 7530) to limit youth offender status in the District of Columbia to individuals 18 years of age or younger, to direct the Attorney General of the District of Columbia to establish and operate a publicly accessible website containing updated statistics on juvenile crime in the District of Columbia, to amend the District of Columbia Home Rule Act to prohibit the Council of the District of Columbia from enacting changes to existing criminal liability sentences, and for other purposes. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived. The amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Oversight and Accountability 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 Foreign Affairs or their respective designees; and (2) one motion to recommit.

mittee on Oversight and Accountability or their respective designees; and (2) one motion to recommit.

SEC. 3. 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. 7343) to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for the detention of certain aliens who commit assault against law enforcement officers. The first reading of the bill shall be dispensed with. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived. General debate shall be confined to the bill and shall not exceed one hour equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary or their respective designees. After general debate the bill shall be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule. The amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole. The bill, as amended, shall be considered as the original bill for the purpose of further amendment under the five-minute rule and shall be considered as read. All points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended, are waived. No further amendment to the bill, as amended, shall be in order except those printed in part A of the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution. Each such further amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. All points of order against such further amendments are waived. At the conclusion of consideration of the bill for amendment the Committee shall rise and report the bill, as amended, to the House with such further amendments as may have been adopted. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill, as amended, and on any further amendment thereto to final passage without intervening motion except one motion to recommit.

SEC. 4. 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. 8146) to require a report by the Attorney General on the impact the border crisis is having on law enforcement at the Federal, State, local, and Tribal level. The first reading of the bill shall be dispensed with. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived. General debate shall be confined to the bill and shall not exceed one hour equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary or their respective designees. After general debate the bill shall be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule. The amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole. The bill, as amended, shall be considered as the original bill for the purpose of further amendment under the five-minute rule and shall be considered as read. All points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended, are waived. No further amendment to the bill, as amended, shall be in order except those printed in part

B of the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution. Each such further amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. All points of order against such further amendments are waived. At the conclusion of consideration of the bill for amendment the Committee shall rise and report the bill, as amended, to the House with such further amendments as may have been adopted. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill, as amended, and on any further amendment thereto to final passage without intervening motion except one motion to recommit.

SEC. 5. Upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to consider in the House the bill (H.R. 7581) to require the Attorney General to develop reports relating to violent attacks against law enforcement officers, and for other purposes. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived. The amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary 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 the Judiciary or their respective designees; and (2) one motion to recommit.

SEC. 6. Upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to consider in the House the bill (H.R. 354) to amend title 18, United States Code, to improve the Law Enforcement Officer Safety Act and provisions relating to the carrying of concealed weapons by law enforcement officers, and for other purposes. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived. In lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the bill, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 118-34 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 the Judiciary or their respective designees; and (2) one motion to recommit.

SEC. 7. 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. 1213) a resolution regarding violence against law enforcement officers. 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. 8. 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. 1210) condemning the Biden border crisis and the tremendous burdens law enforcement officers face as a result. 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.

□ 1215

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

Mr. LANGWORTHY. For the purpose of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the distinguished gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. McGOVERN), pending which I yield myself such time as I may consume. During consideration of this resolution, all time yielded is for the purpose of debate only.

GENERAL LEAVE

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

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

There was no objection.

Mr. LANGWORTHY. House Resolution 1227 provides for consideration of eight measures: H.R. 8369, H.R. 7530, H.R. 7343, H.R. 8146, H.R. 7581, H.R. 354, H. Res. 1213, and H. Res. 1210. The rule provides for H.R. 7343 and H.R. 8146 to be considered under structured rules with 1 hour of debate each, equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary or their designees, and provides for one motion to recommit.

The rule further provides for consideration of two measures, H.R. 354 and H.R. 7581, under closed rules with 1 hour of debate each, equally divided and controlled by the chair and the ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary or their designees, and provides for one motion to recommit.

The rule further provides for consideration of H. Res. 1210 and H. Res. 1213 under closed rules, with 1 hour of debate each, equally divided and controlled by the Chair and the ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary or their designees.

The rule further provides for consideration of H.R. 7530 under a closed rule, with 1 hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and the ranking minority member of the Committee on Oversight and Accountability or their designees, and provides for one motion to recommit.

Finally, the rule provides for consideration of H.R. 8369 under a closed rule with 1 hour of debate, equally divided and controlled by the chair and the ranking minority member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs or their designee and provides for one motion to recommit.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of this rule and in support of the underlying legislation.

The rule before us provides for consideration of three measures to support our Nation's law enforcement in the face of the Biden administration's disastrous immigration policies.

H.R. 7343, the Detain and Deport Illegal Aliens Who Assault Cops Act, would bring real consequences on the heads of those in our country illegally. This legislation would require the immediate detention and deportation of any illegal alien who chooses to assault the men and women who keep our communities safe.

Additionally, H.R. 8146 would require that the Attorney General provide a full accounting of how this historic and dangerous border crisis has truly impacted the health and the safety of our Nation's law enforcement.

Finally, H. Res. 1210 condemns the Biden administration's failed border policies that have resulted in 9.3 million illegal alien encounters along our borders in less than 4 years—and that doesn't include those that have evaded Border Patrol.

America's law enforcement officers are on the front lines of the Biden border crisis, bearing the brunt of this President's open-borders policies that are threatening the security of our Nation and laying waste to our communities.

We have yet to fully know the true damage done to our national security by 4 years of flinging the doors open for those breaking our laws. One thing is certain, it is falling on our Nation's law enforcement officers—our police officers in big cities and small towns across America—to contend with the consequences of this administration's open-borders policies.

The Biden border crisis is only one challenge facing our Nation's law enforcement officers. As we witness an alarming surge in criminal activity thanks to the left's antipolice, soft-on-crime policies, it is imperative that we confront a harsh reality. Our law enforcement officers are under attack both physically and politically. They are being targeted by the radical left simply for doing their jobs, for upholding the rule of law, and for protecting our communities.

To that end, the rule today before us provides for consideration of several measures that stand with our law enforcement officers in the face of these asinine policies that seek to vilify them and prevent them from doing their jobs, including H.R. 7581, the Improving Law Enforcement Officer Safety and Wellness Through Data Act; H.R. 354, the LEOSA Reform Act; and H. Res. 1213, a resolution condemning violence against our law enforcement officers.

H.R. 7581 would require the Department of Justice to report to Congress about violent attacks on law enforcement officers and the response of Federal, State, and local governments to these attacks.

Additionally, H.R. 354 would fix a discrepancy under current law to ensure that qualified active or retired law enforcement officers are not prohibited from carrying a concealed firearm in public settings. There is no good reason why the men and women who put their lives on the line for us every day should have their Second Amendment rights curtailed as they are under the current law.

Finally, H. Res. 1213 expresses a sentiment that I hope my colleagues on both sides of the aisle can fully embrace and get behind: full, unequivocal support for our law enforcement officers and strong opposition to any movement that seeks to defund the police.

Mr. Speaker, this is not a matter of statistics or headlines. The soft-on-crime policies that the radical left have championed have only left American families in more danger. Years of Democrat-elected officials, including some right here in Congress, calling to defund the police have vilified our law enforcement officers, preventing them from doing their jobs, leaving the people that they serve less safe.

Nowhere is this displayed more vividly than right here in our Nation's Capital, and the rule before us today also provides for consideration of a bill to combat the District of Columbia's anti-law enforcement, pro-criminal policies: H.R. 7530, the D.C. Criminal Reforms to Immediately Make Everyone Safe Act.

D.C. law enforcement remains understaffed and overwhelmed by soaring rates of violent crime. In 2023 alone, homicides increased 29 percent from 2022, violent crime increased 37 percent, and robberies increased 65 percent.

What has the D.C. Council done?

Well, in 2022, it passed the Revised Criminal Code Act, which reduced penalties for violent offenders, and in that same year the Council passed the Comprehensive Policing and Justice Reform Amendment Act, which targeted D.C. Metropolitan Police Department officers and their ability to combat rising crime.

If the D.C. Council will not heed the concerns of the District's residents, police officers, and visitors from this country and around the world, then it is Congress' job to step in. This mess only encourages lawlessness and puts lives at risk. We have had one of our own colleagues, a Member of Congress, carjacked and a staffer stabbed, among many other horrifying and violent crimes. If we can't get a handle on crime in our Nation's beautiful Capital, how does that fare for the rest of the country?

H.R. 7530 changes the maximum age limit for youth offender status from 24 years old to 18 years old. It requires the District's attorney general to establish and update a public website containing juvenile crime statistics in the District and prohibits the D.C. Council from enacting any changes to criminal sentences.

Youth criminal activity has skyrocketed along with every other manner of violent crime in our Nation's Capital. A soft-on-crime approach is simply just not working, putting the lives of innocent residents and visitors in danger, and hamstringing the ability of our cops to do their jobs.

Residents of D.C. have the same rights as other Americans to be secure in their homes and to be protected against crimes committed against their lives and their property. It is heartbreaking to see the crimes committed by children and young people in D.C., and we need real solutions to address them. Children in our Nation's Capital deserve better than antipolice policies that lead them to a life of crime.

It is our duty as Members of Congress, as laid out in the D.C. Home Rule Act, to step in when the District's own policies so clearly threaten the safety of the residents of our Nation's Capital as they do today.

Finally, the rule before us provides for consideration of H.R. 8369, the Israel Security Assistance Support Act.

Mr. Speaker, it is frankly shocking and disgusting to hear that President Biden is purposely withholding our Nation's arms shipments to Israel as they are fighting to defend their right to exist.

At a time when Israel is under assault, facing attacks from Hamas and Iran, the decision to withhold these critical munitions is not just a failure; it is a betrayal of our greatest ally in the Middle East, and it goes directly against the will of this Congress and the will of the people.

We cannot let political games endanger lives. H.R. 8369 would ensure that America stands with Israel in its darkest hour, despite this administration's disgraceful actions to block such vital support. The legislation will ensure that any defense articles and defense services for Israel are delivered expeditiously, without obstruction from an administration that is willing to play games, unfortunately, with such necessary shipments, and we will prevent them subverting the will of Congress.

Mr. Speaker, America must stand with Israel and send a message to the world that we will not falter. I urge my colleagues to support this rule, and I reserve the balance of my time.

□ 1230

Mr. McGOVERN. Madam Speaker, I thank the gentleman from New York for yielding me the customary 30 minutes, and I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, Republicans have us here today considering eight measures that aren't worth the paper they are printed on. Six of the eight measures that are being brought before this House are being brought forth under completely closed rules, which means nobody, not Democrats and not Republicans, can offer any amendments to change or improve those bills.

So much for Republican promises of a more deliberative process or more openness or more fairness. That just went out the window.

I don't think I have ever seen a group of people do so much and yet accomplish so little.

Seven of these measures are supposedly about law enforcement.

Madam Speaker, do you know how many of them will actually do something to help keep people safe?

Zero. Zilch. Nada.

Just a piece of free advice to my Republican friends: It is probably not the best idea to take direction on law and order from a guy who, as we speak, is a defendant for covering up hush money payments to a porn star for political gain. That is not even to mention the other three criminal felony prosecutions that he faces.

Look at the cover of today's New York Times, Madam Speaker. This is unbelievable. Here is a picture of the Speaker of this House of Representatives, second in line to the Presidency, standing in front of a courthouse acting as a prop for Donald Trump trying to interfere with a criminal trial because, apparently, Republicans like law and order unless it applies to them.

It is unbelievable. Madam Speaker, you can't make this stuff up.

I will say to my colleagues that this stunt of the Speaker and Republican Members of Congress going to this courthouse diminishes this House of Representatives. Their candidate for President has been indicted more times than he has been elected.

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

Mr. McGOVERN. I didn't think I was.

Somehow, Madam Speaker, they have the nerve to tell us about the criminal justice system?

Give me a break.

Their credibility on this issue has evaporated. It is pathetic. I could go through these bills one by one, but I think the American people would rather watch paint dry because none of these bills do anything. None of these bills will be passed by the Senate. None of them will do a damn thing to help the police. None of them will keep our communities safe. We have a ton of BS bills going out to immigrants. Let me just remind everyone: It was Republicans who killed their own bipartisan border security bill in the Senate, and it is Republicans in the House who refused to even bring it up for a vote.

Why?

It is because they are afraid it might pass. They are afraid they might lose a talking point.

We have a nonbinding resolution about defund the police.

Isn't it ironic that they all talk so much about defunding the police, but despite their rhetoric, Republicans are the ones who want to defund the police.

Republicans support cutting the COPS program, which hires police officers in every State in America.

Get this, Madam Speaker: Republicans voted against awarding police officers who protected all of us on January 6 the Congressional Gold Medal. Let that sink in.

Republicans voted to fire 2,000 Customs and Border Protection police officers. Republicans voted to cut Federal support for local law enforcement agencies in September of 2022.

Republicans have called to abolish the FBI, the Department of Justice, and the ATF.

At every single juncture, when Republicans have had a chance to put their money where their mouth is, they have shown that all their pro-police rhetoric is just that: rhetoric.

They will say whatever they need to win political support from police and then hope the cops don't notice when they vote to cut their budgets.

The eighth bill this rule would bring to the floor is the so-called Israel Security Assistance Support Act. This bill is a disaster. It basically gets rid of human rights checks and balances already in place on arms transfers, and it would interfere with any administration's ability to comply with U.S. obligations under international human rights and humanitarian law.

I think it is absurd that my Republican friends don't understand the difference between supporting Israel and writing Prime Minister Netanyahu a blank check to do whatever the hell he wants with U.S. weapons with no regard for civilian lives or for human rights.

That is not even just the Democratic position, by the way. Three U.S. Presidents have threatened to pause military aid to Israel under similar circumstances.

Who were they?

They were Dwight Eisenhower, Ronald Reagan, and George H.W. Bush. They were all Republicans, Madam Speaker. They were all Republicans.

Please don't give me this partisan BS. Please. Please, spare us that.

U.S. military assistance doesn't come with no conditions. If our taxpayers are paying for it, then they ought to have some level of assurance that it is not being used to indiscriminately bomb civilians or block the delivery of humanitarian aid to starving people.

The bombs that the President is withholding, these 2-ton bombs, have a blast radius of one-quarter of a mile. That means, I would say to my friends, if you were standing in front of this Capitol and the bomb were dropped on the Republican congressional campaign headquarters or the Democratic congressional campaign headquarters, then we all would be dead if we were standing in front of the U.S. Capitol.

The President is concerned that 2-ton bombs are being dropped on Rafah, a heavily populated area with over 1 million people. He believes that the civilian casualties are unacceptable. We all should care about the civilian casualties, especially if we claim to be a friend of Israel, because the more civil-

ian casualties that are incurred, the more difficulty Israel has in getting to a lasting peace.

It is a real shame that this is what Republicans have decided we should spend our week doing, Madam Speaker. I had hoped, Madam Speaker, that after the Democrats bailed out Speaker MIKE JOHNSON last week that maybe, just maybe, we would see a change in the tone of this place. Maybe there would be more of an acknowledgment that we need to put people over politics and that we need to get stuff done, because that is what the American people want.

I am disappointed to see that this week it is just more of the same old same old from this incompetent Republican leadership that has wasted away their time and power and accomplished nothing, not a single damn thing, during their time in their slim majority. The American people deserve a hell of a lot better than they are getting from my friends on the Republican side.

Madam Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

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

Madam Speaker, my colleague on the other side of the aisle likes to talk about the fact that these bills today that we are going to consider this week, these pro-police measures, don't have a future in the Senate or getting to the desk of the President. Yes, that is because his party controls those two branches. The Senate leadership will do nothing with this because they don't support the underlying legislation. They don't support law enforcement.

I would like to point out that it was Democrats who have for years pushed the defund the police rhetoric in cities, States, and right here in Washington, not House Republicans. In fact, it was Democrats who took the defund the police rhetoric and made it viral. They turned it into concrete policy that demonizes our men and women in blue while letting violent criminals back out on the street.

Madam Speaker, do you think the American people are really going to buy that Democrats weren't the ones who wanted to defund the police?

Madam Speaker, we could rewind the tape back to 2020 if you want to. We can show you the footage of our cities burning while they were chanting to defund the police and watching weak mayors of cities down on one knee begging for forgiveness for standing for law and order. We could go back and rewind the tape and get a little instant replay if you like. The footage is there. It is in black and white. It is a matter of historical fact that my friend's party supported the defund the police movement.

What I just heard from the other side of the aisle couldn't be any more laughable. Democrats in New York City, certainly not Republicans, cut the NYPD's budget by \$1 billion with more cuts to come. We have some of

those brave NYPD officers here with us this week for Police Week.

Democrats in Los Angeles, not Republicans, cut the LAPD's budget by hundreds of millions of dollars with more cuts to come.

Democrats in Chicago, not Republicans, cut the Chicago PD's budget by \$1 billion only to embarrassingly and quietly reverse further plans for cuts in recent years after crime spiraled out of control.

Right here in our Nation's Capital it was Democrats, not Republicans, who passed legislation to make it more difficult than ever for cops to do their jobs and keep D.C.'s communities and residents safe. Let's not forget that at the height of the defund the police movement, it was House Democrats, not House Republicans, who attempted to completely defund the Department of Justice's Project Safe Neighborhoods program, a nationwide initiative that empowers law enforcement to work with community leaders and stakeholders to directly identify the most pressing violent crime problems in a community. I am talking rapes, armed robberies, gang violence, and much, much more.

Nonetheless, that didn't stop House Democrats from defunding this program to appease a radical base. The radical left has bought hook, line, and sinker into the defund the police movement, and Americans in New York, in Washington, in Chicago, in L.A., and everywhere else where Democrat leaders hold sway are reaping the consequences of these dangerous policies.

Madam Speaker, the family of slain NYPD Officer Jonathan Diller told New York Governor Kathy Hochul that she had blood on her hands. They see, as Americans across the country see, that it is the Democrats and not the Republicans who have abandoned law enforcement. They have vilified them, and they have made it harder than ever for them to do their job and keep their people safe.

The legislation under this rule today is a step in the direction of supporting our law enforcement officers and empowering them with the tools to keep our communities safe in spite of the defund the police movement and in spite of the Biden border crisis.

Madam Speaker, I yield 5 minutes to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. BURGESSION), who is the chairman of the Rules Committee.

Mr. BURGESSION. Madam Speaker, I thank my friend from New York for yielding, and I thank him for leading this discussion on behalf of the Rules Committee today.

I wanted to come down and speak in support of the rule, and I want to speak in support of the underlying bills.

We do honor National Police Week. Republicans are advancing seven pieces of legislation to reaffirm their commitment to our Nation's law enforcement. Yet, again, we are seeing our colleagues misrepresenting the legislation that really should be bipartisan.

Every single day, Madam Speaker, thousands of men and women in blue put their lives on the line to protect their communities and keep us the People safe.

Last year, in fact, more than 370 law enforcement officers were shot in the line of duty, the highest year on record.

Law enforcement officers and their departments are under increased scrutiny from the public, all the while trying to navigate a crisis at our southern border, a historic upsurge in crime, and an unfortunate rise in drug-related deaths throughout the country.

It is no surprise then, Madam Speaker, that the police departments across the country have had trouble recruiting and retaining officers and keeping new officer candidates.

This week, started by President Kennedy in 1962, is set aside to commemorate and honor all of the officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty. I am grateful to north Texas law enforcement officers who paid the ultimate sacrifice this year and for those who are currently serving.

In honor of this week, I encourage everyone to reach out and thank their local law enforcement officers and their families for their service and for their sacrifice.

Madam Speaker, I also wanted to express my support for the Israel Security Assistance Support Act. Amid the Biden administration's pause on munitions shipments to Israel, it is imperative for the United States, for this House, and for Republicans and Democrats, to stand behind Israel.

Last week, President Biden and his administration paused vital defense articles from shipment to Israel. This action will have the effect of not only prolonging the conflict, but it is an unfortunate disregard of the legislative process of our powers granted under Article I of the Constitution. The idea that the President can ignore bipartisan, bicameral legislation that he signed into law is a new predicament entirely.

H.R. 8369 provides for the assured timely delivery of defense services and articles to Israel and condemns the Biden administration for their efforts to condition aid to an ally.

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After the withdrawal from Afghanistan, Madam Speaker, maintaining our commitment to a formal ally is extremely necessary and important. Israel is defending itself against a regional threat. It is defending itself against a known terrorist organization, one that hides behind its own people.

Israel must have the resources it needs to combat Hamas and any other entity that seeks to destroy civil rights and civil liberties.

It is for this reason that the United States will continue to stand by our allies in their time of need.

Madam Speaker, I urge Members to support the underlying bill, and I urge support for the rule.

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

Madam Speaker, it is rich to be lectured by the chairman of the Rules Committee about the need to support our police officers and to help do more to recruit and train them.

I will say to my friend, the distinguished Member from Texas (Mr. BURGESS), and to all of my Republican friends: Stop cutting COPS grants. Continue to adequately fund the COPS program so that we can actually have our local law enforcement recruit and hire more police officers.

My Republican friends don't like to admit a desire to cut the COPS grants. I would say to everybody who is watching to look it up for themselves.

The Republican Study Committee, which is the largest caucus in the Republican Conference, actually put out a report titled: "Fiscal Sanity to Save America." If my colleagues go to page 148, and I urge people to look it up for themselves, it says: "Reduce funding for Community Oriented Policing Services," or basically what we call the COPS grants.

Republicans want to cut money for our local police. It is in their budget document. My colleagues on the other side of the aisle want to cut the money and then come here and make believe somehow that Republicans support our local police officers. Come on. Enough.

Additionally, sometimes I wonder whether the gentleman from New York (Mr. LANGWORTHY) really believes the stuff that he says. The gentleman keeps talking about crime in Democrat-run cities. By the way, it is Democratic-run cities. The last time I checked, we don't have Democratic cities or Republican cities in this country. We have American cities.

I took the liberty of looking up some of the headlines from New York's 23rd Congressional District, which Mr. LANGWORTHY represents, and, in particular, Jamestown, New York, the largest city in the area and the location of his district office. Jamestown has a Republican mayor, a Republican city council, a Republican supermajority on the county legislature, a Republican State representative, a Republican State senator, and a Republican Congressman.

Let's look at some of the recent headlines from the Republican stronghold of Jamestown, New York: April 22, 2024, "Jamestown man accused of killing 16-month-old child charged with manslaughter"; March 2024, "1 dead, 2 injured in Jamestown homicide"; January 2024, "Investigation Underway in Jamestown Homicide Case"; May 2023, "Three Accused Of Stealing A Vehicle In Jamestown"; June 2021, "Two teenage girls charged with arson in connection with Jamestown furniture manufacturer fire"; and February 2024, "Six arrested after robbery, assault leads to standoff in Jamestown NY."

I could go on and on. Madam Speaker, none of this is to disparage the won-

derful people who Mr. LANGWORTHY represents, but if the gentleman wants to come down here and read off RNC talking points about crime, I think the gentleman should at least try to be intellectually honest.

I know the other side wants to play the blame game. I know Republicans are all about stunts and not solutions, but maybe, just maybe, the majority ought to look in the mirror first instead of playing to the cheap seats.

Madam Speaker, I ask for unanimous consent to include in the RECORD a Salon article titled: "Republicans like to talk tough on crime—but they're the ones with a real crime problem."

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

There was no objection.

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REPUBLICANS LIKE TO TALK TOUGH ON CRIME—BUT THEY'RE THE ONES WITH A REAL CRIME PROBLEM

(By Austin Sarat)

Republicans like to talk tough about crime. But they have a crime problem of their own that they want to keep under wraps.

A new study of homicide by the nonpartisan advocacy group Third Way reveals a fact that Republicans don't want to acknowledge. Rates of violent crime, especially murder rates, are higher in red states than in blue states.

That has been true for years, yet Democrats have said almost nothing about this startling fact or about Republicans' evident incompetence in actually doing something about crime.

Crime is an American problem, touching the lives of people in cities, suburbs and rural areas. Yet for all its talk about crime, the Republican Party has not delivered an effective strategy to fight it.

Of course, you would never know that from listening to Republican politicians or the public officials who represent red states. They take every opportunity to try to convince voters that crime is a problem made worse by "liberal" policies, and that it runs rampant in cities and states where Democrats are in charge.

Consider the charges in an op-ed written by House Republican Whip Steve Scalise, R-La., and Rep. Scott Fitzgerald, R-Wis., for the Fox News site in the run-up to the 2022 election.

"Over the last few years," they wrote, "we have seen the consequences of leftist Democrats' embrace of the radical 'Defund the Police' and 'No Cash Bail' movements. By slashing police budgets, ending cash bail, and allowing violent offenders back onto our streets, radical Democrats nationwide have made our communities less safe."

Violent crime, they said, was out of control in "every Democrat-run city and state across the country."

Echoing Scalise and Fitzgerald, Kevin McCarthy, the recently installed Republican speaker of the House, bluntly claimed that "Democrat politicians defended police, raised money for rioters, and pushed policies that are soft on crime. They own this crime wave."

Looking back at the 2022 midterm elections, CNN reported that "Over the first three weeks of October (2022), GOP candidates and committees spent \$64.5 million on ads focused on crime—nearly one-quarter of all the money they spent on ads over that period. . . . Many of those ads accused

Democrats of supporting the ending of cash bail or efforts to defund the police.”

Wisconsin Sen. Ron Johnson’s re-election campaign provides one example of this attempt to pin the soft-on-crime label on Democrats. Johnson ran a series of ads attacking his Democratic opponent, Mandela Barnes, for advocating an end to cash bail.

The ads ended with the tagline, “Mandela Barnes, not Just a Democrat, but a dangerous Democrat” and a racially charged image of Barnes superimposed over a picture of several Democratic women of color who serve in the House of Representatives and are known as the “Squad.” Johnson wound up winning that race by an exceedingly narrow margin, just 26,000 votes out of more than 2.6 million cast.

Not surprisingly, a 2022 Gallup Poll found that “partisanship plays a significant role in shaping Americans’ assessments of crime.”

Gallup reports that “since 2000, supporters of the president’s party have typically been less likely than those who identify with the opposition party to say that crime has increased. Before that, during both George H.W. Bush’s and Bill Clinton’s presidencies, partisans held similar perceptions of the crime problem.”

Gallup also found that “Last October, with Joe Biden in the White House and after the FBI released its 2020 crime statistics showing a sharp increase in murders in the U.S., the percentage of Republicans who said there was more local crime increased from 38% to 67%. Independents’ perception that local crime was worse also edged up, while Democrats’ view was essentially unchanged.”

But Republicans’ hypocritical exploitation of the crime issue isn’t just an election-year phenomenon.

Last month they went on the attack when Washington, D.C.’s Democratic City Council overrode Mayor Muriel Bowser’s veto of the Revised Criminal Code Act of 2022. The city ordinance modernized the District’s criminal laws, which had not been overhauled for more than 100 years.

It was designed to “expand eligibility for the Second Look Act from youthful, convicted violent offenders to people of all ages: . . . expand the right to a Jury trial for those charged with misdemeanors but facing jail time; and. . . reduce maximum criminal penalties for violent crimes like carjacking and robberies.”

Republicans quickly pounced, using the accusation that Democrats are soft on crime in a successful effort to get the House of Representatives to exercise its constitutional authority to override the D.C. law.

Americans’ perception of crime is now a partisan issue, driven by which party holds power. But Republicans’ hypocritical exploitation of crime is no longer just an election-year phenomenon.

One local news story quotes Rep. James Comer, R-Ky., chair of the House Oversight and Accountability Committee, as saying that, “There’s a crime crisis in America’s capital city. According to the D.C. Metropolitan Police Department, carjackings in the District have increased by 90% compared to this time last year. Total property crime is up 31%, and homicides are up 29.”

But, following the usual Republican playbook, Comer wasn’t content to recite those facts.

“The radical D.C. Council,” he continued “has chosen to prioritize legislation that will turn this crime crisis into a catastrophe. The D.C. Council’s progressive soft-on-crime legislation eliminates almost all the mandatory minimum sentencing requirements for violent crimes, and it drastically reduces the maximum penalties allowable to the courts.”

While Republicans talk about the crime rate in Democratic run cities like Wash-

ington, they won’t own up to their own problems in dealing with crime. These problems were highlighted in a 2022 Los Angeles Magazine article which pointed out that murder rates in “mid-sized cities with Republican mayors have actually fared far worse than big cities with Democratic mayors.”

For example, the homicide rate in Bakersfield, California—the principal city in Kevin McCarthy’s district—was more than twice as high as that of San Francisco, represented in the house by former Speaker Nancy Pelosi.

This brings us back to the Third Way report, which points out that what is true in California is true across the nation. The report meticulously documents the Republicans’ hidden crime problem.

“The murder rate in Trump-voting states,” the Third Way report says, “has exceeded the murder rate in Biden-voting states every year this century. Cumulatively, overall murder rates since 2000 were on average 23% higher in Trump-voting states.” It continues:

For the past 21 years, the top 10 murder rate states have been dominated by reliably red states, namely Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, and Missouri. And when we removed the county with the largest city in Trump-voting states (and kept them in for Biden-voting states), murder rates were still significantly higher in these red states.

While media reports give the impression that murder rates are skyrocketing in blue areas, murder rates have actually increased at far higher rates in Trump-voting states over the past two decades, widening the Red State murder gap from a low of 9% in 2003 and 2004 to a high of 44% in 2019, before falling to 43% in 2020. Since 2000, murder rates have increased 39.4% in red states and just 13.4% in blue states.

It’s time for Democrats to make these facts known, and stop giving Republicans a free pass on the crime issue. They need to expose Republican cynicism, hypocrisy and incompetence in dealing with crime—and remind voters of these failings at every opportunity.

As Jim Kessler, Third Way’s executive VP for policy puts it, “Republicans seem to do a much better job of talking about stopping crime than actually stopping crime.”

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

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

Madam Speaker, it is great to see that my colleague, the ranking member, has looked into Jamestown, New York, and read some of our headlines. Yes, we have Republican leadership right now, a brand-new elected Republican mayor. There was a Democratic mayor up until this last election, but I don’t blame the outgoing Democratic mayor.

I do blame the State of New York’s leadership for destroying the criminal justice system in the State of New York, eliminating cash bail, and creating discovery reform. Creating a revolving-door criminal justice system in the State of New York is the reason that the police officers, many of which are at our Capitol this very week to celebrate Police Week, can’t do their jobs.

They have been put in handcuffs while the criminals walk free with an appearance ticket for many of the same crimes that the gentleman just rattled off from the Jamestown Post-

Journal. That is fact. That is fact in the State of New York because Democrat-run policies, a Democratic Governor, a supermajority in the State senate, and a supermajority in the State assembly have destroyed my State’s criminal justice system. They have blood on their hands and have destroyed towns, villages, and cities across the once-great Empire State.

The gentleman has found a few headlines, and we hope to get some restoration of common sense back to the Empire State once again, but it has to start right here in our Nation’s Capital. It starts with the legislation under this rule.

Madam Speaker, I yield 5 minutes to the gentleman from California (Mr. KILEY), my friend.

Mr. KILEY. Madam Speaker, a couple of days ago, the former Democratic majority leader of this body called out the radicals in his own party who are reflecting the talking points and rhetoric of Hamas, which, of course, wishes for the destruction of the State of Israel.

Unfortunately, it now seems that these radical elements have won out in terms of influencing policy in the White House and, as the former majority leader of Democrats in this House stated, in terms of getting their views that reflect the views of Hamas to become official policy of the White House.

The President’s recent statements suggesting that he will withhold vital security assistance for Israel are appalling and absolutely unacceptable. They fly in the face of the strong bipartisan vote that this body recently took to provide support for our vital ally, Israel, as it seeks to make sure that Hamas can never do again what it did on October 7.

The President’s actions, moreover, threaten to prolong the conflict that currently exists and are a threat to the long-term peace and stability of the region.

I am glad that we now have legislation before us that will rebuke the President and will ensure that the security assistance that this House has already approved finds its way to our ally, Israel.

I also speak in support of H.J. Res. 1213, which denounces calls to defund the police that have been so damaging to public safety and to law enforcement across this country.

In my own State of California, we have a number of jurisdictions, like in San Francisco, the East Bay, and Los Angeles, that did defund police and were then forced to restore that funding and to backtrack.

The reality is this is just one of a number of policies that have caused crime in California and many other places in this country to spiral out of control and have made the job of our law enforcement officers more and more difficult, to the point at which many departments are having a very difficult time with recruitment and retention and making sure they are fully

staffed and have the personnel that they need to keep their communities safe.

Policies like defunding the police, policies that have removed the consequences for criminal activity, policies by district attorneys who refuse to enforce the law, and sanctuary policies where individuals who are here illegally and commit serious crimes cannot be turned over to the immigration authorities are destructive policies that have manifested a disrespect toward our men and women in law enforcement who put their lives on the line every single day to keep our communities safe.

Madam Speaker, I urge strong bipartisan support for this resolution denouncing calls to defund the police, and I hope that we can swing the pendulum further in the direction of the support that our law enforcement deserves so that we don't continue to face these problems with recruitment and retention and so that we can keep our communities safe.

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

Madam Speaker, I am not familiar with the gentleman from California (Mr. KILEY), but let me say to the gentleman that, rather than just denounce the slogan of defunding the police, maybe the gentleman should go to the Republican Study Committee and tell them to not defund the police because, again, if one goes to the Republican Study Group document, page 148, it is clear that the Republicans want to defund the COPS program.

Please, enough with the rhetoric. If my colleagues are serious about supporting the police, then don't cut the COPS program, period. How hard is this?

I remind the gentleman that the hometown of the former Republican Speaker of this House, before the Republicans threw him out, Kevin McCarthy, which is Bakersfield, California, has a higher crime rate than San Francisco. I don't even know where my friends are coming from.

I have to say that I have never heard anybody denounce their home State as much as I have heard the gentleman from New York (Mr. LANGWORTHY) denounce New York. I think New York is a great State. It is not as good as Massachusetts, but I think it is a great State.

I get it. The gentleman just explained it all to me. If it is a Democratic-controlled area, all the crime is blamed on the Democrat. If it is a Republican-controlled area, then the majority finds the nearest Democrat, and Republicans blame it on the Democrat. That is their rationale.

I mean, come on. This place has to get more serious in terms of supporting initiatives to actually not only support law enforcement but protect our communities instead of one sound bite after another that does absolutely nothing and the blame game that we hear constantly.

Madam Speaker, my Republican colleagues this week claim to want to focus on public safety but have chosen to put misguided measures and messaging bills on the floor. Here is their chance to actually do something of substance that will make police officers safer, make our streets safer, and make our children safer.

If we defeat the previous question, I will offer an amendment to the rule to bring up H.R. 715, a bipartisan bill to require a background check for every firearm sale.

There were over 42,000 firearm deaths last year, with the annual total of mass shootings increasing from 414 in 2019 to over 650 in 2023. Eighty-six percent of homicides in this country involve a firearm, and of the States that saw their gun homicide rate decrease between 2022 and 2023, States with the strongest gun laws decreased their homicides by a rate nearly triple their lax gun law counterparts.

This is common sense. It is not a partisan issue. In fact, H.R. 715, the Bipartisan Background Checks Act, was introduced—hold on to your seats here—by a Republican.

I know that, like me, many of my colleagues have children and all of them have elementary schools and middle schools in their districts. I know Members see the toll this is taking on our Nation's children, our most vulnerable. Nearly 60 percent of teachers are worried about a shooting happening in their school, and one in four had a gun-related lockdown during the last school year. According to the Pew Research Center, one in five parents was extremely concerned about their child getting shot, and Republican leadership wants to do nothing.

This is barbaric. It is past time, Madam Speaker, and we are ready to work in a bipartisan way to end the epidemic of gun violence in this country.

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

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

There was no objection.

Mr. McGOVERN. Madam Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. IVEY) to discuss our proposal.

Mr. IVEY. Madam Speaker, I thank my colleague for yielding.

I must say that Police Week, when I was a prosecutor at the Federal level and at the State level, was something I looked forward to. I worked closely with police officers, local, State, and Federal. They worked together as brothers and sisters in coordination and cooperation with prosecutors. In many instances, they had task forces where the Federal and local worked together, knowing that that was the way that made them most effective.

It was deeply disappointing to see the bills that came through this week that are supposed to be honoring police officers for Police Week. Some of these came through the Judiciary Committee beforehand, which I sit on, and so I raised objections at the time with respect to this legislation, which was ignored.

It is with a heavy heart, frankly, that I rise today because, as one of the Republican speakers a few minutes ago noted, I think 370 police officers have been shot. It is clear that one of the greatest dangers police officers face on the street is from guns.

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The irony is that the legislation that the Republicans have proposed do nothing about guns. In fact, they don't even mention them in most cases, which is really shocking.

Now, my colleague from Massachusetts just mentioned a few minutes ago the Bipartisan Background Checks Act, H.R. 715, and he noted that the sponsor of that is a Republican, but he is the only Republican to join this bill. The other 207 cosponsors are all Democrats, and I think that speaks volumes about where the Republicans are these days on this kind of issue.

H.R. 2870, the Raise the Age Act, which is aimed at bolstering public safety by raising the age for individuals to buy assault weapons from 18 to 21, is commonsense legislation. It is already 21 for handguns. Why wouldn't we do it for assault weapons? We don't have one Republican cosponsor for that legislation.

Another example is H.R. 4992, that goes to ghost guns. The issue about ghost guns is that they are totally untraceable firearms, so they have become the weapon of choice for criminals across the country, blue States, red States, Democratic and Republican jurisdictions alike. There are zero Republican cosponsors for that legislation.

It is with great disappointment that we come here today and speak about Police Week, and we ought to be doing things to protect police officers from dangers on the street, but absolutely nothing that is in the legislative package that is being proposed would do that.

One last point before I yield back. With respect to the defund language, none of that is pending legislation with respect to police in the Congress right now. The only defund language that I have seen right now is defund ATF and FBI.

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

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

Mr. IVEY. Madam Speaker, those are sponsored by Republicans. The defund ATF bill is one sentence long. When I raised the question with the gentleman who proposed it in the committee, I said: How in the world is that supposed

to work? How would you defund the entire ATF knowing that we have got gun cases pending there now?

I have the same question about the FBI. International prosecutions, cartels, and the like, you would just shut them down like that? That is what those bills would do. Talk about being irresponsible. That is what that proposal is right now. Let's get serious.

We are facing major challenges. By the way, crime is going down in cities across the country. You mentioned the 2019 statistics. You stay with 2019 because violent crime has been going down in jurisdictions, including the District of Columbia this year, as well.

Let's get serious. Let's focus on doing things that really help protect police officers and make the most out of Police Week.

Mr. LANGWORTHY. Madam Speaker, my friends across the aisle are making some wild claims that somehow crime has gone down. It is like President Biden taking a bow for gas prices going from five bucks a gallon to four bucks a gallon when they were far less than that just before he was sworn in.

My colleague's claims rest on cherry-picked data that does not present a full picture of the crime problem in our major cities, so let's revisit some of the facts.

Violent crime has skyrocketed with year over year increases in violent crime in the millions. Carjackings have spiked by as much as 93 percent in many major cities and 18 percent more homicides were committed in 2023 than in 2019.

It is no coincidence that many of these major cities that have been the epicenter of the wave in violent crime also happen to be run by Democratic politicians with leftwing DAs that have made it their mission not to prosecute perpetrators but to put dangerous criminals back on the streets and to facilitate a revolving door criminal justice system.

My colleagues need only to venture beyond Capitol Hill to see what these policies have done to our Nation's Capital. To recap here, according to the Metro Police Department's own data, crime in D.C. increased 30 percent in 2023 compared to the previous year.

In 2023 alone, homicides increased 29 percent compared to 2022. In fact, since 2012, the rate of homicides in D.C. has doubled. Violent crime has increased 37 percent and robberies increased 65 percent from 2022 to 2023. Motor vehicle thefts increased 107 percent between 2022 and 2023.

This surge of criminal activity is a direct result of the D.C. Council's soft-on-crime sentencing policy and refusal to back up its law enforcement officers with real support, resulting in resignations of police officers. We have heard it directly in the Oversight Committee from the union officials.

Madam Speaker, despite my colleague's refusal to wake up to the reality, the fact remains that we are at this point today with crime soaring in

many of our major cities and Americans are feeling less safe because of the disastrous policies the Democratic leaders, at the behest of the radical left that governs their party have imposed on residents of our communities.

Madam Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. McGOVERN. Madam Speaker, the gentleman keeps on talking about crime in D.C., crime in D.C., crime on the rise. I can tell you one thing; the crime is definitely down in the White House right now and I can understand why the gentleman is confused.

Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to include in the RECORD an article from the Washington Post, entitled: "Crime is down, though FOX News viewers might not be aware."

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

There was no objection.

[From the Washington Post, Dec. 18, 2023]
CRIME IS DOWN, THOUGH FOX NEWS VIEWERS
MIGHT NOT BE AWARE

(By Phillip Bump)

Crime declined in the third quarter of 2023 relative to the same period in 2022, according to data released by the FBI last week. Violent crime was down 8 percent in jurisdictions that reported data—law enforcement agencies covering three-quarters of U.S. residents. Property crime was down 6 percent. Murder was down more than 15 percent.

What's particularly useful about the new FBI data is that the shifts are presented by the population each responding agency serves. So we can see that the drop isn't a function just of a shift in smaller cities but, instead, occurred across the board. Property crime was up slightly—0.1 percent—in the most populous cities. But violent crime was down in those places, as it was everywhere else. In fact, the biggest cities saw the biggest drops in murder.

It's important to recognize the limits on this data. For one thing, data on crime is notoriously slow. The FBI didn't release summary data on 2022 until October. This quarter-to-quarter comparison, by contrast, is relatively expedient—but it is still only a look at one quarter of the year. It is also still several months old and limited to jurisdictions that returned information. If we look at the 10 largest cities, for example, we see that Los Angeles and Chicago are missing. In five of the eight that returned data, property crime was up. Only in Dallas, though, had murder climbed relative to the third quarter of 2022.

This is not the narrative that has dominated on the right, particularly on Fox News. Since crime began to surge during the pandemic, cable-news coverage of crime increased. But on Fox News in particular, coverage was consistently higher during the Biden administration relative to the first three years of Donald Trump's presidency. The peak came in October 2022—as the channel tried, successfully, to ensure that the rise in crime that had already begun to wane was a central discussion point for the midterm elections. That month, Fox News was three times as likely to mention crime in any 15-second block of airtime as was CNN.

Fox News coverage has consistently focused on crime in urban areas. There are a few obvious reasons, including that the Fox News audience (understandably) associates cities with Democratic leadership, because cities are more heavily non-White and that urban density increases the likelihood that

someone will capture an act of violence or vandalism on video that can run over and over again.

Even with crime dropping, Fox is still talking about crime as though it's on the rise. This is often done by cherry-picking, finding a city or a statistic where crime has gone up and then focusing on it. Often, though, it's simply presented as a given, which its audience—given what it sees on the news—will assume to be the case.

In response to the FBI report, Fox News offered a very useful distillation of how it makes lemonade out of the peck of lemons that is "crime isn't actually rising." On Saturday, NBC News's Ken Dilanian published a look at the FBI's data which noted polling showing that Americans think crime is rising. (This is almost always the case.) Fox News's response? To present Dilanian's report to its online readers as though the NBC presentation of facts was, instead, an indicator of media bias.

"NBC News story tells Americans they're 'wrong' to think crime is rising," the Fox News headline reads, "blames 'conditioning' of press." The piece is littered with similar scare quotes, with the apparent intent of reinforcing the belief that crime is rising solely by pointing out that the hated mainstream media says it isn't.

"Dilanian's report caps off another year in which ordinary Americans have expressed growing alarm about crime in big cities," the Fox News report notes—by itself a revealing admission. Whether there is "growing alarm" is taken for granted; that any such alarm would not be warranted isn't mentioned.

The reality is that crime surged in 2020—when Trump was president. That surge continued into the Biden administration but has since waned.

Given that Fox News invested so much effort in promoting crime as surging before the midterms despite lacking any evidence that it was (since it wasn't), we should not be surprised that its response to crime falling further is to melodramatically roll their eyes, point to mainstream reporting, and say the equivalent of, "get a load of these guys."

The reality is inconvenient for what it's spent the past three years telling its viewers.

Mr. McGOVERN. The article notes: "The reality is that crime surged in 2020—when Trump was President. That surge continued into the Biden administration but has since waned."

Madam Speaker, in the lead up to the 2022 midterms, FOX News invested immense resources in promoting stories about surging crime, despite lacking evidence. While crime is down, it appears the conservative ecosystem is trying to flog the issue of crime, once again, because, you know, that is all they have.

Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to include in the RECORD an article from The Guardian, entitled: "Crime coverage on FOX News halved once U.S. midterms were over."

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

There was no objection.

[From the Guardian, Nov. 25, 2022]
CRIME COVERAGE ON FOX NEWS HALVED ONCE
US MIDTERMS WERE OVER

(By Adam Gabbatt)

JUST A WEEK AFTER ELECTIONS, NUMBER OF
WEEKLY SEGMENTS FOCUSED ON CRIME
SLASHED IN HALF ON RUPERT MURDOCH'S
FLAGSHIP NETWORK

In the weeks leading up to the US midterm elections, the message from Fox News was

clear: violent crime is surging, cities are dangerous hellscapes and Democrats are responsible.

With the vote over, however, the rightwing news channel appeared to decide things weren't that bad after all, and decreased its coverage of violent crime by 50% compared with the pre-election average.

Media Matters for America, a media watchdog, found that each week from Labor Day until the Friday before the Tuesday 8 November vote, the network averaged 141 segments on crime across weekdays. The blanket crime coverage matched the Republican party's efforts to depict violent crime as out of control, and portray Democrats as responsible.

In the week of the midterms, however, once voting was over, Fox News aired just 71 segments on violent crime, Media Matters reported.

"I think this shows pretty clearly that the amount of Fox coverage of violent crime doesn't really have anything to do with the level of violent crime in America—it has to do with the political benefits," said Matt Gertz, a senior fellow at Media Matters.

"It crescendoed right before election day, and then once the election was over, so was America's crime crisis no longer the subject of maximum concern that it had been in the previous weeks."

Media Matters noted that Fox News crime coverage had increased somewhat in recent days after the shooting at the University of Virginia and the student killings in Idaho, but said "the coverage was notably less focused on painting Democratic cities as crime-infested".

Fox News declined to comment.

Gertz said Tucker Carlson, Fox News' most-watched host, had a big part to play in the coverage—and in how Republicans across the country used crime as an issue. In a monologue in August, Carlson advised Republican politicians to focus their campaigns on "law and order", which he said would result in a "red wave" in the midterms.

Republicans did just that, spending millions on ads which highlighted instances of violent crime and portrayed Democrats, like John Fetterman, running for US Senate in Pennsylvania, as responsible. The Washington Post reported that Republicans spent nearly \$50m on ads focused on crime between 5 September and 25 October, far outspending Democrats on the issue.

The network's focus on a singular issue in the lead-up to an election is nothing new, Gertz said. He said ahead of the 2014 midterm elections the Ebola outbreak became a repeated issue on Fox News, with the network blaming Barack Obama for the spread of the virus.

In 2016 Hillary Clinton's emails became the hot topic, while in 2018 Fox News picked up on a so-called "migrant caravan", using it to bolster Donald Trump's midterm election sell that the country needed to elect more Republicans to enact tougher immigration laws.

"It's a play that they've run over and over again in elections over the past decade," Gertz said.

"Fox does this every time they come up with some sort of message that they want to push, and they try to get Republicans to adopt it, and they try to get the mainstream press to adopt it as well," he added.

"And so the question becomes: to what extent is the mainstream press going to take the bait and turn it into a multiplier effect—where they are repeating Fox's message and the debate in the final days of the elections is turning on whatever Fox wanted to talk about?"

It seems this time neither the mainstream media nor voters took the bait.

Carlson's "red wave" failed to materialize in the midterm vote, as Republican candidates largely underperformed expectations.

Fetterman, the target of repeated attacks by Fox News and numerous crime ads from his opponent, Mehmet Oz, won his race by almost 5%, and while having been predicted to make significant gains in Congress, Republicans only narrowly took control of the House, and Democrats retained the Senate.

Mr. MCGOVERN. Madam Speaker, so after a frenzy of coverage about violent crime in September and October 2022, the conservative media giant FOX News actually decreased coverage of violent crime stories by 50 percent in the weeks following the 2022 elections.

Crime stories have long been used by Republicans to fearmonger for cheap, electoral victories, and it seems like this old tactic is being utilized, once again, in 2024, all while 80 percent of Republicans support cutting the COPS grant program.

Madam Speaker, I urge my friends who don't believe me to go to the Republican Study Committee FY 2025 Budget proposal—this is the most recent one—and go to page 148. You will see under the heading, Reduce Funding for Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS), it is my Republican friends—for all the talk about defunding the police—that are leading the way because there in their Republican Study Committee, which is the largest caucus in the Republican Conference, they have put out a report highlighting their budget priorities, which talks about eliminating the COPS program. You can't make this stuff up.

Madam Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

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

I think it is important that we don't forget all the other legislation in this bill, as we have had a spirited debate today about law enforcement.

It is really important to remind my colleagues today about the situation in Israel and the Israel legislation that is being considered this week. We need to talk about how this conflict began. On October 7, it was Hamas and not Israel that launched a horrifying terror attack that took thousands of lives and innocent people hostage.

It was Hamas terrorists who murdered approximately 1,200 people, including Holocaust survivors, the elderly, babies, and beautiful young people attending a music festival. It is Hamas who, to this day, has over 100 innocent people held hostage, including American citizens who we cannot forget are being held hostage. Americans are currently being held hostage in Gaza.

Hamas is responsible for this war. Hamas, a terrorist organization, has for decades now used civilian structures and innocent people to shield their terrorist operations. However, Madam Speaker, none of that stopped anti-Israel protesters from taking to the streets just a day after the horrific attacks and the butchery of Israeli ci-

vilians to chant "from the river to the sea."

There are some people that serve in this building that take their time and like to chant "from the river to the sea," and they need to be held accountable for that, which we know is synonymous language for the extermination of the Jewish people in Israel.

Madam Speaker, by holding these arms shipments, President Biden is just not flouting the will of Congress and the American people, but he is also kowtowing to the radical left that, frankly, has embraced the anti-Israel movement wholeheartedly. It has become practically a platform plank over there.

We are learning more and more about the leftwing groups and donors that are bankrolling the anti-Israel/anti-Semitic protests that have erupted across the country. We noted that it is the far left, including Members of the House, that have fully endorsed this message to turn against our ally Israel in their hour of need and to isolate them and to ultimately support their destruction.

Madam Speaker, I am done hearing the false equivalencies of a morally bankrupt movement. Anyone who remembers the true reason why Israel is defending itself today should support the legislation under this rule.

Madam Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

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

Madam Speaker, I am unable to rebut all the nonsense I just heard, and I am exhausted by this debate. Let me touch on two things. First, we haven't heard a single word from our colleagues across the aisle acknowledging the very real challenges civilians in Gaza are experiencing every day under this war. We have not heard a single word.

If we send massive 2,000-pound bombs to Netanyahu without any assurances on how they will be used, it could mean unprecedented, catastrophic civilian casualties. I mean, these are people that we are talking about, innocent people—boys and girls, brothers and sisters, moms and dads, grandparents, babies.

Where is our humanity? Where is our humanity? These are people who are already struggling with shortages of food, water, shelter, medical supplies, the basic things that humans need to survive. They fled to Rafah because that is where Netanyahu told them to go to escape the bombing of Hamas. Now, Netanyahu is saying he is going to bomb them anyway, and there is no plan to safely evacuate them to any other place.

I don't care whether there is another country that does it. Killing civilians is wrong. It is always wrong. You can be a friend of Israel, a strong ally of Israel, and also be a critic when it comes to the Netanyahu government.

You can be a strong friend of Israel and say that more massive civilian casualties will undercut Israel's security. This is not the way to go.

You can feel as I do that what happened on October 7, the horrific attack by Hamas on Israeli civilians. It was unconscionable. There aren't enough adjectives to describe how horrific that was.

The taking of hostages is a war crime. We want them released. You can feel that way, but also understand that we have an obligation to protect civilian lives in Gaza.

I am grateful to President Biden for taking the step that he did, and I wish he would do more, quite frankly. It is disappointing for me to see that so many of my friends across the aisle seem indifferent to it.

Madam Speaker, coming down here to get lectured about crime from the party whose leader is a criminal is really something else.

My friend from New York not once rebutted our contention that Republicans have advocated cutting the COPS grant because it is here in print. Anybody can see it.

For those who want to know why this program is good, it is because it provides money to help local law enforcement be able to hire and recruit police officers, especially in areas where budgets are tight.

It is a lifeline for so many communities, rural and urban, all throughout this country, and they are advocating eliminating it. Give me a break.

None of the measures the House of Representatives are putting forth this week do a single thing to protect Americans, secure our communities, or improve law enforcement.

Madam Speaker, the real shame here is that if Republicans were willing to set their partisanship aside and work across the aisle, maybe we could get something substantive done because the reality is that Democrats want to keep people safe, and we know how to do it.

□ 1315

We need to invest in programs that get at the root causes of crime, and we need to address gun violence in our schools and make sure police aren't put in situations that they aren't trained to handle. We know the key to improving safety in our neighborhoods is not to use our law enforcement officers like political pawns.

At the end of the day, the Republican commitment to chaos, extremism, and politicking over legislating is hurting our ability to improve people's lives. I have to be honest: I think it is going to backfire on them.

Even one of our Republican colleagues took to the floor and said as much last year: "Nothing but empty promises." He went to say: "We haven't done anything," meaning Republicans. "One thing. I want my Republican colleagues to give me one thing—one—that I can go campaign on and say we did—one—anybody sitting in the complex, if you want to come down to the floor and come explain to me one material, meaningful, signifi-

cant thing the Republican majority has done."

That is a Republican saying that. They know they are getting nowhere in this Congress.

All I can say, Madam Speaker, is the American people deserve better, and they certainly deserve better than the Speaker of the House spending his time trying to influence our justice system at a courthouse in New York City. How pathetic. When we have real problems that we need to deal with here in this country, he is in New York trying to explain away, like a staffer, all of Donald Trump's problems, quite frankly.

I am trying to think of a way to stay within order here with the new rules. It is pathetic. It is pathetic. That is where the Speaker of the House is spending his time, trying to rationalize all of the former President's crimes. Give me a break.

Madam Speaker, the American people, as I said, deserve better. I urge a strong "no" vote on this rule. This is just a waste of time. I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. LANGWORTHY. Madam Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time. I wish my colleague from Massachusetts well with his Trump derangement syndrome.

Madam Speaker, the rule before us today is about standing up for the safety and well-being of our neighborhoods, our families, and our way of life. It is about standing up for what is right and defending those who risk their lives every single day to keep our communities safe.

In my own district in the southern tier of New York, a Chemung County Sheriff's investigator, Michael Theetge, was critically injured when he was hit by a shoplifter's getaway car and has since been fighting to recover. Our prayers and wishes for a speedy recovery are with him and our whole community.

Sadly, Investigator Theetge's case is not an isolated incident. It is emblematic of the dangers to law enforcement officers and what they face every time they put on their uniforms.

In my own State of New York, we have lost some of our very finest recently. We have recently laid to rest Lieutenant Michael Hoosock of the Onondaga County Sheriff's Department, Syracuse Police Officer Michael Jensen, and NYPD Officer Jonathan Diller.

We don't want other families to have to go through what their families are facing right now and to be able to expect that their loved ones will come home at the end of their shifts safe and sound.

What is happening in America's major cities in too many States and right here in our Nation's Capital is simply unacceptable, and it needs to be addressed now and is with this legislation before us.

This rule, Madam Speaker, is also about standing up for our closest friends and allies. Since October 7, Israel has been in a struggle for self-de-

fense against a terrorist organization that seeks nothing but violence, destruction, and extermination of the Jewish people.

Israel needs the tools to defend itself and defeat Hamas. We need to send a message to the world that America will not falter in our commitment to our allies. We need to send these munitions to Israel now. Our future and their future depend on it.

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

AN AMENDMENT TO H. RES. 1227 OFFERED BY MR. McGOVERN OF MASSACHUSETTS

At the end of the resolution, add the following:

SEC. 9. Immediately upon adoption of this resolution, the House shall proceed to the consideration in the House of the bill (H.R. 715) to require a background check for every firearm sale. 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 the Judiciary or their respective designees; and (2) one motion to recommit.

SEC. 10. Clause 1(c) of rule XIX shall not apply to the consideration of H.R. 715.

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

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

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

Mr. McGOVERN. Madam 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 are 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 19 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. CRAWFORD) at 1 o'clock and 30 minutes p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

Votes will be taken in the following order:

Ordering the previous question on House Resolution 1227;

Adoption of House Resolution 1227, if ordered; and

The motion to suspend the rules and concur in the Senate amendment to H.R. 3935.

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. 8369, ISRAEL SECURITY ASSISTANCE SUPPORT ACT; PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 7530, D.C. CRIMINAL REFORMS TO IMMEDIATELY MAKE EVERYONE SAFE ACT OF 2024; PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 7343, DETAIN AND DEPORT ILLEGAL ALIENS WHO ASSAULT COPS ACT; PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 8146, POLICE OUR BORDER ACT; PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 7581, IMPROVING LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER SAFETY AND WELLNESS THROUGH DATA ACT OF 2024; PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 354, LEOSA REFORM ACT; PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H. RES. 1213, RESOLUTION REGARDING VIOLENCE AGAINST LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS; AND PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H. RES. 1210, CONDEMNING THE BIDEN BORDER CRISIS AND THE TREMENDOUS BURDENS LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS FACE AS A RESULT

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. 1227) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 8369) to provide for the expeditious delivery of defense articles and defense services for Israel and other matters; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 7530) to limit youth offender status in the District of Columbia to individuals 18 years of age or younger, to direct the Attorney General of the District of Columbia to establish and operate a publicly accessible website containing updated statistics on juvenile crime in the District of Columbia, to amend the District of Columbia Home Rule Act to prohibit the Council of the District of Columbia from enacting changes to existing criminal liability sentences, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 7343) to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for the detention of certain aliens who commit assault against law enforcement officers; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 8146) to require a report by the Attorney General on the impact the border crisis is having on law enforcement at the Federal, State, local, and Tribal level; providing for consider-

ation of the bill (H.R. 7581) to require the Attorney General to develop reports relating to violent attacks against law enforcement officers, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 354) to amend title 18, United States Code, to improve the Law Enforcement Officer Safety Act and provisions relating to the carrying of concealed weapons by law enforcement officers, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 1213) a resolution regarding violence against law enforcement officers; and providing for consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 1210) condemning the Biden border crisis and the tremendous burdens law enforcement officers face as a result, 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 212, nays 201, not voting 17, as follows:

[Roll No. 198]

YEAS—212

Aderholt	Finstad	Lee (FL)	Case	Kennedy	Schneider
Alford	Fischbach	Lesko	Casten	Khanna	Scholten
Allen	Fitzgerald	Letlow	Castor (FL)	Kildee	Schrier
Amodei	Fitzpatrick	Loudermilk	Castro (TX)	Kilmer	Scott (VA)
Armstrong	Fleischmann	Lucas	Cherifilus	Krishnamoorthi	Scott, David
Arrington	Flood	Luetkemeyer	McCormick	Kuster	Sewell
Babin	Foxx	Luna	Chu	Landsman	Sherman
Bacon	Franklin, Scott	Luttrell	Clark (MA)	Larsen (WA)	Sherrill
Baird	Fry	Mace	Clarke (NY)	Larson (CT)	Slotkin
Balderson	Fulcher	Malliotakis	Clyburn	Lee (CA)	Smith (WA)
Banks	Gaetz	Maloy	Cohen	Lee (NV)	Sorensen
Bean (FL)	Garbarino	Mann	Connolly	Lee (PA)	Soto
Bentz	Garcia, Mike	Massie	Correa	Leger Fernandez	Spanberger
Bergman	Gimenez	Mast	Costa	Levin	Stansbury
Bice	Gonzales, Tony	McCaull	Courtney	Lieu	Stanton
Biggs	Good (VA)	McClintock	Craig	Lofgren	Stevens
Bilirakis	Gooden (TX)	McCormick	Crockett	Lynch	Strickland
Bishop (NC)	Gosar	McHenry	Crow	Manning	Suozzi
Boebert	Graves (LA)	Meuser	Cuellar	Matsui	Swalwell
Bost	Graves (MO)	Miller (IL)	Davids (KS)	McBath	Sykes
Brecheen	Green (TN)	Miller (OH)	Davis (IL)	McClellan	Takano
Buchanan	Greene (GA)	Miller (WV)	Davis (NC)	McCollum	Thanedar
Bucshon	Griffith	Miller-Meeks	Dean (PA)	McGarvey	Thompson (CA)
Burchett	Grothman	Mills	DeGte	McGovern	Thompson (MS)
Burgess	Guest	Molinaro	DeLauro	Meeks	Titus
Burlison	Guthrie	Moolenaar	DelBene	Menendez	Tlaib
Calvert	Hageman	Moore (AL)	Deluzio	Meng	Tokuda
Cammack	Harris	Moore (UT)	DeSaulnier	Mfume	Tonko
Carey	Harshbarger	Moran	Dingell	Moore (WI)	Torres (CA)
Carl	Hern	Murphy	Doggett	Morelle	Torres (NY)
Carter (GA)	Higgins (LA)	Nehls	Escobar	Moskowitz	Trahan
Carter (TX)	Hill	Newhouse	Eshoo	Moulton	Underwood
Chavez-DeRemer	Hinson	Norman	Espaillat	Mrvan	Vargas
Ciscomani	Houchin	Nunn (IA)	Fletcher	Mullin	Vasquez
Cline	Hudson	Obernolte	Foster	Nadler	Veasey
Cloud	Huizenga	Ogles	Foushee	Napolitano	Velázquez
Clyde	Hunt	Owens	Frankel, Lois	Neal	Wasserman
Cole	Issa	Palmer	Frost	Neguse	Schultz
Collins	Jackson (TX)	Pence	Gallego	Nickel	Waters
Comer	James	Perry	Garamendi	Norcross	Watson Coleman
Crane	Johnson (LA)	Pfluger	Garcia (IL)	Ocasio-Cortez	Wild
Crawford	Johnson (SD)	Posey	Garcia (TX)	Omar	Williams (GA)
Crenshaw	Jordan	Reschenthaler			
Curtis	Joyce (OH)	Rodgers (WA)			
D'Esposito	Joyce (PA)	Rogers (AL)			
Davidson	Kean (NJ)	Rogers (KY)			
De La Cruz	Kelly (MS)	Rose			
DesJarlais	Kelly (PA)	Rosendale			
Donalds	Kiggans (VA)	Rouzer			
Duarte	Kiley	Roy			
Duncan	Kim (CA)	Rutherford			
Dunn (FL)	Kustoff	Salazar			
Edwards	LaHood	Scalise			
Ellzey	LaLota	Schweikert			
Emmer	LaMalfa	Scott, Austin			
Estes	Lamborn	Self			
Ezell	Langworthy	Sessions			
Fallon	Latta	Simpson			
Feeenstra	LaTurner	Smith (MO)			
Ferguson	Lawler	Smith (NE)			

NOT VOTING=17

NOT VOTING: 1.		
Barr	Granger	Mooney
Boyle (PA)	Grijalva	Ruppersberger
Cleaver	Jackson Lee	Trone
Diaz-Balart	Kim (NJ)	Wexton
Evans	Magaziner	Wilson (FL)
Garcia, Robert	McClain	

□ 1403

Ms. ADAMS and Mr. MORELLE changed their vote from "yea" to "nay."

Mr. ARRINGTON changed his vote from "nay" to "yea."

So the previous question was ordered.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

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

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

RECORDED VOTE

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

A recorded vote was ordered.

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

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 212, noes 200, answered “present” 1, not voting 17, as follows:

[Roll No. 199]

AYES—212

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

NOES—200

Garcia, Robert	Panetta
Golden (ME)	Pappas
Goldman (NY)	Pascarel
Gomez	Pelosi
Gottheimer	Peitola
Green, Al (TX)	Perez
Harder (CA)	Peters
Hayes	Pettersen
Himes	Phillips
Horsford	Pingree
Houlahan	Pocan
Hoyer	Porter
Hoyle (OR)	Pressley
Huffman	Quigley
Ivey	Ramirez
Jackson (IL)	Raskin
Jackson (NC)	Ross
Jacobs	Ruiz
Jayapal	Ryan
Jeffries	Salinas
Johnson (GA)	Sánchez
Kamlager-Dove	Sarbanes
Kaptur	Scanlon
Keating	Schakows
Kelly (IL)	Schiff
Kennedy	Khanna
Kildee	Schneider
Kilmer	Scholten
Krishnamoorthi	Schrader
Kuster	Scott (VA)
Landsman	Scott, Dav
Larsen (WA)	Sewell
Larson (CT)	Sherman
Lee (CA)	Sherrill
Lee (NV)	Slotkin
Lee (PA)	Smith (W)
Leger Fernandez	Sorensen
Levin	Soto
Lieu	Spanberger
Lofgren	Stansbury
Lynch	Stanton
Manning	Stevens
Matsui	Strickland
McBath	Swalwell
McClellan	Sykes
McCollum	Takano
McGarvey	Thanedar
McGovern	Thompson
Meeks	Thompson
Menendez	Titus
Meng	Tlaib
Mfume	Tokuda
Moore (WI)	Tonko
Morelle	Torres (C)
Moskowitz	Torres (N)
Moulton	Trahan
Mrvan	Underwood
Mullin	Vargas
Nadler	Vasquez
Napolitano	Veasey
Neal	Velázquez
Neguse	Wasserman
Nickel	Schultz
Norcross	Waters
Ocasio-Cortez	Watson
Omar	Wild
Pallone	Williams

the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 3935) to amend title 49, United States Code, to reauthorize and improve the Federal Aviation Administration and other civil aviation programs, and for other purposes, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. GRAVES) that the House suspend the rules and concur in the Senate amendment.

This will be a 5-minute vote

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 387, nays 26, not voting 17, as follows:

[Roll No. 200]

YEAS—387

Adams	Correa	Green (TN)
Aderholt	Costa	Green, Al (TX)
Aguilar	Courtney	Griffith
Alford	Craig	Guest
Allen	Crawford	Guthrie
Allred	Crenshaw	Hageman
Amo	Crockett	Harder (CA)
Amodei	Crow	Harris
Armstrong	Cuellar	Harshbarger
Arrington	Curtis	Hayes
Auchincloss	D'Esposito	Hern
Babin	Davids (KS)	Hill
Bacon	Davis (IL)	Himes
Baird	Davis (NC)	Hinson
Balderson	De La Cruz	Horsford
Balint	Dean (PA)	Houchin
Banks	DeGette	Houlaahn
Barragán	DeLauro	Hoyer
Bean (FL)	DeBene	Hoyle (OR)
Beatty	Deluzio	Hudson
Bentz	DeSaulnier	Huffman
Bera	DesJarlais	Huizenga
Bergman	Dingell	Hunt
Bice	Doggett	Issa
Bilirakis	Donalds	Ivey
Bishop (GA)	Duarte	Jackson (NC)
Bishop (NC)	Duncan	Jackson (TX)
Blumenauer	Dunn (FL)	Jacobs
Blunt Rochester	Edwards	James
Boebert	Ellzey	Jayapal
Bonamici	Emmer	Jeffries
Bost	Escarbar	Johnson (GA)
Bowman	Eshoo	Johnson (LA)
Brown	Espaillat	Jordan
Brownley	Estes	Joyce (OH)
Buchanan	Ezell	Joyce (PA)
Bucshon	Fallon	Kamlager-Dove
Budzinski	Feeenstra	Kaptur
Burgess	Ferguson	Kean (NJ)
Burlison	Finstad	Keating
Bush	Fischbach	Kelly (IL)
Calvert	Fitzgerald	Kelly (MS)
Cannock	Fitzpatrick	Kelly (PA)
Caraveo	Fleischmann	Kennedy
Carbajal	Fletcher	Khanna
Cárdenas	Flood	Kiggans (VA)
Carey	Foster	Kildee
Carl	Foushee	Kiley
Carson	Foxx	Kilmer
Carter (GA)	Frankel, Lois	Kim (CA)
Carter (LA)	Franklin, Scott	Krishnamoorthi
Carter (TX)	Frost	Kuster
Cartwright	Fry	Kustoff
Casar	Fulcher	LaHood
Case	Gallego	LaLota
Casten	Garamendi	LaMalfa
Castor (FL)	Garbarino	Lamborn
Castro (TX)	Garcia (IL)	Landsman
Chavez-DeRemer	Garcia (TX)	Langworthy
Cherfilus-	Garcia, Mike	Larsen (WA)
McCormick	Garcia, Robert	Larson (CT)
Chu	Gimenez	Latta
Ciscomani	Golden (ME)	LaTurner
Clark (MA)	Goldman (NY)	Lawler
Clarke (NY)	Gomez	Lee (CA)
Cline	Gonzales, Tony	Lee (FL)
Cloud	Gonzalez,	Lee (NV)
Clyburn	Vicente	Lee (PA)
Clyde	Gooden (TX)	Leger Fernande
Cohen	Gosar	Lesko
Cole	Gottheimer	Letlow
Collins	Graves (LA)	Levin
Comer	Graves (MO)	Lieu

Lofgren	Pascrell	Stansbury
Loudermilk	Pelosi	Stanton
Lucas	Peltola	Stauber
Luettkemeyer	Pence	Steel
Luttrell	Perez	Stefanik
Lynch	Peters	Steil
Mace	Pettersen	Stevens
Malliotakis	Pfluger	Strickland
Maloy	Phillips	Strong
Mann	Pingree	Suozzi
Manning	Pocan	Swalwell
Mast	Porter	Sykes
Matsui	Posey	Takano
McBath	Pressley	Tenney
McCaul	Quigley	Thanedar
McCollum	Ramirez	Thompson (CA)
McCormick	Raskin	Thompson (MS)
McGarvey	Reschenthaler	Thompson (PA)
McGovern	Rodgers (WA)	Tiffany
McHenry	Rogers (AL)	Timmons
Menendez	Rogers (KY)	Titus
Meng	Rose	Tlaib
Meuser	Ross	Tokuda
Mfume	Rouzer	Tonko
Miller (IL)	Roy	Torres (CA)
Miller (OH)	Ruiz	Torres (NY)
Miller (WV)	Ruppersberger	Trahan
Miller-Meeks	Rutherford	Turner
Mills	Ryan	Underwood
Molinaro	Salazar	Valadao
Moolenaar	Salinas	Van Drew
Moore (AL)	Sánchez	Van Duyne
Moore (UT)	Sarbanes	Van Orden
Moore (WI)	Scalise	Vargas
Moran	Scanlon	Vasquez
Morelle	Schakowsky	Veasey
Moskowitz	Schiff	Velázquez
Moulton	Schneider	Wagner
Mrvan	Scholten	Walberg
Mullin	Schrir	Waltz
Murphy	Schweikert	Wasserman
Nadler	Scott, Austin	Schultz
Napolitano	Scott, David	Waters
Neal	Self	Watson Coleman
Neguse	Sessions	Weber (TX)
Nehls	Sewell	Webster (FL)
Newhouse	Sherman	Wenstrup
Nickel	Sherrill	Westerman
Norcross	Simpson	Wild
Nunn (IA)	Slotkin	Williams (GA)
Obernolte	Smith (MO)	Williams (NY)
Ocasio-Cortez	Smith (NE)	Williams (TX)
Omar	Smith (NJ)	Wilson (SC)
Owens	Smith (WA)	Wittman
Pallone	Smucker	Womack
Palmer	Sorenson	Yakym
Pappas	Soto	Zinke

NAYS—26

Beyer	Greene (GA)	Ogles
Biggs	Grothman	Panetta
Brecheen	Higgins (LA)	Perry
Burchett	Jackson (IL)	Rosendale
Connolly	Luna	Scott (VA)
Crane	Massie	Spanberger
Davidson	McClellan	Spartz
Gaetz	McClintock	Steube
Good (VA)	Norman	

NOT VOTING—17

Barr	Grijalva	Meeks
Boyle (PA)	Jackson Lee	Mooney
Cleaver	Johnson (SD)	Trone
Diaz-Balart	Kim (NJ)	Wexton
Evans	Magaziner	Wilson (FL)
Granger	McClain	

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So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the Senate amendment was concurred in.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:

Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota. Mr. Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 200.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Ms. WEXTON. Mr. Speaker, I regret that I was not able to be present to vote today. Had I been present, I would have voted NO on Roll Call No. 198, NO on Roll Call No. 199, and NO on Roll Call No. 200.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will remind all persons in the gallery that they are here as guests of the House and that any manifestation of approval or disapproval of proceedings is in violation of the rules of the House.

DETAIN AND DEPORT ILLEGAL ALIENS WHO ASSAULT COPS ACT

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. VAN DREW. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and to include extraneous material on H.R. 7343.

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

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 1227 and rule XVIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the consideration of the bill, H.R. 7343.

The Chair appoints the gentleman from Idaho (Mr. FULCHER) to preside over the Committee of the Whole.

□ 1421

IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Accordingly, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the consideration of the bill (H.R. 7343) to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for the detention of certain aliens who commit assault against law enforcement officers, with Mr. FULCHER in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

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

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

The gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. VAN DREW) and the gentlewoman from Washington (Ms. JAYAPAL) each will control 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. VAN DREW).

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

Mr. Chair, my bill, the Detain and Deport Illegal Aliens Who Assault Cops Act, sends a simple but clear message: If an illegal alien assaults our law enforcement officers, they will be detained and they will be deported. This is because these actions must have consequences.

Now, that seems like a pretty commonsense life lesson that most of us have learned at a very early age, but it is a lesson, unfortunately, that President Biden and Secretary Mayorkas never have learned.

In less than 3½ years, President Biden has released nearly 4.9 million il-

legal aliens into the United States. That doesn't include the got-aways. That doesn't include a whole lot, and in most cases, we don't even know who these people are. We don't even know where they are going. We don't even know their intentions once they are here, Mr. Chair.

The Biden administration's policies are reckless, and these policies are dangerous. These policies have very real-life consequences, particularly for American law enforcement.

Here are just a couple of examples: In March 2023, an illegal alien violently assaulted a U.S. Border Patrol agent as the agent attempted to take the alien into custody, injuring the agent's face and his arms.

In November 2022, the FBI arrested two illegal aliens for pushing, dragging, and punching a U.S. Border Patrol agent.

Now, the chaos at the southwest border is spreading into communities, towns, and cities throughout the United States of America, and there is no end in sight.

Take this example just from this past January. It is just one example. According to the New York Post: As many as 14 migrants were believed to have been involved in a brutal beatdown of two NYPD officers in Times Square.

To make matters worse, because of New York's far-left, extreme soft-on-crime policies, many of the attackers were freed without bail. Everybody heard me right: Freed without bail. Moreover, they were given reduced sentences through very weak plea deals.

Some of the alleged attackers received a taxpayer-funded bus ride straight to California. Some of the attackers were arrested again while out on bail. The border crisis meets a sanctuary city and a sanctuary State. What a bad combination.

Are we surprised by the results of this completely broken system, Mr. Chair?

I don't think so. These are actions without consequences. This is Joe Biden's America. The longer Joe Biden and his administration go without taking action and holding these bad actors accountable, the longer our American citizens will suffer.

That is why I introduced this bill. That is why it is so important that we pass laws that rein in lawlessness in this country.

Actions must have consequences. This bill takes an important step in ensuring that we have zero tolerance for those in our country who break our laws and assault those who are sworn to protect and to serve our American communities.

This bill requires the DHS Secretary to issue a detainer for illegal aliens who are charged with, arrested for, convicted of, or have admitted to assaulting a law enforcement officer. It also requires DHS to quickly take custody of the alien if the alien isn't already detained.

By requiring mandatory detention for illegal aliens who assault cops, the bill not only prevents these dangerous criminals from being loose on American streets, but it also speeds up the process to remove them from the United States of America entirely.

The time for standing by and doing nothing must end.

We cannot stand by as the fabric of our American society devolves into violence and lawlessness. Americans are tired of it.

The bill isn't just a commonsense solution to removing illegal aliens from our streets and out of the country, it is a call for action and a demand for accountability to those who would break our laws, and it is a reminder that those who do will face real consequences.

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

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

Mr. Chairman, I rise in opposition to this overly broad and unnecessary legislation. Supposedly, this bill would subject any undocumented immigrant to mandatory immigration detention if they commit an assault on a law enforcement officer.

To be clear, that is already current law.

However, this bill goes far beyond that. It would subject even those individuals with lawful status, like DACA and temporary protected status, to mandatory detention if they are merely arrested or charged with assault on a law enforcement officer.

There are no provisions to protect those who are mistakenly arrested and are released without charges. In addition, the definition of "assault" varies widely from jurisdiction to jurisdiction. Nevertheless, this bill adopts the definition of "assault" used in the local jurisdiction to subject somebody to mandatory detention.

That means that conduct that people would not normally think of as an assault, like literally touching an officer, could result in an arrest and mandatory detention. Furthermore, people are mistakenly arrested for assault on a police officer far more often than we would like to admit.

When this bill was introduced, it was clearly in response to an incident earlier this year in which some recently arrived migrants allegedly assaulted a group of law enforcement officers in Times Square.

□ 1430

That incident sparked outrage across the country, but our Republican colleagues directed much of their ire at one particular individual who flipped off TV cameras as he left his arraignment. The image was plastered all over FOX News and was promoted by former President Trump as a symbol of everything that is wrong with the Biden administration's approach to immigration.

There was only one problem, Mr. Chairman. As it turned out, that specific individual, who everyone was so quick to demonize and attack, had the charges dropped against him. Despite being arrested and initially charged, he was not even present when this crime occurred.

We also see this in protests, where one person gets unruly and the police arrest everyone in the crowd.

Let's be clear: Violence is never the answer and should never be used in a political protest. It was wrong for people to assault the police right here in the United States Capitol on January 6, just as it is wrong for people to assault the police or anyone else during any protest, regardless of their politics.

That is why U.S. law already makes assault a crime. Admitting to or being convicted of a serious assault on a law enforcement officer already results in immigration consequences under current law, including mandatory detention and deportation.

This bill doesn't change that, doesn't make anybody safer, and doesn't fix any problems in the immigration system. Instead, this legislation deems everyone guilty until proven innocent.

It serves only to further the Republican agenda to fearmonger about immigrants and keep immigration in the news during an election year while, at the same time, bankrolling the private, for-profit prison companies.

This bill is going nowhere fast, just like the very similar bill that House Republicans passed last Police Week.

The American people aren't stupid. They see what House Republicans are doing. They want meaningful reforms to the system, and they know that bills like this would do absolutely nothing toward that end.

House Republicans refuse to negotiate on immigration, and the majority fails to do anything that would actually solve some of these problems we face, only to turn around and complain when those problems get worse.

This is political theater at its worst, and I urge all of my colleagues to join with me to oppose this legislation.

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

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

Mr. Chair, I agree with my colleague on the other side of the aisle on one thing: The American people are not stupid.

The American people know, see, hear, and feel what is going on around them. The American people know that their streets aren't as safe. The American people who live in certain cities know that their kids are being moved out of their schools so that we can house illegals. The American people know that they are paying lots of taxes, and they are paying taxes in so many ways—to pay for transportation, to pay for housing, to pay for legal care, to pay for bank cards, to pay for all kinds of services to illegals, including, in

some cases, education subsidies. The American people are not stupid, and they are tired of it.

Additionally, they are really tired of individuals who come from other countries illegally. Let me be clear because I never want this to be morphed into anything else. We love legal immigration in America. Some of our best citizens are legal immigrants. It is illegal immigration that creates this problem.

What we know is that there are illegals who break the law once when they come over. Then, they break the law again by committing an illegal act by assaulting someone—in some cases, a police officer.

We had cases here just recently. This was published on May 14: "Migrants charged in attack on NYPD cops in Times Square offered plea deals." They were offered a plea deal, but they can still stay in the country. They broke the law when they came here. Then, they came here and broke a law again by assaulting someone. Then, they were let out again, and they broke the law again.

This isn't for an election. This is to try to save our country and the American people. They are tired of it, and law enforcement is tired of it.

We ask law enforcement, these men and women, to protect this Nation, to protect our people, and then we don't back them up. It is wrong. It is un-American.

I want to address something else because we are the United States of America. On top of it all, this is probably the only country in the world where you can come here illegally because we have open borders. Other countries don't allow this. No country can prevail with it.

Currently, we allow it, unfortunately. They come here. We allow them here. They break the law here, and we still give them due process.

Yes, they should be detained. I will tell you something else. Do you know why they need to be detained? They need to be detained. I hope everybody sits down with the inspector general for Homeland Security, like I did, for 1½ hours. He would tell you they check the names, addresses, and locations where you are supposed to find those illegals when they are allowed in the country. They are vacant lots. They are vacant storefronts. They are non-existent addresses. Once they are in, we can't find them anymore, and that is the truth. Additionally, they are breaking the law sometimes, and that is the truth.

When they are here and break the law, they have to be detained so we know where they are. Then, they will go through due process and will come before a judge. If a mistake has been made and something is wrong, it will be dealt with the way that it is dealt with always in the United States of America.

If they have broken the law once, twice, three times, four times, they should be detained, and then they

should be deported. They don't belong in the United States of America.

That is not what immigration is about. Immigration is about coming here, loving this country, pledging to the flag, loving America.

If you asked in my world what it would be, if you break the law and come here illegally, you should be detained and sent back, period. You don't even have to assault anybody.

At a very minimum, for God's sake, let's get this done. Enough is enough.

The American people are smart, and the American people are tired. They are tired of it. They are tired of being unsafe and tired of it costing them so much money in tax dollars. They are tired of not being able to take care of their kids, not being able to pay their grocery bills, and worrying about their Social Security and Medicare because we are spending money on all of this other stuff. It is enough. They have had it. I have had it. I believe the majority of this Congress has had it.

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

Ms. JAYAPAL. Mr. Chairman, I yield myself the balance of my time to close.

Mr. Chairman, assaulting a law enforcement officer is a serious offense that deserves both criminal and immigration consequences. That is why serious assaults on law enforcement officers are already immigration violations that require detention and deportation.

The bill before us today would do absolutely nothing to change that. This legislation instead would dramatically expand the type of conduct that would subject somebody to mandatory detention, to include people who may not have even committed a crime at all.

That is not a good use of our limited law enforcement resources. Instead of wasting our time on these bills that do nothing to fix our immigration system and stand no chance of becoming law, we should be talking about how to create a workable immigration system that allows Americans to reunite with their families and allows American businesses and universities to attract the best and the brightest, essentially creating a workable process so that people wouldn't be forced to go to the border as the only way to come to the United States.

We should be talking about the fact that immigrants are good for the country and good for our economy. One in four American doctors were born abroad, and roughly 45 percent of Fortune 500 companies were founded by immigrants or the children of immigrants. Seventy percent of agricultural workers are immigrants.

Immigrants feed us, heal us, and help ensure that this country remains an economic powerhouse. We could be embracing the positive impacts of immigrants rather than demonizing them.

The Congressional Budget Office recently announced that new immigrants will add \$1 trillion in previously unexpected revenue to our country's GDP

between 2023 and 2024. Similarly, the Department of Health and Human Services found that, over a 15-year period, asylees and refugees contributed nearly \$124 billion more in revenue than they received in services from the government. Documented and undocumented immigrants paid tens of billions of dollars in taxes each year.

The majority insists on scapegoating and fearmongering immigrants. It is true that the immigration system has deep problems, but they cannot be solved through an enforcement-only approach. We have been trying that approach for 30 years, and it has failed.

The truth is that the immigration system is all connected. People are coming to the border because the legal immigration system has not been updated in over 30 years, and they cannot find any other pathway to come in.

The majority often talks about legal immigrants. Let me say that the wait time for some permanent residents to bring their families into this country is over a century-long—a century for legal permanent residents to bring their family members into the country.

Employers are begging us to modernize the employment-based immigration system because the limits on high-tech visas were set when floppy disks were the height of technology. These companies cannot hire the people who they need.

Additionally, the small number of immigration judges that we have are absolutely crushed under a massive backlog of asylum cases so extensive that it is now taking people over 8 years to even get a hearing.

Why doesn't the majority just help us put more money into immigration judges so we can resolve that backlog? Why not open legal pathways for people who are trying to come here legally?

I know this, Mr. Chairman, because I came here, and it took me 17 years to navigate the immigration system and become a U.S. citizen, but that was several decades ago. Now, you can't even get through the process.

I hope that one day we can get back to actually governing, to passing real bills that can make a difference in the lives of the American people. I fear, Mr. Chairman, that today is not that day.

Mr. Chairman, I urge Members to oppose this bill, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. VAN DREW. Mr. Chairman, I yield myself the balance of my time to close.

Mr. Chairman, I said I agreed with the gentlewoman on one issue. I am going to agree with her on a second one, that immigration is a good thing, but let's not morph this. Let's be really clear. Legal immigration is good. Illegal immigration is not.

Let's talk about legal immigration for a minute. I always like to tell this story because it is a real story. It is a true story. I have a whole bunch of them.

I have, in my district, many legal immigrants who came here, who work hard, who are taking care of their families, who love the United States of America so much.

I had this friend of mine who bought a small store and gas station. He lived above it, did it beautifully, reconstructed the whole thing. His kids did well in school. His wife worked hard along his side, and we talked about the issues of the day. I would always stop by there. That is a true story.

One day, I went by, and he was there. By the way, he was somebody who believes in American values, and I guess that is the point I am going to make. I go by, and I am talking to him. He starts to tear up, for real. He is a big guy. He is a tough guy. He has gone through a lot in his life. I asked what was wrong.

He said: This was a big day for me yesterday.

I asked what happened. I thought maybe he lost a family member. I didn't know what happened to him.

He said: I became a United States citizen, an American citizen. I am so proud.

This is real.

He said: I am proud to defend this country. I would fight for this country. I love this country. I will stand up against any foe of this country. This is the greatest country ever on the face of the Earth.

That is a good thing.

Illegal aliens who come here and flip off the cameras when they are walking out of court because they have been released, illegal aliens who commit crime after crime and keep getting released because of prosecutors that are ultraleft, illegal aliens who get all kinds of benefits but don't want to work hard in America—and that is not all of them, but there are some—illegal aliens who don't even love the United States of America but come here because they want to reap financial benefits, that is not a good thing.

Don't let anyone ever say that because you oppose illegal aliens, you oppose immigration. That is not true.

□ 1445

It is a sad state of affairs that we are in that this bill is even needed, but given the abandoned southwest border and the violence of the Biden border crisis that it has unleashed on our communities and every community in this great country, the Detain and Deport Illegal Aliens Who Assault Cops Act is another necessary piece of legislation.

It is important. It means something. Actions do have consequences. Mr. Chair, what you do has consequences, what I do has consequences. The actions that these individuals, these criminals take have consequences.

If you assault a law enforcement officer and you are in this country illegally, you will be detained. If it is true, you should be deported. Period. No questions asked.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill. It is common sense. It is the right thing to do. It is the American thing to do.

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

The CHAIR. All time for general debate has expired.

Pursuant to the rule, the bill shall be considered for amendment under the 5-minute rule.

The amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary, printed in the bill, shall be considered as adopted. The bill, as amended, shall be considered as read.

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

H.R. 7343

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

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Detain and Deport Illegal Aliens Who Assault Cops Act”.

SEC. 2. DETENTION OF CERTAIN ALIENS WHO COMMIT ASSAULT AGAINST LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS.

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

(1) in paragraph (1)—

(A) in the matter preceding subparagraph (A), by striking “Attorney General” and inserting “Secretary of Homeland Security”;

(B) in subparagraph (C), by striking “, or” and inserting a comma;

(C) in subparagraph (D), by adding “or” at the end; and

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

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

“(ii) is charged with, is arrested for, is convicted of, admits having committed, or admits committing acts which constitute the essential elements of any offense involving assault of a law enforcement officer.”;

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

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

“(2) CIRCUMSTANCES.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—The circumstances referred to in paragraph (1)(E) are that the law enforcement officer was assaulted—

“(i) while he or she was engaged in the performance of his or her official duties;

“(ii) because of the performance of his or her official duties; or

“(iii) because of his or her status as a law enforcement officer.

(B) DEFINITIONS.—For purposes of paragraph (1)(E)—

“(i) the term ‘assault’ has the meaning given that term in the jurisdiction where the acts occurred; and

“(ii) the term ‘law enforcement officer’ is a person authorized by law—

“(I) to engage in or supervise the prevention, detention, investigation, or prosecution, or the incarceration of any person for any criminal violation of law;

“(II) to apprehend, arrest, or prosecute an individual for any criminal violation of law; or

“(III) to be a firefighter or other first responder.

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

The CHAIR. No further amendment to the bill, as amended, shall be in

order except those printed in Part A of House Report 118-511. Each such further amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, by the 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.

AMENDMENT NO. 1 OFFERED BY MR. MOLINARO

The CHAIR. It is now in order to consider amendment No. 1 printed in part A of House Report 118-511.

Mr. MOLINARO. Mr. Chair, I have an amendment at the desk.

The CHAIR. The Clerk will designate the amendment.

The text of the amendment is as follows:

Add, at the end of the bill, the following:

SEC. 3. GAO STUDY.

Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General of the United States shall complete a study and submit a report to Congress on the number of aliens present in the United States who are inadmissible under section 212(a)(6)(A) or (C) or under section 212(a)(7) of the Immigration and Nationality Act who were detained, during the 5 year period preceding the date of the report, for committing an assault against a law enforcement officer.

The CHAIR. Pursuant to House Resolution 1227, the gentleman from New York (Mr. MOLINARO) and a Member opposed each will control 5 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New York.

Mr. MOLINARO. Mr. Chair, as we pause this week to recognize the men and women in law enforcement who sacrifice and serve our communities across America, it is important that we take additional steps to provide for their safety, for the protection of their colleagues, and to enhance public safety in communities across our country.

I listened intently to the debate that ensued regarding the base bill. I, for one, am interested in governing. Governing is terrifically important. I might remind my colleagues across the aisle that the Congress legislates. We adopt laws that then the executive, as part of governing, must actually enforce. What we have seen systemically over the last 4 years is this administration and this President have surrendered the southern border to drug cartels.

This administration and this President have made it easier for individuals, nearly 12 million after 4 years, to enter into our country unchecked, unvetted, and, in many cases, allowed to avoid the law.

Now, add to that, if we are to govern in this country, we not only need the President, but we need States like New York and Governors like Kathy Hochul to actually enforce the law, and yet this administration and the administration in New York are making it consistently harder for law enforcement to do their job.

New York State alone is now seeing over 200,000 undocumented individuals,

and that is in New York City alone. Why? Because New York State and New York City declared themselves sanctuary cities.

If we are to govern in this country and actually enforce the law, you would need States like New York and cities like New York to actually enforce the law, but in New York, they don't allow for the deportation of undocumented individuals even after they assault police officers. We saw this in New York City only weeks ago. Why? Because it is illegal in New York for law enforcement to interact with Federal law enforcement, ICE.

Consistently, the State of New York has been allowed to make it easier and easier for individuals not only to enter into our country illegally, but to commit crimes. New York has cashless bail.

This is a consistent effort to put people back on the streets without any intervention, without any enforcement of law, and because of it, we consistently see an increase in assaults against law enforcement and American citizens.

Eighty percent of those who are transported from the border to other cities and States across the country aren't being transported by other States, they are being transported by the President and the Federal Government.

Again, if we are to govern, the President needs to follow the law. My amendment requires a report to Congress to speak on the number of migrants who were detained for assaulting a police officer over the past 5 years. We can't actually enforce the rules if we don't have the data.

This amendment wouldn't be necessary at all if the Biden administration took actions to secure the border and States like New York didn't flaunt the law and create their own to avoid the law and make communities like mine less safe.

Mr. Chair, I urge my colleagues to adopt this amendment, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. JAYAPAL. Mr. Chair, I claim the time in opposition to the amendment, even though I am not opposed to it.

The CHAIR. Without objection, the gentlewoman from Washington is recognized for 5 minutes.

There was no objection.

Ms. JAYAPAL. Mr. Chair, this amendment requires the Government Accountability Office to conduct a study and report to Congress on the number of undocumented immigrants detained for committing an assault against a law enforcement officer over the past 5 years.

It is important for us to take a step back and remind ourselves what the underlying legislation is about. This bill would subject even those individuals with a lawful status like DACA or temporary protected status to mandatory detention if they are merely arrested or charged with an assault on a law enforcement officer. There are no

provisions to protect those who are mistakenly arrested and are released without charges. This is an unnecessary expansion of the law, which already subjects people to mandatory detention and deportation if they admit to or are convicted of such assault.

In fact, I imagine that this report would demonstrate that the underlying legislation is wholly unnecessary because it would show that under current law people who commit assaults on law enforcement are already subject to detention. Therefore, I see no reason to oppose this amendment.

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

Mr. MOLINARO. Mr. Chair, I appreciate the support from my colleague across the aisle. I might remind her some moments ago she encouraged that we ought to be governing.

The problem is that Congress has adopted legislation that should be enforced at the border. Congress has established rules, as have States, to ensure that law enforcement is protected, yet States are permitted to avoid that law. Presidents like this one are permitted, apparently, to simply ignore the law.

The base legislation is necessary because we continue to see an escalation in violence against law enforcement officials, while at the same time, there is an abandonment of security at our border and the allowance of States like New York to simply avoid any responsibility for bringing criminals to justice.

The base bill is necessary. The amendment is necessary. I appreciate the support for the amendment.

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

Ms. JAYAPAL. Mr. Chair, this legislation has absolutely nothing to do with the border. It doesn't do anything to secure our border. It doesn't do anything to fix the broken immigration system. I don't oppose this amendment because I actually think it is going to make my point at the end of the day with the report. I don't oppose this amendment.

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

The CHAIR. The question is on the amendment offered by the gentleman from New York (Mr. MOLINARO).

The amendment was agreed to.

AMENDMENT NO. 2 OFFERED BY MR. NORMAN

The CHAIR. It is now in order to consider amendment No. 2 printed in part A of House Report 118-511.

Mr. NORMAN. Mr. Chair, I have an amendment at the desk.

The CHAIR. The Clerk will designate the amendment.

The text of the amendment is as follows:

Page 5, line 8, strike "or" at the end.

Page 5, line 10, strike the period at the end and insert ";" or".

Page 5, insert after line 10 the following:

"(IV) to be a campus police officer or a school resource officer.".

The CHAIR. Pursuant to House Resolution 1227, the gentleman from South

Carolina (Mr. NORMAN) and a Member opposed each will control 5 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from South Carolina.

Mr. NORMAN. Mr. Chair, I applaud Congressman VAN DREW and his leadership on this issue and am proud to support his legislation to detain illegal immigrants who assault law enforcement.

My amendment is really straightforward and I believe in line with the goals of the underlying bill.

My amendment simply ensures that campus police officers and school resource officers are considered law enforcement officers for the purpose of the bill's provisions.

In light of the increase in violent protests on college campuses, it is especially important that we show these brave campus police officers that we have their back.

Under President Biden's watch, nearly 4.7 million illegals have been released, and more than 1.8 million known illegal alien got-aways have escaped into the United States.

In South Carolina alone, we have over 175,000 illegal aliens in my home State. These include dangerous individuals who violate our laws and then assault the law enforcement officers who put their lives on the line to protect our communities.

It is imperative that we fight back against the Biden administration's radical open-borders policy by mandating immigration detention for illegal aliens who assault law enforcement officers.

I urge my colleagues to support my amendment to explicitly ensure that our hardworking campus police officers and resource officers are afforded the same protections as other law enforcement officers under this legislation.

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

Ms. JAYAPAL. Mr. Chair, I claim the time in opposition to the amendment.

The Acting CHAIR (Mr. MOYLAN). The gentlewoman from Washington is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. JAYAPAL. Mr. Chair, this amendment would expand the scope of this already bad bill to include campus police and school resource officers under the term "law enforcement officers."

Unfortunately, this amendment makes a bad bill even worse while highlighting one of the many flaws in the bill.

First, the fact that Mr. NORMAN felt the need to file this amendment to begin with just highlights the lack of clarity around this bill. As we have discussed, this bill will subject any inadmissible immigrant to mandatory immigration detention for merely being arrested or charged with assault on a law enforcement officer or first responder, but the bill lacks any definition for what is considered a first responder. Mr. NORMAN was clearly concerned with this as well and felt the need to make sure that campus police

and school resource officers were included.

Unfortunately, Mr. NORMAN's amendment does not bring any additional clarity to the definition of first responder, and it even adds another undefined term, "school resource officer."

Now, Mr. NORMAN could easily have remedied this by choosing the definition that exists in title 34 of the U.S. Code, but for some reason he did not. States all over the country use different definitions for school resource officers. They have different duties and functions depending on the State, so this amendment raises far more questions than it begins to answer.

On top of the poor drafting, this amendment expands an already bad bill and makes the bill worse. As I discussed during general debate, it is quite common during protests for law enforcement to arrest an entire group of people after one person in the crowd gets unruly.

After the largely peaceful protests that we have seen on college campuses over the last month, protests made up largely of young people and teenagers, it would be a mistake to extend this definition to include campus police.

Mr. Chair, I urge my colleagues to oppose this amendment, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. NORMAN. Mr. Chair, I think we have all seen the college campuses. The protests that you are talking about, many include breaking windows, knocking down doors. That is not protest. That is destruction of property. This has no place on the college campuses. To have the presidents and the tenured professors be quiet on this and to have students scared to go to class and to cancel exams, that is not what they paid money for. That is not what the taxpayers deserve.

This is very simple. If you are a resource officer, your job is to protect the students and the facilities. If you are in law enforcement on the campuses hired by the individual school, you are there to protect the campus and protect the students.

I am sick and tired of these liberals who keep saying peaceful protest. It is like the 50 cities that were burned a couple of years ago. That was not a peaceful protest. That is destruction of property and that has consequences.

All we are saying is: Give these officers the protection that law enforcement has. It shouldn't even have to be said for me to have to bring this amendment. It is a shame that we have reached this point in this country that we are having to define what a resource officer is.

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I would ask all those who may be questioning this, you go out and volunteer to be a resource officer or sign up to be a resource officer. You go out and sign up to protect the campus, and let's see how the tables will turn.

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

Ms. JAYAPAL. Mr. Chairman, none of us are condoning violence on campuses. All I said is that the vast majority of protesters on campuses have been peaceful. What happens when one person does something and the entire group is arrested is relevant for this amendment. I don't think anybody believes that that should be the case.

I am not really sure why the gentleman felt the need to clarify exactly what the definition was in this underlying legislation except that it wasn't clear, which is the point that I have been making all along. The problem is that the amendment actually makes other terms unclear, as well.

Mr. Chairman, as I said, I oppose this amendment, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The Acting CHAIR. The question is on the amendment offered by the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. NORMAN).

The amendment was agreed to.

The Acting CHAIR. The Chair understands that amendment No. 3 will not be offered.

AMENDMENT NO. 4 OFFERED BY MR. LALOTA

The Acting CHAIR. It is now in order to consider amendment No. 4 printed in part A of House Report 118-511.

Mr. LALOTA. Mr. Chair, I have an amendment at the desk.

The Acting CHAIR. The Clerk will designate the amendment.

The text of the amendment is as follows:

Page 5, line 15, insert after "alien." the following:

"(4) ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SECRETARY OF HOMELAND SECURITY.—The Secretary of Homeland Security shall on an annual basis report to the Committee on the Judiciary of the Senate and the Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives the number of aliens described in paragraph (1)(E) who were detained in the custody of the Department of Homeland Security in the preceding year pursuant to such section."

The Acting CHAIR. Pursuant to House Resolution 1227, the gentleman from New York (Mr. LALOTA) and a Member opposed each will control 5 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New York.

Mr. LALOTA. Mr. Chairman, President Biden's open border policies, notably the mass parole of unvetted migrants, have essentially turned every State into a border State and have made every community less safe.

In good faith, the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. VAN DREW), my good friend, has proposed an effective bill that mandates the swift identification, detention, and deportation of illegal immigrants who commit violent acts against law enforcement. This legislation serves as a necessary corrective to the current administration's perilously lax border security.

Mr. Chairman, I am proposing an amendment to Congressman VAN DREW's bill that would further strengthen our national security framework. This amendment will compel the Secretary of Homeland Secu-

rity to systematically collect and report to Congress data on illegal migrants detained for charges or convictions of assaulting law enforcement officers.

This measure will prevent the avoidance of accountability by ensuring that Secretary Mayorkas and other officials can no longer disregard this critical data. Furthermore, it eliminates the need to depend solely on media reports to understand the full scope of violent crime linked to current border policies.

Consider, Mr. Chairman, a recent incident in Times Square, widely seen on social media, where illegal migrants violently attacked NYPD officers. Despite their arrest, these individuals were quickly released, and one was soon re-arrested for another crime. Yet, they were not deported. Instead, they received plea deals from Manhattan District Attorney Alvin Bragg.

This pattern, where the safety of our law enforcement officers is sidelined, is becoming distressingly common. In this fiscal year alone, Mr. Chairman, Customs and Border Protection apprehended over 18,000 illegal migrants with criminal backgrounds, including 248 known gang members, 35 of whom were affiliated with MS-13.

Mr. Chair, supporting this amendment is the least we can do to bolster the safety of those who risk their lives for us every day. It is about ensuring that our approach to public safety is proactive and grounded in reality, not just wishful thinking.

As we mark National Police Week, I call on my colleagues to stand with our law enforcement officers by backing this amendment and the crucial bill introduced by Mr. VAN DREW. Let us commit to a policy that upholds the rule of law and ensures the safety of every American community. We should not put our heads in the sand and think that "see no evil, hear no evil" is an effective policy to keep our heroes safe.

During National Police Week especially, I urge all of my colleagues to support law enforcement by supporting my amendment to Congressman VAN DREW's vital underlying bill.

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

Ms. JAYAPAL. Mr. Chairman, I claim the time in opposition, although I am not opposed to it.

The Acting CHAIR. Without objection, the gentlewoman from Washington is recognized for 5 minutes.

There was no objection.

Ms. JAYAPAL. Mr. Chairman, this amendment requires that the Department of Homeland Security provide an annual report to the Judiciary Committee of the House and the Senate containing the number of immigrants the Department detained as a result of this bill in that year.

Under this bill, that report would include people being detained even if a person is merely arrested and never charged or after the charges against them were dropped. It is important to remember that this bill does not in-

clude any waivers or provisions to exempt people who were mistakenly arrested or found not guilty.

I really hope that this report, if requested, will contain a breakdown of the number of people detained by category so that we could see how many innocent people were subject to mandatory detention under this bill. Right now, the amendment doesn't get into that level of detail, but I hope my colleagues across the aisle will work with me to make sure that we get all of the data that is provided, including that breakdown.

Nevertheless, while this amendment does nothing to improve the underlying legislation, it doesn't do anything to make it worse, and so I therefore see no reason to oppose it.

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

Mr. LALOTA. Mr. Chairman, I would welcome another amendment that would be more specific to Congress' endeavor to ensure that we have the clarity of the size and scope of this issue. My amendment is something along that path, and if the gentlewoman wants more, the gentlewoman understands that she can submit her own amendment on that issue.

Nevertheless, on this amendment, Mr. Chairman, I urge all of my colleagues to support this commonsense amendment, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Ms. JAYAPAL. Mr. Chairman, I am not opposed to the amendment. I yield back the balance of my time.

The Acting CHAIR. The question is on the amendment offered by the gentleman from New York (Mr. LALOTA).

The amendment was agreed to.

The Acting CHAIR. There being no further amendments, under the rule, the committee rises.

Accordingly, the Committee rose; and the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. LALOTA) having assumed the chair, Mr. MOYLAN, Acting Chair of the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, reported that that Committee, having had under consideration the bill (H.R. 7343) to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for the detention of certain aliens who commit assault against law enforcement officers, and, pursuant to House Resolution 1227, he reported the bill back to the House with sundry amendments adopted in the Committee of the Whole.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the rule, the previous question is ordered.

Is a separate vote demanded on any amendment reported from the Committee of the Whole? If not, the Chair will put them en gros.

The amendments were agreed to.

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

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

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

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

Mr. VAN DREW. 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.

IMPROVING LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER SAFETY AND WELLNESS THROUGH DATA ACT OF 2024

Mr. BISHOP of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to House Resolution 1227, I call up the bill (H.R. 7581) to require the Attorney General to develop reports relating to violent attacks against law enforcement officers, and for other purposes, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana). Pursuant to House Resolution 1227, the bill is considered read.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 7581

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

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “Improving Law Enforcement Officer Safety and Wellness Through Data Act of 2024”.

SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

Congress finds the following:

(1) There has been a rise in anti-police rhetoric and a corresponding rise in violence against law enforcement officers.

(2) In 2022, a total of 60 police officers were feloniously killed in the line of duty.

(3) Nearly 30 percent of police officer killings in 2022 were caused by unprovoked attacks or ambushes on officers.

(4) Law enforcement officers bravely put themselves at risk for the betterment of society.

(5) A data collection that represents the full circumstances surrounding violent attacks and ambush attacks on law enforcement officers is vital for the provision of needed Federal resources to Federal, State, and local law enforcement officers.

(6) Police suffer assaults and other offenses that do not rise to the level of Law Enforcement Officers Killed and Assaulted or National Incident-Based Reporting System reporting due to the frequency of such incidents, lower risk to officers, and minimal administrative resources to report such frequent events.

(7) The mental health of law enforcement officers has suffered due to overwork, recruitment issues, and the general stress of their work.

(8) The people of the United States will always remember the victims of these hateful attacks against law enforcement officers and stand in solidarity with individuals affected by these senseless tragedies and incidents of hate that have affected law enforcement communities and their families.

(9) The United States must demonstrate to its brave law enforcement officers that they are important, valued, and respected.

(10) Congress has made a commitment to helping communities protect the lives of their police officers, as evidenced by the Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Program Reauthorization Act of 2015 (Public Law 114-155; 130 Stat. 389) and other laws.

(11) Subsection (c) of the Uniform Federal Crime Reporting Act of 1988 (34 U.S.C. 41303(c))

requires the Attorney General to “acquire, collect, classify, and preserve national data on Federal criminal offenses as part of the Uniform Crime Reports” and requires all Federal departments and agencies that investigate criminal activity to “report details about crime within their respective jurisdiction to the Attorney General in a uniform matter and on a form prescribed by the Attorney General”.

SEC. 3. ATTACKS ON LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS REPORTING REQUIREMENT.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than 270 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Attorney General, in consultation with the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Director of the National Institute of Justice, and the Director of the Criminal Justice Information Services Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, shall submit to the Committee on the Judiciary of the Senate and the Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives a report that includes—

(1) the number of offenders that intentionally target law enforcement officers because of their status as law enforcement officers;

(2) the number of incidents reported to the Law Enforcement Officers Killed and Assaulted Data Collection that occur through the coordinated actions of 2 or more parties;

(3) a description of the Federal response to ambushes and violent attacks on Federal law enforcement officers;

(4) a detailed survey of what State and local responses are to ambushes and violent attacks on State and local law enforcement officers;

(5) recommendations for improving State, local, and Federal responses to ambushes and violent attacks on law enforcement officers;

(6) a detailed survey of Federal and State-based training programs that law enforcement officers receive in preparation for violent attacks, including ambush attacks;

(7) an analysis of the effectiveness of the programs described in paragraph (6) in preparing law enforcement officers for violent attacks, including ambush attacks;

(8) recommendations on how to improve State, local, and Federal training programs for law enforcement officers relating to ambush attacks;

(9) an analysis of, with respect to the Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership under part Y of title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (34 U.S.C. 10530 et seq.)—

(A) the efficacy of the Partnership in distributing protective gear to law enforcement officers across the United States, including any location-specific limitations to the distribution under such Partnership; and

(B) the general limitations of the Partnership, including any location-specific limitations to the distributions under the Partnership, considering the fact that law enforcement officers are suffering from ambush attacks;

(10) an analysis of the ability of the Department of Justice to combine the Law Enforcement Officers Killed and Assaulted Data Collection and a 09C Justifiable Homicide report for officer-involved shooting reports and any roadblocks to producing a clear report with such information;

(11) an analysis of the ability of the Criminal Justice Information Services of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to expand data collection to include a suspect offender’s level of injury at the time of a reported Law Enforcement Officers Killed and Assaulted Data Collection incident;

(12) an analysis of the existence and extent of, and reasons for, disparities in the availability and reporting of data between—

(A) data relating to ambush attacks against law enforcement officers; and

(B) other types of violent crime data; and

(13) an analysis of any additional legislative tools or authorities that may be helpful or necessary to assist in deterring ambush attacks against law enforcement officers.

(b) **DEVELOPMENT.**—In developing the report required under subsection (a), the Attorney

General, the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Director of the National Institute of Justice, and the Director of the Criminal Justice Information Services Division of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, shall consult relevant stakeholders, including—

(1) Federal, State, Tribal, and local law enforcement agencies; and

(2) nongovernmental organizations, international organizations, academies, or other entities.

SEC. 4. AGGRESSION AGAINST LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS REPORTING REQUIREMENT.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than 270 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Attorney General, in consultation with the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Director of the National Institute of Justice, shall submit to the Committee on the Judiciary of the Senate and the Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives a report on—

(1) an analysis of the ability to implement a new category in the Uniform Crime Reporting System and the National Incident-Based Reporting System on aggressive actions, conduct, or other trauma-inducing incidents against law enforcement officers that, as of the date of enactment of this Act, are not reported in such systems;

(2) the level of detail the category described in paragraph (1) would include and the standard of evidence that would be used for any reported incidents;

(3) an analysis of how to engage State and local law enforcement agencies in reporting the data described in paragraph (1), despite the fact that such data is beyond the standard crime-based reporting to the systems described in paragraph (1);

(4) an analysis of potential uses by the Department of Justice and any component agencies of the Department of Justice of the data described in paragraph (1);

(5) an analysis of the existence and extent of, and reasons for, disparities in the availability and reporting of data between—

(A) data relating to aggressive actions or other trauma-inducing incidents against law enforcement officers that do not rise to the level of crimes; and

(B) other types of violent crime data; and

(6) an analysis of additional legislative tools or authorities that may be helpful or necessary to assist in deterring aggressive actions, conduct, or other trauma-inducing incidents against law enforcement officers.

(b) **DEVELOPMENT.**—In developing the report under subsection (a), the Attorney General, the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the Director of the National Institute of Justice shall consult relevant stakeholders, including—

(1) Federal, State, Tribal, and local law enforcement agencies; and

(2) nongovernmental organizations, international organizations, academies, or other entities.

SEC. 5. MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS REPORTING REQUIREMENT.

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—Not later than 270 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Attorney General, in consultation with the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Director of the National Institute of Justice, shall submit to the Committee on the Judiciary of the Senate and the Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives a report on—

(1) the types, frequency, and severity of mental health and stress-related responses of law enforcement officers to aggressive actions or other trauma-inducing incidents against law enforcement officers;

(2) mental health and stress-related resources or programs that are available to law enforcement officers at the Federal, State, and local levels, especially peer-to-peer programs;

(3) the extent to which law enforcement officers use the resources or programs described in paragraph (2);

(4) the availability of, or need for, mental health screening within Federal, State, and local law enforcement agencies; and

(5) additional legislative tools or authorities that may be helpful or necessary to assist in assessing, monitoring, and improving the mental health and wellness of Federal, State, and local law enforcement officers.

(b) DEVELOPMENT.—In developing the report required under subsection (a), the Attorney General, the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the Director of the National Institute of Justice shall consult relevant stakeholders, including—

(1) Federal, State, Tribal and local law enforcement agencies; and

(2) nongovernmental organizations, international organizations, academies, or other entities.

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

The gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. BISHOP) and the gentlewoman from Washington (Ms. JAYAPAL) each will control 30 minutes.

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

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. BISHOP of North Carolina. I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and insert extraneous material on H.R. 7581.

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

There was no objection.

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

Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to be the lead sponsor of H.R. 7581, the Improving Law Enforcement Officer Safety and Wellness Through Data Act, and I rise in support of it.

The bill would refine and expand the gathering and analysis of data about attacks on law enforcement officers across the country, our current-day scourge. Its sponsorship is bipartisan and bicameral. I am grateful for the leadership in the Senate of Senators GRASSLEY, TILLIS, and others, and the support of 25 bipartisan cosponsors in the House.

The justification, Mr. Speaker, is obvious. Just yesterday, the FBI forecast the release of its annual report on officers assaulted and feloniously killed in the line of duty in 2023, reporting that “from 2021 to 2023, more officers were feloniously killed (194) than in any other consecutive 3-year period in the past 20 years,” and 2024 is on track to be the worst year of any, other than 2021, because a repeat criminal who should have been in jail gunned down four heroes in Charlotte 2 weeks ago and injured five others. Criminals killed 10 cops nationwide in April alone. Until the full 2023 report is released, the latest data is that over 66,000 officers were assaulted in 2022.

This bill will deepen the available dataset in three ways: Reporting on the intentionality of targeting law enforcement officers because of their status as sworn officers; tracking aggression and trauma-inducing incidents that do not rise to crime; and cataloging the availability to officers of mental health resources to deal with the attacks they suffer.

One would expect unanimous support, and yet in the Judiciary Committee, Democrats amazingly sought to gut and replace the entire bill with the same old antipolice legislation to impair qualified immunity for police officers, create a national registry of police misconduct, and require implicit bias training, and so forth.

If reacting to unprecedented killings and assaults of cops by intimidating and undermining cops sounds backwards and astonishing to you, watch the vote on this bill.

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The truth is that the strong impulse and desire among Democrats to demonize and delegitimize police remain powerful and just under the surface, even as many of them deny they ever uttered the words “defund” and “abolish” during the 2020 summer of love, which spawned mass riots and increased attacks and killings of not only police officers but also those most in need of their protection.

Especially here in Washington, D.C., the effects of this most irresponsible rhetoric in the history of American politics have been catastrophic.

Crime remains out of control, especially among juveniles, carjackings and assaults on Congressmen, a 20-year murder record.

Congress has disapproved with Joe Biden’s signature the D.C. Council’s radical rewrite of the District’s criminal law that eliminated mandatory minimums and cut maximum sentences for most crimes.

Two D.C. Council members face recall efforts by citizens beset by violent crime, and the Metropolitan Police Department has lost almost 600 of its 4,000-member force and almost every month loses more than it hires.

Yet, some Democrats will vote against this little bill to collect more information about attacks on officers.

It must be considered under a rule because it might not get the two-thirds majority required to pass on suspension as many such little bills do.

Here, to my right, are the searing consequences of this unforgivable political division—the human cost of the worst attack on law enforcement since 2026.

Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department Officer Joshua Eyer, North Carolina Corrections Officers Sam Poloche and Alden Elliott, and Thomas Weeks, Jr., United States Deputy Marshal, all lost their lives on April 29.

I have been to their funerals. I have seen and heard from their families. May their names long endure in our memory.

One could list the other lives taken from us longer ago but just as strong in our memories: Jonathan Diller, NYPD officer shot and killed in March during a traffic stop, leaving behind a wife and a 1-year-old son; Philip Dale Nix, Greensboro police sergeant killed at a Sheetz gas station interdicting criminals who wanted to steal mass quantities of beer the night before New Year’s Eve; Ned Byrd, Wake County, North Carolina, sheriff’s deputy, ambushed and shot to death by illegals in 2022; Ryan Hendrix, Henderson County, North Carolina deputy, lost his life in a shoot-out with a hardened criminal wanted in multiple states; David Dorn, a 77-year-old retired police captain, fatally shot interrupting a burglary in St. Louis during the George Floyd riots in 2020; and far, far too many others to name in the time allowed. Is it time yet to come around?

The former New York City Police Commissioner, Bill Bratton, said about that place: Don’t hold your breath. The State and the city council have been captured by the progressive left, and it is unlikely that the voters are going to take them out of office anytime soon.

Let’s prove that the same cannot be said of Congress one way or the other. Support our men and women in blue—the American people certainly do, the overwhelming majority of them.

Let’s pass this little bill and develop the information necessary so that we can protect the officers who serve us, who risk their lives every day.

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

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

Mr. Speaker, my colleague across the aisle just mischaracterized the Democratic amendment that was offered during committee, and I think if he went back and looked at the record, he would see that.

Mr. Speaker, this legislation purports to improve law enforcement officer safety and wellness. It seeks to do this by requiring the Attorney General and other Federal officials to issue reports about attacks on officers, aggression against officers, and officer mental health.

While this legislation may seem on the surface to be meaningful, let us be really clear: It is just more cheap talk from Republicans.

Absolutely nothing in this bill makes a single police officer safer or invests a single dollar in officer wellness.

While the collection of accurate data, including data on officer attacks and mental health is important, this bill is unlikely to provide any new or meaningful data.

By necessity, data about incidents of violence against law enforcement officers must already be initially collected and reported, if at all, by Tribal, State, and local authorities who are in the best position to know about these incidents, not the Attorney General.

The Federal Government collects this data through participation by

these authorities in voluntary data reporting programs like the National Incident-Based Reporting System and the Law Enforcement Officers Killed and Assaulted data collection.

Nothing in this bill provides any resources for more agencies to participate in these data collection programs, nor does it mandate any kind of reporting.

Given that there is nothing in this bill to improve the underlying data that is available to the Attorney General and others, it is unlikely that the reporting required by the bill would be able to deliver any new insights that might actually improve officer safety.

Democrats sought to solve this basic problem of inadequate data collection through the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act.

Under that bill, States would be required to report shootings, deaths, and other uses of force involving law enforcement officers, and States would receive grants to facilitate that reporting.

By both mandating and supporting data collection and reporting, the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act would significantly improve the data available to the Congress, Federal agencies, and the public.

Critically, unlike this legislation, that bill would require reporting of uses of force both by and against law enforcement, enabling us to have a full understanding of the dangers faced by officers, as well as the injuries and deaths of civilians that are caused by police.

In focusing only on attacks against officers, this bill turns a blind eye to uses of force by law enforcement against civilians, whether it is justified or not.

The mental health reporting provisions of the bill are also unlikely to improve officer wellness because they fail to build on the work of past Congresses and the Biden administration.

In the 115th Congress, we passed the Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act, a bipartisan bill signed into law by President Obama, which directed the Department of Defense, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and the DOJ's Office of Community Oriented Policing Services to report on mental health practices and services that could be adopted by law enforcement and the programs already available to them.

It also expanded the availability of grant funds for law enforcement mental health and developed new educational resources.

Building on this work, President Biden issued a 2022 executive order on advancing effective, accountable policing and criminal justice practices to enhance public trust and public safety.

The executive order required the Attorney General to develop and publish a report on best practices to address law enforcement officer wellness and to make recommendations regarding the prevention of death by suicide of law enforcement officers.

The Attorney General has already complied with this executive order, so we already know much more about the mental health resources and the needs of law enforcement.

Rather than retread our steps, we should be moving forward to help our law enforcement officers implement this important work so that more officers can access the support that they need.

Last Congress, under Democratic control, the House passed numerous bipartisan bills that improved law enforcement officer safety and wellness like Protecting America's First Responders Act, the Public Safety Officer Support Act, the Confidentiality Opportunities for Peer Support, or COPS Counseling Act, and the Law Enforcement De-Escalation Training Act.

At least seven bipartisan law enforcement bills, many led by Republicans, have been passed by the Democrat-led Senate.

These are bills that would help law enforcement and are priorities for the police groups, but, so far, House Republicans have only advanced one of them.

This legislation represents another wasted opportunity to work together on substantive proposals that will make our communities and the law enforcement officers that protect them safer.

I urge Members to oppose this legislation, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. BISHOP of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, as the comments to the gentlewoman from Washington developed, it became clear.

She said at first I mischaracterized what occurred in the Judiciary Committee, and then it became clear that I didn't mischaracterize anything.

What they offered to do was to, again, take this bill, which provides for additional data collection about attacks on law enforcement officers, to take the entire text of the bill and to gut it and replace it with, yes, indeed, the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act is the name, and that is the bill that I described as having attempted to impair officer qualified immunity, to require training on implicit bias, and to establish a database to impugn officers nationwide.

That is the bill that was a very top priority of Democrats when they were in the majority. It passed on the floor under their majority rule, and it went on to the Senate where it didn't advance, for good reason, because the last thing America needs—again, as demonstrated by the events in Washington, D.C., the last thing America needs is police officers to be brushed back from their jobs and to be intimidated from doing the very tough work of criminal law enforcement by legislation that antagonizes, demeans, and delegitimizes them. That is the last thing they need.

Here we are. It is remarkable. Is this the only reporting bill that has ever come up that Democrats find objectionable because of their interest in good and efficient government?

Is it that they are concerned about the possibility that the bill might not have excellent impacts or be efficient or advance the game or break new ground? What is the harm, after all?

Here is what the harm is: Democrats cannot abide by even the simplest of legislation that recognizes the burdens that are borne every day by police officers across this country on our behalf; that they are being subjected to greater and greater incidents and risk of attacks on their persons and of their deaths in the line of duty by people who intend to do them harm, and that there may be gaps in terms of the resources that are available to them to deal with the difficulties they confront.

The response that you need to do the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act in lieu of this reporting bill is absurd. It is gaslighting in the highest degree.

This little reporting bill, there is just nothing to it, and, yet, for some reason, it sticks in the craw of the minority just to say to police officers: We are going to extend further efforts, further minimal efforts to learn the information that we need to find out, to see just how big this problem is and whether you are being afforded the opportunity to deal with it in your personal lives as it wreaks havoc on you.

Joshua Eyer, Sam Polache, Alden Elliott, Thomas Weeks, Jr.: One of the worst attacks on law enforcement ever.

Shouldn't we go and find out what we need to know for their benefit? Is that not an appropriate way, that little bill? Would that not be an appropriate way to honor their memory?

Is the concern with efficiency and breaking new ground so profound that you have to replace the bill to find out information about the assaults on them with the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act that was rejected last Congress? It is simply astonishing, and Americans aren't going to tolerate it.

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

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The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from New York (Mr. NADLER) will now control the time.

Mr. BISHOP of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, let me speak more directly to the circumstances in Washington, D.C., and what has transpired as a consequence of exactly the kind of policing bill represented by the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act, which the minority proposed in the Judiciary Committee to gut and replace this bill.

Madam Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Louisiana (Mr. HIGGINS).

Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana. Madam Speaker, do you know why our Democratic colleagues oppose this report? Do you know why, Madam Speaker? They don't want clear, fresh, precise data provided to the American people on how many attacks uniformed law officers suffer every year.

They don't want America to know, Madam Speaker, because America

would be shocked. It is vastly under-reported by rank-and-file officers like me and my brothers and sisters from sea to shining sea, men who know what it is not just to wear a little pin like here and walk around D.C. with your head held high, but to wear a shield, to wear a badge, to earn that certification every year. We know what it is to be constantly under threat of attack and physical attack, but we carry on.

We rarely report what we don't absolutely have to because of the agenda-driven persecution that officers are currently facing. Where? In Republican-run cities with Republican district attorneys that actually prosecute criminals? No, Madam Speaker. In liberal cities.

Look at the maps. It is in cities run by Democratic policies and the agendas of the Democratic mayors and Democratic DAs. Those are the cities that are eaten alive by crime in America. This is why you cannot fill the ranks of law enforcement officers across the country.

When I was a cop, we had about 800,000 uniformed officers. We were on our way to a million. We are down to about 600,000 now. Your officers are leaving service not because of the threats that we have historically faced but because of the threats that we continue to face for physical danger on the streets and the very significant possibility, even probability in some municipalities, that the actions of that law enforcement officer are going to be treated more harshly than the criminal and violent attacks that the officer both faces and protects his community from.

To think that my colleagues across the aisle would oppose a bill that mandates the Department of Justice provide accurate data to the American people about how many violent attacks uniformed officers face across the country, my God, you can barely get your head wrapped around that.

Of course, this body that is supposed to represent we the people should endeavor to provide the American people with accurate, contemporary data regarding such things.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to support my colleague's bill, and I encourage Representatives on both sides of the aisle to join us in support of this legislation.

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

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

Madam Speaker, I think it bears repeating, in light of that extraordinary commentary, that right here in the District of Columbia, to the affliction of 700,000, roughly, local citizens and the 19 million who visit annually, exactly the kind of radical politicization that would say this reporting bill is beyond the pale and that you have to have the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act. That is exactly what they did in D.C. That is exactly what they have

done to lead to citizen-led recall petitions on two D.C. councilmembers, what they have done to see carjackings explode in ways that no one ever thought possible, to have a 20-year record of homicides last year, and to have one D.C. councilmember still touting that he managed, because of the budget politics, to take millions and millions out of the D.C. Metropolitan Police Department so that their force has declined from 4,000 by 600 or more and continues to decline 3 years into the phenomenon.

How far will ideology go to take us beyond common sense to a point we can't recover? Let's do a little reporting bill and find out the details. Let's get a rich dataset about this scourge that we see across the Nation precipitated and encouraged by those who still cannot bring themselves to say that law enforcement officers are a needed quantity, that the Nation must have them, that law and order must prevail in order for the country to succeed.

How could we have come to a point in the country where that cannot be conceded readily by everyone in the political spectrum? I do not know. I do not understand, but that is where we are.

Madam Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

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

Madam Speaker, this bill is more cheap talk from Republicans. Nothing in this bill makes a single officer safer or invests a single dollar in officer wellness.

This legislation falls far short of the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act, which would invest in better data collection and reporting by requiring law enforcement agencies to report uses of force by or against law enforcement officers as a condition of the receipt of certain grants.

House Republicans are, again, refusing to work with police and the organizations that represent the police to pass meaningful legislation. This legislation is a missed opportunity. It calls for a report that duplicates existing reporting requirements.

It falls far short of meaningful progress in officer safety, and it represents an enormous step backward from the legislation offered by the Democratic majority in the 117th Congress.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to reject this legislation so that we can work together on bipartisan legislation that will really enhance the safety of our officers and our communities.

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

Mr. BISHOP of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, cheap talk. That is what the gentleman from New York just said: cheap talk. Madam Speaker, there is nothing cheap about it. Behold the price.

That is why when this body, when this Republican House, undertook to

disapprove the D.C. crime bill that would have radically rewritten criminal law in the District of Columbia, this body disapproved it with the support of over 30 Democrats. That is why CHUCK SCHUMER and the Democratic majority in the Senate joined in disapproving that radical rewrite of the criminal law in the District of Columbia. That is why Joe Biden signed the law to disapprove the radical rewrite of the criminal law in D.C.

What is cheap talk is the concern that this would produce a duplicate report. That is the objection, that the report might be duplicative? Really?

I would take duplicative reports from here to kingdom come if there is the slightest chance that it will avoid this unspeakable price. Everybody in the Chamber should support the bill.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. MILLER of West Virginia). All time for debate has expired.

Pursuant to House Resolution 1227, the previous question is ordered on the bill, as amended.

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

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

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

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

Mr. BISHOP of North Carolina. Madam 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.

CONDEMNING THE BIDEN BORDER CRISIS AND THE TREMENDOUS BURDENS LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS FACE AS A RESULT

Mr. MCCLINTOCK. Madam Speaker, pursuant to House Resolution 1227, I call up the resolution (H. Res. 1210) condemning the Biden border crisis and the tremendous burdens law enforcement officers face as a result, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 1227, the resolution is considered read.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 1210

Whereas the Biden administration brazenly eliminated effective and lawful Trump administration immigration enforcement policies, directly leading to the worst border crisis in the history of the Nation and affecting every State;

Whereas the Biden administration's failed border policies have resulted in an exponential rise in illegal alien encounters, totaling more than 9,300,000 in less than 4 years;

Whereas over 1,800,000 known “gotaways” have crossed the border illegally and evaded apprehension, with the administration having no idea of their identity, whereabouts, or intent;

Whereas at least 362 individuals on the terrorist watch list have been apprehended trying to illegally enter the country between ports of entry since fiscal year 2021;

Whereas fentanyl and other synthetic opioids are pouring into the United States, forcing local police departments to issue naloxone, a lifesaving medication used to reverse opioid overdoses, to every officer;

Whereas the suffering endured by the American people from the unprecedented rise in dangerous crime and historic levels of drug-related deaths is the direct result of an unsecured border;

Whereas elected Democrats from Colorado, Illinois, Massachusetts, New York, Texas, and Washington, DC, have declared states of emergency as a result of the border crisis;

Whereas Democrat-led sanctuary cities have slashed city budgets, including funding for law enforcement;

Whereas law enforcement officers in the United States have suffered through calls by politicians and activists to “defund the police” and are now suffering from historically low levels of recruitment and morale as a result of these attacks to their profession;

Whereas migrant gangs, such as the violent Venezuelan gang Tren de Aragua, actively recruit newly arrived illegal aliens into theft rings and criminal networks;

Whereas New York City Police Department Commissioner Edward Caban has warned New Yorkers of a “wave of migrant crime”, and Democrat Mayor Eric Adams has claimed the migrant crisis will “destroy New York City”;

Whereas, on February 23, 2024, Venezuelan national Jose Antonio Ibarra was arrested and charged with the murder of 22-year-old student Laken Riley;

Whereas Ibarra entered the country illegally in September 2022 and was subsequently released by U.S. Customs and Border Protection into the interior;

Whereas, on March 2, 2024, an illegal alien, who entered the United States as a “gotaway” at an unknown time and location, allegedly struck and killed Washington State Trooper Christopher Gadd;

Whereas a Haitian national who entered the United States via the unlawful Cuban, Haitian, Nicaraguan, and Venezuelan parole program, was arrested on March 13, 2024, for the sexual assault of a 15-year-old girl at an illegal alien shelter in Massachusetts;

Whereas an illegal alien from Lebanon apprehended while illegally crossing the southwest border on March 9, 2024, admitted to being a Hezbollah terrorist and having intentions to make a bomb;

Whereas, on March 21, 2024, illegal aliens in El Paso rushed the border fence and Texas National Guard troops in an effort to breach the border into the United States;

Whereas a previously deported illegal alien was charged on March 23, 2024, with murdering 25-year-old Michigan resident Ruby Garcia;

Whereas, on March 27, 2024, an illegal alien from China illegally breached a military base in California and refused to leave;

Whereas, on January 27, 2024, 2 New York City Police Department officers were assaulted by more than a dozen illegal alien suspects in Times Square, many of whom were set free without bail; and

Whereas law enforcement officers are increasingly targeted and assaulted by illegal aliens while Democrat elected officials prioritize illegal alien criminals over citizens and legal residents of the United States; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives—

(1) acknowledges that United States law enforcement officers are bravely facing dangers and challenges every day that are exacerbated by the unprecedented crisis at the border, which affects the entire country;

(2) condemns the open border crisis that President Joe Biden, “Border Czar” Vice President Kamala Harris, Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security Alejandro Mayorkas, and other Biden administration officials have willingly created along the southwest border;

(3) urges the Biden administration, and State and local elected officials, to encourage and support dedicated law enforcement officers so those officers can protect the homeland, their cities, counties, or States, and restore law and order; and

(4) recognizes and sympathizes with law enforcement officers in the United States who have suffered through the mental, physical, and psychological stress associated with the lack of support, trust, and respect they face in our country today.

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

The gentleman from California (Mr. McCLINTOCK) and the gentleman from New York (Mr. NADLER), each will control 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. McCLINTOCK. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on H. Res. 1210.

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

There was no objection.

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

Madam Speaker, H. Res. 1210 comes before us as thousands of frontline law enforcement officers come here to this Capitol to ask for our help to restore a justice system that was once the envy of the world but, in recent years, has been undermined by woke district attorneys who refuse to enforce our laws, woke city councils that insult and defund our law enforcement, and woke Federal officials who refuse to secure our border, which is becoming an increasing source of deadly drugs, terrorists, criminal gangs, and criminal cartels that illegally cross our borders daily.

Just a week ago, I noted on this floor that on the first day that Joe Biden took office, he rescinded the successful remain in Mexico policy that had slowed phony asylum claims to a trickle, completely blocked completion of the border wall, and ordered ICE to stop enforcing court-ordered deportations. Thus began the largest illegal mass migration in history.

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I need to update the numbers this week that I cited last week. To date,

this administration has now deliberately released a total of 4.9 million illegal aliens into our communities, and it has allowed another 1.9 million known got-aways to evade Border Patrol as the Border Patrol has been overwhelmed.

With the new numbers combined, there are nearly 6.8 million illegal aliens who have entered this country because of the Democrats’ open-border policies. That is a population larger than the entire State of Indiana, our 17th largest State, with nine Congressional Districts.

Now, I expect the Democrats will complain that we are bringing up yet another measure condemning these policies. Well, I have news for them. They need to get used to it. We are going to keep bringing it up until these policies are reversed or until the people can elect an administration that can and will.

I suspect we will hear the Democrats today, as we have on so many past debates, assert that immigrants are more law-abiding than Americans. Well, listen carefully to what they say. They make no distinction between legal immigrants and illegal immigrants, and that is a supreme insult to the millions of legal immigrants who enter our country every year by obeying our laws, waiting patiently in line, and doing everything our country asks of them. Legal immigrants come here, pledge to pull their weight, not to be a burden on others, to obey our laws, and to love and defend our country.

Illegal immigrants come here under very different circumstances. Their first act is to commit a Federal crime by illegally entering our country. Their second act is to demand free food, shelter, medical care, clothing, education, transportation, and legal services.

I have watched them at the border taunting our Border Patrol as they illegally cross into our country. To equate their lawless behavior with law-abiding, hardworking, and patriotic legal immigrants is an outrage, and my colleagues who do so should be ashamed of themselves.

The number of terrorist suspects the Border Patrol has encountered has ballooned exponentially, and law enforcement officials are warning that among the 1.9 million known got-aways—mostly single military-aged men—is likely a dangerous fifth column which could soon launch devastating attacks within our borders.

Fentanyl brought in through the open border is killing hundreds of Americans every day.

Democrats’ sanctuary policies hamstring attempts to deport criminal illegal aliens. Worst of all, the admission of untold thousands of the most vicious gang members on the planet are now producing a terrible butcher’s bill of murders and assaults upon Americans.

Their contention that illegal immigrants are more law-abiding is simply gaslighting.

Here are the real numbers. When the Federation for American Immigration Reform looked at the actual numbers reported by State prisons in order to get reimbursement from the Federal Government, they discovered the tragic truth. Now, again, these are the requests States make to be reimbursed for the costs of incarcerating illegal aliens, and those numbers reveal that aliens are 231 percent more likely to be jailed for crimes in California, 440 percent more likely in New Jersey, and 60 percent more likely in Texas. Just to name a few.

Madam Speaker, aliens are 231 percent more likely to be jailed in California according to their own SCAAP numbers. You won't find that anywhere else because it is illegal in California to otherwise report the immigration status of criminals and criminal suspects, so by their criteria, not a single crime is ever committed by illegals in California, yet at the same time they report their jails are overflowing.

This is lunacy, and it has got to stop.

Our law enforcement officers know this because they deal with this crisis every day at the peril of their own lives. Our angel families know this all too well, as they grieve their loved ones lost to this entirely preventable tragedy.

Now, the House can and has written laws that will make it easier for future Presidents like President Trump to secure our borders and make it harder for future Presidents like Joe Biden to open them, but ultimately, this is an enforcement problem.

When I visited with the Border Patrol agents in Yuma last year, I reminded them that Congress writes laws but cannot enforce them. I asked them what laws they needed us to write, and they unanimously answered: We don't need new laws; we need to enforce our existing laws. When Republicans visited Eagle Pass in January, the sector chief there said: I am standing in front of an open fire hydrant with a bucket. I don't need more buckets. I need somebody to turn off the hydrant.

Donald Trump did that, and despite vicious opposition from the Democrats, he finally got that hydrant down to a dribble. Biden opened it full force with his first executive acts that he signed. That is a problem that can only be fixed by replacing this administration with one determined to secure our border, defend our country, protect our people, and uphold the rule of law. That can only be done by the American people at the ballot box.

Until then, Republicans in the House will keep raising this issue at every opportunity because at the moment that is all that we can do.

Madam Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

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

Madam Speaker, my Republican colleagues like to talk a big game when it comes to immigration and border secu-

rity. They have a long list of grievances against the Biden administration and a lot of tough talk about what should be done, but when it actually comes to doing something about it, doing the hard work of legislating and finding meaningful solutions to real problems, that is where they come up short.

Instead, they resort to bringing up completely meaningless nonbinding resolutions that allow them to shake their fists and to demonize immigrants for a little while, accomplishing absolutely nothing.

They can't even manage to bring up a simple resolution honoring law enforcement officers during Police Week. They have to turn everything into a broadside against the Biden administration and an excuse to play politics on immigration.

For the fourth time in 5 months, Republicans are bringing forth an empty resolution that will do absolutely nothing to address the situation at the border or to repair our broken immigration system.

They have completely given up on developing solutions because Donald Trump told them that he wanted to preserve the issue for the upcoming election. He wanted the issue, and he did not want them to solve the problem, so they walked away from a bipartisan deal negotiated by one of the most conservative Members of the Senate.

Instead, all they have to offer is meaningless resolution after meaningless resolution, each one a useless rehash of the last.

Like the others, this one recycles misleading statistics and constructs a false narrative while accomplishing nothing. That would be bad enough, but it also includes language that is false and downright offensive, such as, "Democrat elected officials prioritize illegal alien criminals over citizens and legal residents of the United States." That is an outrageous assertion that is beneath the dignity of this House. We can have honest debates about policy, but questioning our loyalty to the American people is a disgusting slander and should be an embarrassment to anyone who supports this resolution.

Madam Speaker, we know that the best way to secure the border is to expand legal pathways and to adequately fund the immigration system. We have not updated our legal immigration system in 30 years. The more broken the legal immigration system is, the more people will try to come to the border as the only means of entry.

Because Republicans refuse to support President Biden's supplemental funding request, we don't have the resources we need to secure the border and to provide additional support for communities receiving migrants.

We need more Border Patrol agents, more immigration judges, and more asylum officers so that asylum cases can be heard in weeks, not years. The Republicans talk about catch and re-

lease, but that is because the asylum cases take years. If we funded what the President requested for more immigration judges, more asylum officers, not to mention more Border Patrol agents, asylum cases would be heard in weeks, not years, and you wouldn't have this catch and release problem.

We need more CBP officers and new detection technology to counter fentanyl. We need to modernize our ports of entry to combat the smuggling of people and drugs. Unfortunately, when it comes to providing the resources necessary to address these critical needs, Republicans have consistently voted "no." If there is a non-binding resolution full of demagoguery and fearmongering, then they are the first in line to support it.

Madam Speaker, we can do better. We must do better.

I urge Members to oppose this resolution, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. MCCLINTOCK. Madam Speaker, I would remind my friend that the bill that he keeps boasting about would tie the hands of any future President to use existing law to secure our border as President Trump did until illegal crossings reach 4,000 a day. That is what they refer to when they praise the Senate bill as the strongest border bill in decades, a bill that would make it impossible to do what Donald Trump did with our existing laws.

Those laws didn't change on Inauguration Day. The President changed, and the new President reversed the policies of the Trump administration and introduced this terrible crisis upon our country.

Madam Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Louisiana (Mr. HIGGINS), the author of this resolution.

Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of the resolution that I have authored and introduced and will be considered on the House floor.

I am going to calmly suggest my colleagues across the aisle reassess their position on this resolution because they are speaking of Republican majorities walking away from what they allege is a strong immigration reform and border security bill. That bill was not the border security bill that we passed through this House, H.R. 2, which was the strongest legislative measure in the history of Congress. It has been walked away from by the Democrat-controlled Senate. H.R. 2 is condemned by your President, President Biden.

You know who also did not universally like H.R. 2, Madam Speaker? The cartels. My colleagues across the aisle may want to wonder, how do you find yourselves aligned with the cartels? Oh, let us review.

Since day one of this administration, since January of 2021, the policies of our executive branch were flipped to be more receptive to illegal immigration, and in doing so, more aligned with the

cartels' operations of trafficking human beings and drugs into our country.

Anyone with two brain cells that may occasionally bump into each other would realize that if you soften your existing law enforcement on illegal immigration when on the other side of the border the territory is 100 percent controlled by criminal cartels who are trafficking two things, human beings and drugs, what do you think might happen? Of course, you are going to have a drastic increase in trafficked human beings and drugs, which is exactly where we are.

Republicans took action in the first few months that we had majority control. We went through exhaustive legislative measures to battle through the language of H.R. 2. We went through an 18-hour markup in the Homeland Security Committee, my committee. We brought H.R. 2 to the floor, and it was passed with all Republicans supporting that bill. It went to the Senate, and there it remains gathering dust, Madam Speaker.

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Madam Speaker, we had countless efforts to communicate with our colleagues in the Senate, encouraging them: Take up the bill. If you disagree with H.R. 2, then, by all means, debate and change, amend and pass your version, and send it back to the House.

When we go to conference, that is the way things work, but that is not the way it happened in the Senate. The Democrat-controlled Senate killed H.R. 2 which was a legitimate and strong response to the invasion that we have faced at our southern border.

My resolution simply acknowledges and condemns the loss of our sovereign control at the southern border and the impact that this wave upon human wave of misery, drugs, and human trafficking has brought upon our country and the impact upon local and State law enforcement who has had to bear the full brunt of the Biden administration policies, Madam Speaker.

These are policies that can be flipped very quickly.

You put me in charge of our border policy, and you will find out what happens with cartel operations. They are going to have to take some of those trillions of dollars they stole from us trafficking in the misery of human beings who have been caught up in their pipeline and sold their horrible tale of coming to America and prospering. They were sold a story by the cartels, and they were caught up in that trafficking.

How is that trafficking allowed?

It is because the doors were opened, and the borders were opened. By what? By lack of money?

No. It was by change in policy from the executive branch.

Local and State law enforcement, Madam Speaker, has had to deal with that. Those men and women have suffered. Those departments have suf-

fered. They have been forced into crisis not by their own communities where they live and serve, but by executive policies of this Federal Government.

My resolution is not meaningless. I say to my colleague across the aisle. It is quite the opposite. It acknowledges the service and sacrifice of the men and women who wear a badge at the local and State levels across our country who have been horribly impacted by the Biden administration policies at our southern border which have brought generational trauma upon our country and an era of misery we may never forget.

I thank the gentleman for allowing me to speak for this amount of time.

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

Mr. MCCLINTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I yield 5 minutes to the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. BIGGS).

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

I do find it interesting that the arguments are consistently wrong from my colleagues across the aisle.

First of all, now they are telling us: Oh, it is just money. They need more money.

Yet, overwhelmingly, everybody on that side of the aisle voted for the continuing resolutions that came up last year. There wasn't one of them who said: Let's amend the CR and get more money.

No. They didn't do that. They said: We are going to rely instead on this bogus bill that is going to come from the Senate.

Now, the bogus bill from the Senate that they now love and embrace, why do they embrace it?

It is because it has a few things in it that are really unique. Number one, every day 1,500 people have to be allowed in. Not legally, because we allow over 1 million people in legally, they have to be let in if they are here illegally. Well, 1,500 would be an improvement for sure because we are looking at 3 million this year, and that would only be about over one-half a million.

I can understand why they would say that that is an improvement. The reality is that the President has authority now to act and has chosen not to act. This bill from the Senate would have said that he could close the border when the number got to 5,000 a day. That was an option, 5,000. Good grief, that is over 1.8 million.

By the way, that would still be an improvement over what the Biden policy is today.

The mandatory closure of the border doesn't kick in until 7,500 illegal aliens are encountered. Wow, that is what they say is so great.

The other thing they like about it is it granted amnesty. That is what they really liked about this. We know right now President Biden could close that border right now today if he would change the policy.

To what, one might say?

How about back to the policies of his predecessor, Donald Trump?

Let me give you an example, Mr. Speaker. The Yuma sector is a good-sized sector along the border. The entire last year of Donald Trump's Presidency, the encounters were a little under 8,000 for the whole year.

Do you know what they get every day now, Mr. Speaker? And this is down. They get 350 a day.

There have been days that I have been in Yuma where they have had 2,500 to 3,000 a day. Last week I was down at the border, and the week before that I was down at the border at different places in Arizona. I can tell you, Mr. Speaker, that Arizona is on track to going from 2018 through 2020, 60,000 encounters a year on average. This year it will be over 700,000 encounters.

The number one drug trafficking and human trafficking corridor is the Tucson sector. When I was there just 2 weeks ago driving along the border, there were no Border Patrol agents.

Why is that, you might say, because you could go for miles?

It was because every agent was processing the illegal aliens who had crossed during the night. There were hundreds, and we are supposed to say: Well, do you know what? This is a meaningless resolution.

It is not a meaningless resolution. It gets at the heart of the matter.

Who is being impacted by this type of diaspora?

Every country in the world is represented. I have talked to people from all over the world, and let me just tell you this, Mr. Speaker, if you go down to the little town of Sierra Vista in Cochise County, not too far from the border, about 20,000, 25,000 people live there. They have multiple high-speed car chases every week. Why?

It is because the cartels control the southern border. They Snapchat and they Instagram to kids in Tucson high schools, Chandler high schools, and Mesa high schools up in my district who will go down and borrow their mom and dad's car.

They will go down, and they say: Come meet us at this mile marker, and you will have four bodies. You will get paid \$1,000 to \$2,000 a body. You take them up to I-8 and I-10, drop them off at this mile marker, or you take them to an address in Phoenix to a drop house. Whatever you do, don't stop.

These kids are as young as 13, fatality drivers, who drive at high speeds through a town of 25,000 people. That is the impact that our local law enforcement and our local people feel.

How about the city of Yuma?

There is one hospital, a 10-bed ER and a 10-bed maternity ward, and it is oftentimes filled with illegal aliens. Locals have to be air-vented to San Diego or Phoenix. That is real. My friends can dance around it all they want, but this is why this is not a meaningless resolution.

Mr. Speaker, I support it, and I encourage my friends to do the same.

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

Mr. MCCLINTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I am ready to close if the gentleman from New York is.

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

Mr. Speaker, we have heard about the Senate bill, that it wasn't strong enough. It was strong enough so that Senator MCCONNELL supported it. Senator LANKFORD, one of the most conservative Senators in the Senate, supported it.

It was going to pass until President Trump said: I don't want this problem solved. I want an issue for the election.

Then suddenly it was stopped.

Then we are told about H.R. 2. H.R. 2 was such a terrible bill that it couldn't get more than 32 votes in the Senate, a Senate with 49 Republican Senators. So don't tell me about H.R. 2.

Mr. Speaker, this resolution is cloaked in language ostensibly honoring law enforcement, but it is really just another excuse for Republicans to play politics with the southern border and to sound tough without actually doing anything. I am glad that the kind of thing they are talking about doing isn't being done.

They say: Turn back to President Trump.

President Trump separated thousands of children from their parents, little children, many whom even today cannot be identified and returned to their parents. I don't think this country wants a return to that kind of policy.

Mr. Speaker, I urge Members to oppose this pointless resolution, and I yield back the balance of my time.

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

Mr. Speaker, once again, I have to remind my friend that the Senate could not pass its bill. The House passed our bill, and the difference is stark. As I said, the Senate bill forbids any future President from using the powers that Donald Trump used to secure our borders until illegal crossings reached 4,000 a day.

He is not required to take any action until they reach 5,000 a day, and even then he must still allow 1,500 illegal crossings every day. That is the Democrats' idea of border security, and it is a farce.

This debate encapsulates the differences between the two parties on this issue, and they are absolutely jarring. I don't need to characterize it; it speaks for itself. The American people can clearly see the difference and will need to make the most important choice of their lifetimes in just a few months.

I would simply ask: How do we make our streets safer by making it all but impossible to deport illegal aliens as the law requires?

That is what our sanctuary cities are doing.

How do we make our families safer by flooding our communities with deadly fentanyl?

How do we make our children safer by refusing to vet every person who enters our country so that we can keep the criminals out?

How do we make our neighborhoods safer by refusing to prosecute criminal illegal aliens to the fullest extent of the law?

How do we make our highways safer by creating the conditions of deadly high-speed chases and drunk driving?

How do we protect our country as untold numbers of terrorists enter among the 1.9 million known got-aways who have entered under Joe Biden's nose?

How do we make our communities safer as criminal gangs and criminal cartels set up shop in our cities for their lethal business of child trafficking, drug trafficking, extortion, and crime?

These are the questions that have gone unanswered since this administration took office and with which our local law enforcement officials must grapple every day at the peril of their own lives in order to protect ours.

It is time we thanked them for their service and their sacrifice and put the full might and fury of our Nation behind the defense of our national borders. That is what this resolution calls for. However, one thing more will be needed that Congress cannot provide, and that is a new administration.

Let us pray it comes in time to save our country.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. MEUSER). All time for debate has expired.

Pursuant to House Resolution 1227, the previous question is ordered on the resolution and the preamble.

The question is on the adoption of the resolution.

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

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

The yeas and nays were ordered.

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

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D.C. CRIMINAL REFORMS TO IMMEDIATELY MAKE EVERYONE SAFE ACT OF 2024

Mr. DONALDS. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to House Resolution 1227, I call up the bill (H.R. 7530) to limit youth offender status in the District of Columbia to individuals 18 years of age or younger, to direct the Attorney General of the District of Columbia to establish and operate a publicly accessible website containing updated statistics on juvenile crime in the District of Columbia, to amend the District of Columbia Home Rule Act to prohibit the Council of the District of Columbia from enacting changes to existing

criminal liability sentences, and for other purposes, and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 1227, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Oversight and Accountability printed in the bill, shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, is considered read.

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

H.R. 7530

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

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the “D. C. Criminal Reforms to Immediately Make Everyone Safe Act of 2024” or the “DC CRIMES Act of 2024”.

SEC. 2. YOUTH OFFENDERS.

(a) *LIMITING YOUTH OFFENDER STATUS IN DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA TO INDIVIDUALS 18 YEARS OF AGE OR YOUNGER.*—Section 2(6) of the Youth Rehabilitation Act of 1985 (sec. 24–901(6), D.C. Official Code) is amended by striking “24 years of age or younger” and inserting “18 years of age or younger”.

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

(1) *REPEAL CONSIDERATION OF INDIVIDUALS 18 THROUGH 24 YEARS OF AGE IN STRATEGIC PLAN FOR FACILITIES, TREATMENT, AND SERVICES.*—Section 3(a–1) of such Act (sec. 24–902(a–1), D.C. Official Code) is amended by striking paragraph (3).

(2) *COMMUNITY SERVICE FOR INDIVIDUALS UNDER ORDER OF PROBATION.*—Section 4(a)(2) of such Act (sec. 24–903(a)(2), D.C. Official Code) is amended by striking ‘15 to 24 years of age’ and inserting ‘15 to 18 years of age’.

SEC. 3. ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION OF WEBSITE ON DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA JUVENILE CRIME STATISTICS.

(a) *ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION.*—Subchapter I of chapter 23 of title 16, District of Columbia Official Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new section:

“§ 16–2340a. Website of updated statistics on juvenile crime

“(a) *ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION OF WEBSITE.*—The Attorney General of the District of Columbia shall establish and operate a publicly accessible website which contains data on juvenile crime in the District of Columbia, including each of the following statistical measures:

“(1) The total number of juveniles arrested each year.

“(2) The total number and percentage of juveniles arrested each year, broken down by age, race, and sex.

“(3) Of the total number of juveniles arrested each year, the total number and percentage arrested for petty crime, including the following crimes:

“(A) Vandalism.

“(B) Theft.

“(C) Shoplifting.

“(4) Of the total number of juveniles arrested each year, the total number and percentage arrested for crime of violence (as defined in section 23–133(4)).

“(5) Of the total number of juveniles arrested each year, the total number and percentage who were arrested for their first offense.

“(6) Of the total number of juveniles arrested each year, the total number and percentage who had been arrested previously.

“(7) Of the total number of juveniles arrested each year who had been arrested previously, the total number and percentage of the number of arrests.

“(8) Of the total number of juveniles arrested each year, the declination rate for prosecutions by the Office of the Attorney General for the District of Columbia.

“(9) Of the total number of juveniles sentenced each year, the number and percentage who were tried as adults.

“(10) Of the total number of juveniles prosecuted each year, the number and percentage who were not sentenced, who were sentenced to a misdemeanor, and who were sentenced to a felony.

“(11) Of the total number of juveniles sentenced each year, the number and percentage of the length of time that will be served in a correctional facility as provided by the sentence.

“(b) UPDATES.—The Attorney General shall update the information contained on the website on a monthly basis.

“(c) MAINTAINING ARCHIVE OF INFORMATION.—The Attorney General shall ensure that the information contained on the website is archived appropriately to provide indefinite public access to historical data of juvenile arrests and prosecutions.

“(d) FORMAT.—The Attorney General shall ensure that the information contained in the website, including historical data described in subsection (c), is available in a machine-readable format available for bulk download.

“(e) PROHIBITING DISCLOSURE OF PERSONALLY IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION.—In carrying out this section, the Attorney General shall ensure that the website does not include any juvenile's personally identifiable information.

“(f) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

“(1) the term ‘crime’ has the meaning given the term ‘offense’ in section 23–1331(2); and

“(2) the term ‘juvenile’ has the meaning given the term ‘youth offender’ in section 2(6) of the Youth Rehabilitation Act of 1985 (sec. 24–901(6), D.C. Official Code).”.

“(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS RELATING TO AUTHORIZED RELEASE OF INFORMATION.—

(1) JUVENILE CASE RECORDS OF FAMILY COURT.—Section 16–2331, District of Columbia Official Code, is amended—

(A) by redesignating subsection (i) as subsection (j); and

(B) by inserting after subsection (h) the following new subsection:

“(i) Notwithstanding subsection (b) of this section, a person shall provide information contained in juvenile case records to the Attorney General for purposes of the website established and operated under section 16–2340a.”.

(2) JUVENILE SOCIAL RECORDS OF FAMILY COURT.—Section 16–2332, District of Columbia Official Code, is amended—

(A) by redesignating subsection (h) as subsection (i); and

(B) by inserting after subsection (g) the following new subsection:

“(h) Notwithstanding subsection (b) of this section, a person shall provide information contained in juvenile social records to the Attorney General for purposes of the website established and operated under section 16–2340a.”.

(3) POLICE AND OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT RECORDS.—Section 16–2333, District of Columbia Official Code, is amended—

(A) by redesignating subsection (g) as subsection (h); and

(B) by inserting after subsection (f) the following new subsection:

“(g) Notwithstanding subsection (a) of this section, a person shall provide information contained in law enforcement records and files concerning a child to the Attorney General for purposes of the website established and operated under section 16–2340a.”.

(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The Attorney General of the District of Columbia shall establish the website under section 16–2341, District of Columbia Official Code, as added by subsection (a), not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act.

SEC. 4. PROHIBITING COUNCIL FROM ENACTING CHANGES TO EXISTING CRIMINAL LIABILITY SENTENCES.

Section 602(a) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act (sec. 1–206.02(a), D.C. Official Code) is amended—

(1) by striking “or” at the end of paragraph (9);

(2) by striking the period at the end of paragraph (10) and inserting “; or”; and

(3) by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(II) enact any act, resolution, or rule to change any criminal liability sentence in effect on the date of the enactment of the DC CRIMES Act of 2024.”.

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

The gentleman from Florida (Mr. DONALDS) and the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. RASKIN) each will control 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Florida.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. DONALDS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the measure under consideration.

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

There was no objection.

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

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 7530, the DC CRIMES Act.

The Committee on Oversight and Accountability has held three hearings with D.C. officials. Many members of the committee have met privately with various D.C. officials to discuss the crime crisis in our Nation's Capital.

Throughout this work, one thing has been made abundantly clear: The progressive policies of the District of Columbia City Council are simply not working.

Last year, the Congress successfully blocked the D.C. Council's Revised Criminal Code Act of 2022 by passing the bipartisan H.J. Res. 26, the first law passed by the 118th Congress. That was a great first step toward addressing the rising crime in D.C., but that only kept the problem from getting much worse.

The bill we are considering today expands upon that work. The DC CRIMES Act overturns targeted portions of the D.C. Council's Youth Rehabilitation Act by amending the definition of a youth offender from a person under the age of 25 to under the age of 18.

Let me restate: The DC CRIMES Act overturns the targeted portions of the D.C. Council's Youth Rehabilitation Act by amending the definition of a youth offender from somebody under the age of 25 to under the age of 18.

Currently, D.C. Code allows a criminal under the age of 25 to be given the same leniency that is afforded to mi-

nors. This bill requires that we treat adult criminals as adults like the rest of the country does.

As juvenile crime soars throughout the District, the bill also requires the D.C. attorney general to create a publicly available website that tracks juvenile crime data. This data will inform Congress, the District's elected officials, the Metropolitan Police Department, the public, and others about the severity of juvenile crime in the District of Columbia.

Finally, the bill prohibits the D.C. Council from amending its sentencing and criminal liability laws, locking into place the current D.C. criminal law and leaving Congress as the sole authority to amend such laws in the future.

The D.C. Council would have succeeded in implementing radical soft-on-crime policies if it were not for the bipartisan effort of this Congress to disapprove of the D.C. Council's legislation. Even Democratic Mayor Muriel Bowser vetoed the progressive criminal reform package, only for her veto to be overturned by the D.C. City Council.

The Committee on Oversight and Accountability is committed to its constitutional responsibility to oversee the District of Columbia. We cannot allow further pro-crime policies to be put into place while this crisis continues.

Citizens of D.C. and the visitors of our Nation's Capital deserve to feel safe. This bill is a great step toward ensuring our Capital City is going to be safe.

Mr. Speaker, I encourage my colleagues to join me in supporting this legislation, and I reserve the balance of my time.

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

Mr. Speaker, I start by humbly suggesting that the majority needs someone new working on legislative acronyms for these messaging bills. This is the DC CRIMES Act, which stands for the D.C. Criminal Reforms to Immediately Make Everyone Safe Act of 2024.

“Immediately make everyone safe.” That doesn't sound like legislation. It sounds like a Penn & Teller magic trick to me.

If the gentleman from Florida can actually immediately make everyone safe, the gentleman should not only be Donald Trump's running mate, as I keep hearing about, but the gentleman should be the Mayor of the District of Columbia.

The D.C. Criminal Reforms to Immediately Make Everyone Safe Act is the fourth bill that the majority has brought to the floor to vilify, heckle, and micromanage the elected Mayor and Council of the District of Columbia on the appalling conceit that the distinguished Members of the Republican Conference from Florida or Kentucky or Arizona care more about public safety and public welfare in Washington, D.C., than do the 700,000 people who

live there and their elected officials on the D.C. Council and the Mayor.

This one is even more sweeping and radical than their prior bills. It doesn't simply overturn one specific current D.C. law. It permanently strips D.C. of authority over any of its criminal laws, making this legislation, perhaps inadvertently, I concede, the largest proposed rollback of D.C.'s authority to govern itself in nearly 30 years.

Our colleagues may be shocked to learn during this debate what exactly it is they are being asked to vote for today. At the Rules Committee meeting yesterday, I asked the Republican Members whether they understood what this bill actually does if you take the time to read the language. None of them seemed to know.

Let me explain. The bill amends the D.C. Home Rule Act to say that the D.C. Council may not "enact any act, resolution, or rule to change any criminal . . . sentence in effect on the date of the enactment of the DC CRIMES Act of 2024."

In other words, if this bill becomes law, the D.C. Council could never increase criminal penalties again without Congress acting first, nor could it create any new criminal offenses at all.

This is their big tough-on-crime package the majority offers the Congress: No increases in criminal sentences indefinitely in the District of Columbia, and no new offenses can be passed at all.

Say the D.C. Council wanted to create a new criminal offense for directing an organized retail theft ring. Mr. DONALDS' bill would prevent them from doing it.

Say D.C. wanted to make it a crime to possess a firearm with a removed or altered or mutilated serial number. Under Mr. DONALDS' bill, they would be barred from doing so.

In fact, that is precisely what D.C. just did a few months ago. My Republican colleagues seem blissfully oblivious to the fact that, earlier this year, responding to the spike in crime occurring across America—not just in Washington, D.C., of course—the D.C. Council passed a 63-page law called the Secure DC Omnibus Emergency Amendment Act of 2024, which dramatically increased criminal penalties for nine different crimes and created six new criminal offenses.

The D.C. bill, which was passed unanimously by the council and signed into law by the Mayor, does what Republicans have so eloquently been orating about on the floor. It increased criminal penalties, including for gun crimes, violence in parks, violence committed against vulnerable people, and violence committed against rideshare drivers, Metro drivers, and transit workers.

The Secure DC Omnibus Emergency Amendment Act also created a host of new offenses, including directing a retail theft ring, strangulation, firing bullets in public, possessing a firearm with a removed or altered serial num-

ber, and unlawful discarding of firearms or ammunition.

They addressed the actual problems that they are experiencing in their city, something our colleagues seriously know nothing about and don't care about. If Mr. DONALDS' bill had actually been law at the time, the D.C. Council would have been barred from enacting all of these tough-on-crime penalties altogether, and they will be barred in the future from responding to the kinds of spikes in crime that they experience.

Amazingly, the gentleman proposes this naked power grab against Washington, denying them the crime-fighting tools they need, despite the fact that they have done a good job and total crime in D.C. is down 16 percent in 2024 compared to the same period last year, which was conceded by the Republicans in the Rules Committee yesterday.

There has been a 26-percent reduction in violent crime in 2024, which they conceded in the Rules Committee yesterday, and a 22-percent reduction in homicides.

In other words, local democracy works. Let the local governments respond to the problems they are having, but our colleagues insist that crime is still spiking in D.C., despite the evidence to the contrary.

What is their big tough-on-crime solution? The bold solution Republicans offer us to combat crime in the Nation's Capital is to prohibit the D.C. Council from ever increasing any criminal penalties and blocking the D.C. Council from ever creating any new crimes.

If that is not what my colleagues on the other side of the aisle intend to do, then I think my colleagues need to go back and try again with some new legislation.

In any event, for my Republican colleagues who love to castigate the people of D.C., who I concede voted more than 90 percent against Donald Trump in the last election, I would respectfully suggest that the majority considers the following fact: D.C. has higher maximum criminal penalties than many Republican States do. Let's compare.

The maximum penalty for armed robbery in D.C. is 30 years. In Kentucky, represented by the chairman of the Oversight Committee, the maximum is 20 years, 50 percent less. In North Dakota, it is 10 years, or 66 percent less.

In D.C., criminals can receive a 40-year sentence for armed carjacking. In Kentucky, represented by the chairman of the Oversight Committee, carjacking is not a separate independent offense. You have to charge somebody with armed robbery, but even then, you can only get half the sentence you can get in D.C. for carjacking.

Despite all of the fine election-year rhetoric we have heard, there is something profoundly antithetical to our system of government in what the gen-

tleman is proposing. If you read the Declaration of Independence, Thomas Jefferson set forth a bill of particulars against King George and the Parliament, and one of the central allegations of it was that they were denying the colonists the right to define criminal offenses for themselves. People over in England were dictating to people in our country what the criminal offenses should be, and that is like, with all due respect, the gentleman from Florida dictating to the people in Washington, D.C., how they should order their affairs when it comes to the criminal law.

Jefferson would have understood very well the situation that we are in, and our friends in Washington, 713,000 tax-paying, draftable U.S. citizens, have petitioned for statehood because they no longer want to be kicked around by other people's Representatives. They want to have an equal say in this body and an equal say in the U.S. Senate. They don't want other people's Representatives telling them that they can't pass the criminal offenses or the increased criminal sentences that they want for their crimes.

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

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

Mr. Speaker, I always appreciate the fact that the ranking member thinks so much about my future. What I think about these days are actually the people of Washington, D.C., and all the people who come to visit the Nation's Capital.

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I also find it very interesting that, yes, the D.C. City Council finally did something on March 11 after the Oversight Committee started working on solutions because the District of Columbia City Council refused to actually address the crime issues in D.C. until very recently. That is important for people to understand.

Secondarily, we do have a constitutional obligation to the District of Columbia. The ranking member is well aware of that. Congress does have the authority to execute that authority if the council will not do it. They have refused until very recently, and so Congress is going to assert its authority to make sure that we try to secure the District to the best of our ability.

Last thing, to my friend on the other side of the aisle, I doubt anybody will confuse me with King George. I don't think we look alike. With that being said, it is very different when you are talking about a far-off capital across the ocean versus the Nation's Capital sitting in the Federal enclave, which is the District of Columbia. Congress has a responsibility to the District, and Congress should assert that authority with this language.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 5 minutes to the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. BIGGS).

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

Before I get into the nub, I will just respond to a couple things.

The baseline, the reason that you come down 16 percent and still have rabid crime is because you were so high the years before, and they were. Washington, D.C., was. We know it; you know it; everybody knows it.

I would also suggest that my friend from Florida is correct. The D.C. Council had not taken action that they needed to take. In fact, they had gone the other way and only recently were converted after Congress put pressure on them to make changes. By the way, that was bipartisan pressure, but somehow, we are told that is improper now.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the bill, H.R. 7530, the DC CRIMES Act, which takes necessary steps to improve public safety in our Nation's Capital for its residents and for our constituents.

As violent crime skyrockets and D.C. police officer ranks continue to dwindle, the D.C. Council continues to push progressive policies that make everyone in D.C. unsafe. Their inaction has endangered residents of and visitors to our Nation's Capital, which is why in 2022, when the D.C. Council passed the Revised Criminal Code Act of 2022, I think we were all shocked.

The bill eliminated mandatory minimum sentences for all crimes except first-degree murder, eliminated life sentences, and reduced maximum penalties for violent crimes.

What whipsawed them back in just about an 18-month period? I suggest to you, respectfully, that it was because Congress was exercising its constitutional oversight authority over the District of Columbia, and that persuaded the council that they were in the eye and being watched by Congress. Their residents were also unhappy.

I am going to have to suggest, respectfully, that it wasn't the D.C. Council responding to crime across America and not just in D.C., which is an ironic argument to make, quite frankly, when you are claiming that Congress has no authority, when we have constitutional authority to oversee the actions of D.C. The reality is, the council was responding to oversight that is authorized by the Constitution.

Congress responded by blocking the reckless D.C. act from taking effect by advancing the bipartisan H.J. Res. 26 into law. The response from the D.C. Council was to then pass another bill, the Comprehensive Policing and Justice Reform Amendment Act, which targeted D.C. Metropolitan Police Department officers and their ability to combat rising crime.

Congress attempted to block this act with H.J. Res. 42, but President Biden vetoed the bipartisan disapproval resolution, ensuring D.C.'s antipolice reforms went into effect.

The D.C. Metropolitan Police Department has lost over 1,200 members since 2020 and staffing remains at the lowest level in 50 years, with officers often cit-

ing the D.C. Council's restrictive laws as their reasons for leaving. In a hearing last year, former D.C. Police Chief Contee noted that MPD needed an additional 800 officers to be fully staffed.

As a result of the council's continued soft-on-crime agenda, crime in D.C. has increased 30 percent in 2023 compared to the previous year.

Homicides were up 29 percent over 2022 and homicides doubled since 2012, which is why, when my colleague across the aisle begins saying they are down 16 percent in 2024, why do you think that is? It is because you had hit records in 2023 and now you are beginning to take this seriously because Congress is acting.

Violent crime increased by 37 percent from 2022 to 2023, with robberies rising 65 percent.

Motor vehicle thefts increased by 107 percent in 2023 compared to 2022.

Congressman DONALDS' bill ensures that Congress is fulfilling its constitutional responsibilities to oversee the district by lowering D.C.'s definition of youth to 18 and prohibiting D.C. from enacting new soft-on-crime sentencing changes in the future, which they no doubt will once Congress averts its eye from D.C.

However, if we enact Congressman DONALDS' bill, they will not be able to revert to their soft-on-crime ways, which has made D.C. unsafe for people, the millions of people who want to come and visit here and for the residents of this city.

Mr. Speaker, I urge passage of this bill.

Mr. RASKIN. Mr. Speaker, the distinguished gentleman from Arizona invites us to believe that the people of Washington, D.C., don't want to respond to spikes in crime in their own city. It is only in response to hearings called by Republican Members of Congress. I think that is an affront to our fellow citizens who obviously care deeply about what is going on in their own city, and I daresay a lot more than those of us who represent other jurisdictions, because we care principally about the places that we represent.

Mr. Speaker, I will say before yielding to my friend from the District of Columbia that you don't have to look like a monarch or a tyrant to act like a monarch or a tyrant.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 4 minutes to the gentlewoman from the District of Columbia (Ms. NORTON), the distinguished, nonvoting delegate.

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I thank my good friend for yielding to me.

Mr. Speaker, I strongly oppose this radical, undemocratic, and paternalistic bill, as do the three top local, elected District of Columbia officials: Mayor Muriel Bowser, Council Chair Phil Mendelson, and D.C. Attorney General Brian Schwalb.

Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD their joint letter opposing this bill.

MAY 14, 2024.
Hon. MIKE JOHNSON,
*Speaker of the House, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.*
Hon. HAKEEM JEFRRIES,
*Minority Leader, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.*

DEAR SPEAKER JOHNSON AND LEADER JEFFRIES: We write today to express our opposition to H.R. 7530, the "DC CRIMES Act," which we understand the House will consider this week.

Since the start of the 118th Congress, the House has made a number of attempts to legislate on local District affairs. We always welcome opportunities to partner with Congress on issues. But the proposals included in H.R. 7530 would actually prevent the District government from taking steps to address dynamic crime trends.

In recent months, the Mayor and the Council have put into place several pieces of public safety legislation that included more than 100 new initiatives that have, among other things, expanded pretrial detention for violent offenders and enhanced penalties for certain gun crimes. Violent crime has decreased by 25 percent and property crime has decreased by 14 percent when compared to the same period last year. The Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) is making more arrests and the Office of the Attorney General is prosecuting cases at a rate almost double the prepandemic rates. And just this week, the Council is continuing its work on a Fiscal Year 2025 budget proposed by the Mayor that will make further strategic investments in MPD and crime prevention efforts.

If H.R. 7530 were law today, it would block us from taking some of these steps. By prohibiting the Council from enacting "any act, resolution, or rule to change any criminal liability sentence," the bill would prevent District policymakers from responding to emerging crime trends by enhancing criminal penalties, or even create new crimes. Swift and certain consequences are essential to deterring crime, and persistent congressional interference is at odds with that goal. Given recent experience, these delays could be extensive, preventing courts from imposing longer sentences while legislation languishes in Congress.

Due to the District's unique status, Congress already has a role to play, particularly in fully funding the federal agencies that are an integral part of our criminal justice system. As we know you are both aware, the Fiscal Year 2024 (FY24) appropriations bill funding the Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia (PDS) contains a significant error that blocks the agency's access to a portion of its budget. The loss of these funds will force PDS to furlough staff for at least one day each week for the remainder of the fiscal year starting in June, routinely slowing down criminal proceedings. This delay only compounds the difficulties posed by the numerous court vacancies that Congress has failed to fill. PDS is a federal agency outside of our control. We ask Congress to set aside H.R. 7530, and work with us in partnership to ensure that PDS has the funds it needs, and our court system is able to function.

Sincerely,
MURIEL BOWSER,
*Mayor of the District
of Columbia.*
PHIL MENDELSON,
*Chairman, Council of
the District of Co-
lumbia.*
BRIAN L. SCHWALB,
*Attorney General for
the District of Co-
lumbia.*

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, before I discuss the substance of this bill, I want to discuss democracy and the lack of it in the District of Columbia.

D.C. residents, who have all the obligations of American citizenship, have no voting representation in Congress, and Congress has the ultimate say on local D.C. matters.

While my Republican colleagues are correct that Congress has the constitutional authority to legislate on local D.C. matters, their assertion that Congress has a constitutional duty to do so is simply wrong. Legislating on local D.C. matters is a choice. As the Supreme Court held in 1953, “there is no constitutional barrier to the delegation by Congress to the District of Columbia of full legislative power.”

D.C.’s local legislature, the council, has 13 members. The members are elected by D.C. residents. If D.C. residents do not like how the members vote, they can vote them out of office. That is called democracy.

Congress has 535 voting Members. The Members are elected by residents of their States. None are elected by D.C. residents. If D.C. residents do not like how Members vote on local matters, they cannot vote them out of office. That is the antithesis of democracy.

The merits of this bill should be irrelevant, since there is never justification for Congress legislating on local D.C. matters. However, I will discuss the bill.

This bill would be the biggest rollback of D.C.’s self-government in a generation. This bill says the D.C. Council may not “enact any act, resolution, or rule to change any criminal liability sentence in effect on the date of the enactment of the DC CRIMES Act of 2024.”

This provision, which does not define the term “criminal liability sentence,” is as poorly drafted as it is offensive. It takes away D.C.’s authority to increase or decrease statutory criminal penalties. If D.C. wanted to increase penalties for violent crime, it could not do so. This bill could even be construed to prevent D.C. from establishing any new crimes at all.

This bill also reduces the maximum age of eligibility for D.C.’s Youth Rehabilitation Amendment Act of 1985. D.C. is not the only jurisdiction to have such a so-called young adult offender law. Alabama, Florida, Michigan, New York, South Carolina, and Vermont have such laws. The sponsor of this bill is from one of those six States.

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

Mr. RASKIN. Mr. Speaker, I yield an additional 30 seconds to the gentlewoman from the District of Columbia.

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, the Revolutionary War was fought to give consent to the governed and to end taxation without representation, yet D.C. residents cannot consent to any action taken by Congress and pay full Federal

taxes. Indeed, D.C. pays more Federal taxes per capita than any State and more total Federal taxes than 20 States.

If House Republicans cared about democratic principles or D.C. residents, they would bring to the floor my D.C. statehood bill, H.R. 51, the Washington, D.C. Admission Act, which would give D.C. residents voting representation in Congress and full local self-government.

Congress has the constitutional authority to admit the State of Washington, D.C. It simply lacks the will.

Mr. DONALDS. Mr. Speaker, I think it is important to reassert that the Constitution is clear on this matter, that Congress does have responsibilities and that the District of Columbia is under the jurisdiction of the United States Congress. That has been clear since the beginning of the Republic.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. BURCHETT).

Mr. BURCHETT. Mr. Speaker, much has been made about the title of this bill, but I would remind my friends across the aisle that they had a bill called the Inflation Reduction Act and it spent over a trillion dollars and inflation has not been reduced.

Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman, Mr. DONALDS, for allowing me to speak.

Right now the city of Washington, D.C., considers a criminal a youth offender if they are under 25 years old, yet you can be a Member of Congress at 25 years old. It seems the Washington City Council believes something magical happens on someone’s 25th birthday, Mr. Speaker.

They seem to believe that one day, dadgummit, you are a child who cannot be fully accountable for your actions and the next day you can serve in Congress. They are trying to be politically correct as always by not prosecuting criminals, and the city is suffering because of it.

Last year, the House Oversight Committee held a hearing with the District of Columbia’s Mayor on the rising crime in our Nation’s Capital. At the same time, Mr. Speaker, a carjacking was happening just up the street less than a mile from where we are standing today. We can appreciate the irony there, but it is not surprising. Carjackings and all other kinds of crimes are happening around Washington at any given moment.

Motor vehicle thefts increased by 107 percent last year alone. Violent crime increased by 37 percent, homicide increased by 29 percent, and robberies increased by 65 percent. It is also worth noting that in the United States, most homicides are committed by people 20 to 24 years old, Mr. Speaker.

However, the City Council of our Nation’s Capital is still pushing policies every day that prevent criminals from being brought to justice.

The DC CRIMES Act forces Washington, D.C., to change its definition of juvenile back to kids under 18 years

old. It also stops judges from sentencing youth offenders below the mandatory minimum requirements and prevents Washington from changing the current minimum sentencing laws.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to have some basic common sense. I know that is lacking in Washington. When people tell me something that is made of common sense, I tell them they have no place in Washington, D.C., today. That is apparent right here. I support this bill.

Mr. Speaker, I will tell that family in the back that had that sweet little baby boy making those noises that he was not bothering us one bit.

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Mr. DONALDS. Mr. Speaker, could you please advise on how much time is remaining.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Florida has 17½ minutes remaining.

The gentleman from Maryland has 16 minutes remaining.

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

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

Let’s see, no one on the other side has contradicted the plain, common-sense interpretation of this bill, which is that the District of Columbia Council will now be disabled from ever increasing a criminal penalty again, a criminal sentence again, and the District of Columbia Council will never be able to create a new criminal offense like the one they just created for running a retail theft ring, which has become a problem across the country in a lot of places. A lot of States have legislated on that. I know Maryland has legislated on that.

I am just wondering whether anyone on that side would yield for a question whether this is the deliberate intention of this legislation or it is just a mistake or whether they don’t accept that plain, commonsense reading of the language of the bill because we are voting on something far more drastic and sweeping than what was represented by the sponsor’s original statement.

Mr. BISHOP of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, will the gentleman yield his time to me? I would be glad to take that question.

Mr. RASKIN. Mr. Speaker, I yield 30 seconds to the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. BISHOP), momentarily, so that he can answer my question.

Are we interpreting it properly?

Mr. BISHOP of North Carolina. In part yes; in part no. That is to say, as the gentlewoman from the District of Columbia just read the section, it prohibits the Council from enacting changes to existing criminal liability sentences.

It does not prevent the D.C. Council from creating new crimes, like an organized retail crime act. It would prevent them from increasing sentences— Mr.

RASKIN. Mr. Speaker, reclaiming my time. As I understand the answer, the District of Columbia would not be able to increase the penalty for rape or the penalty for murder or the penalty for child sex abuse.

We might have a difference as to your second conclusion because, of course, it is increasing a criminal sentence to create a criminal sentence or offense where it didn't exist in the first place.

In any event, you are creating grave constitutional doubt about new criminal offenses that might be created in the District of Columbia with this legislation.

In any event, the first part is bad enough. The point is that, how is it tough on crime to say that the District of Columbia, as the gentleman just conceded, cannot increase criminal penalties if it chooses to in response to local circumstances?

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

Mr. DONALDS. Mr. Speaker, the only thing I would say in response to the gentleman from Maryland is that the D.C. Council has had ample opportunity to fix these issues in D.C., and they have refused until very recently, so it is just a matter of simple logic that unless Congress actually decides to use its authority, what would make us think that the D.C. Council will actually act in the interests of the citizens of the District?

The citizens of the District, I am quite sure, would love to have a safe city. The issue is that the Council has not acted toward actually having a safe city, and that is a significant problem for the Federal enclave because, I will state again, D.C. is a Federal enclave. Article I, Section 8, Clause 17, the Federal enclave is under the jurisdiction of the United States Congress, and we are acting under this legislation.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. TIMMONS.)

Mr. TIMMONS. Mr. Speaker, D.C. is the modern-day Rome, a bastion of freedom for the world to see, and the front door of our great Nation. In my few short years serving the Fourth District of South Carolina in Congress, I have watched a once proud city succumb to violent crime, vagrancy, and fall into lawlessness.

There are many factors at play here, but the bottom line is this: I want to, in good faith, tell parents from my district that it is safe for the kids to come visit the Nation's Capital on their school trip. Right now, I can't do that. I actually do the exact opposite when people come to my office. I tell them that D.C. is not safe; they should take Ubers.

I have had time and time again where I have had people tell me that they have had serious issues. Just, I guess it was, a month ago, my commanding officer in the Air Force was staying in the Navy Yard. I told him not to walk to dinner. He did.

I called him at 6:30 in the morning, and I said: I bet you walked to dinner.

He said: You are right. I am about to go for a run.

I said: Well, you can't because there is an active shooter outside your building.

That was a month ago.

All this after years of vilifying and defunding the police, the District's violent crime and property theft have never been more blatant. D.C. criminals have never acted so brazenly and with more perceived impunity than I have witnessed in my years in Washington.

In fact, just today, at 1:40 this afternoon—and let me reiterate, this was 3 hours ago and in broad daylight—there was a stabbing just blocks away; a stabbing. Twelve hours before that there was an armed carjacking a few blocks north of there. The last 24 hours, we know how bad it is here, we were just on the GW campus where the mayor refused to enforce the rule of law. There were 250 people trespassing on the yard. The president of the university begged for the city to enforce the rule of law, and they didn't for 10 days. It required an Oversight hearing for her to actually do her job, to tell the MPD to arrest people.

I mean, all of this on top of the fact that an Uber driver that fled Afghanistan—and he was driving Uber Eats—a bunch of children under the age of 20 but over the age of 15 stole his car and killed him. They are going to get out of jail within a year or two, and they are going to have no criminal history.

Are we serious right now? So, yes, the D.C. Council has lost the faith of this institution.

Just this Congress, three Members have been held at gunpoint or assaulted, three Members of Congress in the last 18 months. This is out of control.

This is a small step in the right direction, but we have to respect the rule of law. We have to respect law enforcement, and we have to fund law enforcement. We should have 3,000 law enforcement officers in Washington, D.C. You are going to be down to 1,500 here shortly because of the way that the city council treats law enforcement. It is unacceptable.

These changes are just mere steps in the right direction. A 25-year-old is not a child. I can promise you this, in South Carolina, if a 16-year-old, a group of 16-year-olds killed somebody, they are going to be in prison for a while. They are going to be in prison for quite a while. The fact that they are not is exactly why we are having to do this right now.

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

Mr. DONALDS. Mr. Speaker, I yield an additional 30 seconds to the gentleman from South Carolina.

Mr. TIMMONS. Mr. Speaker, I appreciate D.C.'s desire to have self-rule, but there are responsibilities that come along with that. It seems that our Na-

tion is a Nation in decline because of the lawlessness in Washington, D.C., and we have to get back on track. This is a step in the right direction.

I thank my friend from Florida for proposing this legislation. I encourage all of my colleagues to support it.

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

Before the gentleman leaves the Chamber, I thought I might note, I am going to give him some examples, some anecdotes and data since he appears to be legislating by vignette: In Summerville, South Carolina, last week there was a severe armed carjacking by three teenage suspects. In April, a man wanted for murder in Rock Hill was captured following another carjacking at a Huntersville QuikTrip.

I could give you a dozen of those. I don't think that the answer to any of that would be to disenfranchise the people of South Carolina or to have Congress usurp the State legislative authority or the local authority there.

My friend from Florida describes the District of Columbia as a Federal enclave, which of course it is not. A Federal enclave is a Federal property or land, like in Rockville, Maryland, which is my district, where we have the NIH. That is a Federal enclave.

This is the District constituting the seat of government set forth in Article I, Section 8, Clause 17 of the Constitution.

Now, both of my friends over there say, well, we are going to take just a small step in the right direction.

How is it the right direction to deprive the people of the District of Columbia the power to have control over their own criminal sentencing, including the power to increase criminal sentences? If they had passed this legislation at the beginning of the year, they would have foreclosed the ability of the District of Columbia to increase criminal penalties across the board on a whole range of offenses and perhaps even to create new criminal offenses in the District.

The gentleman from South Carolina lectured the people of Washington, D.C., about criminal incidents taking place here, and of course there are criminal incidents taking place also in South Carolina in the exact same way.

However, how about something that took place even closer to home? How about the violent mob insurrection where a mob incited by the ex-President violently assaulted Capitol Police officers and Metropolitan Police Department officers who were forced to deploy to the Capitol, and nearly 150 of them ended up brutalized, wounded, and hospitalized after being hit over the head or in the chest or stabbed or speared by steel pipes, Confederate battle flags, Trump flags, and American flags, shamefully?

Yet, we have the ex-President and a number of people who are his sycophants over on that side of the aisle describing people who are in jail for that, a majority of them having pled guilty

for those offenses, the others convicted after due process of law, calling those people hostages.

A hostage is someone who has been illegally abducted by a terrorist or criminal entity, like Hamas, and held for a financial or political ransom. Yet, shamefully, there are people on that side of the aisle who call the prisoners who have been convicted after having been given every aspect of American due process and right to counsel, they are calling them hostages or political prisoners, like Alexei Navalny or Nelson Mandela. That is what they have come to.

They want to denounce a criminal event that happened six blocks away. What about the massive criminal event, the most massive criminal event in the history of the Nation's Capital that came right into this Chamber forcing the Senators and Representatives to flee, and they won't say a word about it. Yet, they get up and they denounce lawlessness, and they won't even denounce lawlessness that comes right into the Congress and the Capitol of the United States.

Mr. Speaker, 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.

Mr. DONALDS. Mr. Speaker, I find that we are at this point in the debate where my friend from Maryland has lost the debate because now he is going back talking about other things that are not about the merits of this bill.

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

Mr. BISHOP of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I was about to comment that sooner or later you had to expect that the debate would be a rant about Donald Trump.

Let's get back to the subject matter at hand perhaps. To clarify, since the point has been raised repeatedly and continues to be repeated, here is what the D.C. Council would be prohibited from doing: enact any act, resolution, or rule to change any criminal liability sentence in effect on the date of the enactment of the DC CRIMES Act of 2024.

Nothing would keep the D.C. Council from creating new crimes. Nothing whatsoever. In fact, they would not be able to increase crime sentences, existing sentences for crimes, but they sure haven't shown any inclination whatsoever to do that.

The law professor from Maryland also made another elementary mistake in his recitation of the facts. As they said in law school, you have got to know the facts. He said that "crime is down 16 percent in the past year in D.C."

Look a little closer. Go to the website MPDC.DC.gov. That is the website for the Metropolitan Police Department. That reduction in crime that was cited, that is only for this year to

date. Go look at last year, 2023. In that situation: homicide, up 35 percent; robbery, up 67 percent; violent crime total, up 39 percent, et cetera. Across the board, all crime totaled up 26 percent, just last year.

I know it is out of memory now because we are into the first few months of the next year, but it hasn't gone away. The victims haven't gone away.

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Here is what the gentleman from Maryland said, the law professor, that Thomas Jefferson would understand, but the Constitution that Thomas Jefferson signed said: "[The Congress shall have power . . .] to exercise exclusive legislation in all cases whatsoever, over such District (not exceeding 10 miles square) as may, by cession of particular States, and the acceptance of Congress, become the seat of government of the United States, and to exercise like Authority over all places purchased"

That is pretty clear. It is not only the question of the interests of the roughly 700,000 D.C. citizens; it is the 19 million Americans who come to the seat of government every year and are threatened by the recklessness of the D.C. Council.

A moment's refresher about how we got to this place: The D.C. Council's radical rewrite of the entire criminal law that was reversed by H.J. Res. 26, which 31 Democrats voted to disapprove along with the majority, two Democrats from my home State, and eight Democrats couldn't bring themselves to vote. The rest of the extreme Democrats voted to stay out of the way, let them do what they wanted to.

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

Mr. DONALDS. Mr. Speaker, I yield an additional 1 minute to the gentleman from North Carolina.

Mr. BISHOP of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, the Senate voted to disapprove, 81–14, and the President of the United States, Joe Biden, faithful Democrat, signed the legislation even though many extreme Democrats supported the D.C. Council's reckless action.

Then the other matter, H.J. Res. 42, to disapprove the "Comprehensive Policing and Justice Reform Amendment Act of 2022," which Mayor Bowser also vetoed, and they overrode her veto.

They did all kinds of stuff to leave police officers at the tender mercies. They require juries to consider if officers consulted mental health, behavioral health, or social workers before using deadly force; imposed approval hurdles for the use of riot gear and nonlethal munitions necessary to protect officers; eliminated officers and union representatives from police complaint boards, restricted officers from using body cam footage in preparing reports, et cetera, et cetera, et cetera.

It is sheer recklessness, and it should be changed, and the way to change it is for Congress to take back the authority over criminal sentencing.

Mr. RASKIN. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume. I thank the gentleman for pointing out that I accurately cited the statistics for all of the declines in crime and violent crime and homicides in the District of Columbia in 2024.

Alas, I do have to correct my friend in his history because there might be some students watching this. Thomas Jefferson never signed the Constitution. He was, of course, on a diplomatic mission when the Constitution was being signed in Philadelphia, but he did write the Declaration of Independence.

The other side says, bizarrely, that the District of Columbia Council and the Mayor should be denied the authority to increase criminal sentences forthwith because they have shown no inclination to increase criminal sentences.

Leaving aside the absolute illogic of the argument, it is also false because the District of Columbia in the secure D.C. act, passed just 2 months ago, increased criminal sentences across the board, which I am afraid my friends were completely oblivious to when they started this legislation. They weren't aware of it.

The people who claim to be speaking for the populous of Washington, D.C., didn't know that the Council had just acted to dramatically increase criminal penalties in the city. They denied them the right to further increase criminal penalties in the city because they say they haven't shown any inclination to do so which, of course, makes no sense and is also completely false.

All of this is pure political theater. It is bad political theater. Somebody decided a long time ago that it works for people who would never try to kick around their own State legislatures, their own county councils, or their own city councils to kick around the people of Washington, D.C.

My friends think that they have scored some kind of huge rhetorical coup, pointing out Article I, Section 8, Clause 17 of the Constitution, which indeed says that Congress shall exercise exclusive legislation over the District, constituting the seat of government from land that is ceded by various States.

Nobody on this side of the aisle, including the distinguished gentlewoman from the District of Columbia, has denied that for a second.

What we have said is this is a massive assault on home rule, and it is also an embarrassing one because it cuts completely against all of the rhetoric that we are hearing from our colleagues across the aisle.

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

Mr. DONALDS. Mr. Speaker, I have no further speakers, and I am prepared to close. I reserve the balance of my time.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Maryland has 7 minutes remaining.

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

Mr. Speaker, I think we have made some progress in this conversation because a plain reading of the distinguished gentleman from Florida's legislation indicates that what he is telling the District of Columbia is you may never increase criminal penalties again. The only time there can be an increase in criminal penalties in the District of Columbia is if Congress does it.

Unfortunately, this Congress has a hard time even keeping a Speaker in place without them trying to vacate the chair and topple the Speaker.

This Congress, as the whole country knows, has been absolute chaos and dysfunction and disorganization from the beginning.

I don't blame the people from Washington, D.C., who sent us these letters; the Mayor, the Council, and the Attorney General of D.C. saying thanks, but no thanks. We will take it from here.

The people in D.C. are perfectly able to decide what criminal offenses they need in the District of Columbia and how the sentences should be set and fixed.

They have courts in the District of Columbia, they have a legislature, the Council for the District of Columbia, which is elected from their eight wards and four at-large members and the chairman of the Council, and they have a Mayor. They have advisory neighborhood commissions.

I wonder if any of my colleagues over there are active in any of the wards or advisory neighborhood commissions where they live. I tend to doubt it.

The people of D.C., I understand from Congresswoman NORTON, are actually involved in the governance of their city and the management of their local affairs.

Yet, in this totally ham-handed and almost comically dysfunctional attempt to score points against D.C., they come up with legislation which says D.C. can never increase criminal penalties, again, when they are accusing D.C. of being too soft on crime, despite the fact that we are able to show that D.C. has tougher criminal sentences than many of the States represented by the Members who have been speaking about this over the last several days.

All of it feels a lot, to me, like a silly election-year stunt. I don't think anyone thinks that this is serious legislation, but I am glad at least that the other side has conceded that the bill means what it says.

They want to strip the District of Columbia of any power to increase criminal sentences in their city. I simply think that that is a terrible form of public policy and is a major inroad against home rule over the last several decades when, in fact, what we should be doing is giving the people of D.C. greater political self-government and giving them the rights to equal rep-

resentation which, of course, was the aforementioned Jefferson's ideal for the country.

If you go back and read the Northwest Ordinance, he thought that every part of the country would eventually attain a level of political equality by admission to Statehood through Article IV of the Constitution.

That is the spirit of the Constitution, not kicking around people, our fellow citizens, because we think we have more power than them, and we can score some political points off them.

Why don't we have a hearing about Statehood for the District of Columbia, and let's keep the engines of democracy, freedom, and political equality in the country moving.

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

Mr. DONALDS. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time. The District of Columbia thinks that you are to be tried as a minor if you are 23 years of age. Nowhere else in the United States does that exist—nowhere—except in the District of Columbia. The District of Columbia Council has been derelict in its duty to actually provide for safety and security for the residents of the District of Columbia and the 19 million-plus Americans who come to the Federal enclave to visit the Nation's Capital.

For all the talk of political points that have been made in this debate, that has only come from my friend on the other side of the aisle.

He has talked about everything from President Trump to political talking points to political futures. He has talked very little about the reality that exists here in the Nation's Capital.

It doesn't take much for anybody to just see, whether it is on the nightly news, or frankly, just walking down the streets somewhere in the District of Columbia that something has gone very, very wrong.

Even here in this very building, Members and their staffs have experienced that. Our colleague from Minnesota (Ms. CRAIG) was assaulted in an elevator in her own apartment building.

Our colleague on the other side of this building, Senator PAUL, his staffer was stabbed when walking home from work.

The gentleman from Texas (Mr. CUELLAR), a Democrat Member of this Chamber, he was robbed and carjacked with guns pointed at his head blocks away from the United States Capitol.

You see, Mr. Speaker, these are not political talking points. This is real life. It is easy for the Members to come in and out of this building when we have security apparatus around us every single day but not take seriously what is happening in the streets of the Nation's Capital. This legislation takes that seriously.

I will end with this: It is not a time for election-year stunts. I agree with that 100 percent, which is why this leg-

islation is about having structural reforms to what has happened in the District of Columbia.

This is why the age for being tried as a minor is being decreased to under the age of 18, which mirrors what happens in every other part of the United States and should also occur here in the Nation's Capital.

This is a good piece of legislation. I encourage Members on both sides of the aisle to vote for this. We have a responsibility to provide for a safe Washington, D.C., that the citizens can enjoy and that the people of the United States can enjoy.

I urge my colleagues to vote "yes" on this legislation, and I yield back the balance of my time.

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

Pursuant to House Resolution 1227, the previous question is ordered on the bill, as amended.

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

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

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

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

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

The yeas and nays were ordered.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 9 of rule XX, this 15-minute vote on passage of H.R. 7530 will be followed by either 5-minute or 2-minute votes on:

Adoption of House Resolution 1210;
Passage of H.R. 7581;
Passage of H.R. 7343; and
Motions to suspend the rules and pass:

H.R. 4510;
H.R. 4310;
H.R. 4581;
H.R. 6960;
H.R. 1797;
H.R. 6572;
H.R. 6571; and
H.R. 3950.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 225, nays 181, not voting 24, as follows:

[Roll No. 201]
YEAS—225

Aderholt	Brechen	Correa
Alford	Buchanan	Craig
Allen	Bucshon	Crane
Amodei	Burchett	Crawford
Armstrong	Burgess	Crenshaw
Arrington	Burlison	Cuellar
Babin	Calvert	Curtis
Bacon	Cammack	D'Esposito
Baird	Caraveo	Davidson
Balderson	Carey	Davis (NC)
Banks	Carl	De La Cruz
Bean (FL)	Carter (GA)	DesJarlais
Bentz	Carter (TX)	Donalds
Bergman	Chavez-DeRemer	Duarte
Bice	Cline	Duncan
Biggs	Cloud	Dunn (FL)
Bilirakis	Clyde	Edwards
Bishop (NC)	Cole	Ellzey
Boebert	Collins	Emmer
Bost	Comer	Estes

NAYS—181

Adams	Davids (KS)	Keating
Aguilar	Davis (IL)	Kelly (IL)
Allred	Dean (PA)	Kennedy
Amo	DeGette	Khanna
Auchincloss	DeLauro	Kildee
Balint	DelBene	Kilmer
Barragán	Deluzio	Krishnamoorthi
Beatty	DeSaulnier	Kuster
Bera	Dingell	Landsman
Beyer	Doggett	Larsen (WA)
Bishop (GA)	Escobar	Larson (CT)
Blumenauer	Eshoo	Lee (CA)
Blunt Rochester	Espaiillat	Lee (NV)
Bonamici	Fletcher	Lee (PA)
Bowman	Foster	Leger Fernandez
Brown	Foushee	Levin
Brownley	Frankel, Lois	Lieu
Budzinski	Frost	Lofgren
Bush	Garamendi	Lynch
Carbajal	García (IL)	Manning
Cárdenas	Garcia (TX)	Matsui
Carson	Garcia, Robert	McBath
Carter (LA)	Goldman (NY)	McClellan
Cartwright	Gomez	McCollum
Casar	Gottheimer	McGarvey
Case	Green, Al (TX)	McGovern
Casten	Hayes	Meeks
Castor (FL)	Himes	Menendez
Castro (TX)	Horsford	Mfume
Cherifius-	Houlahan	Moore (WI)
McCormick	Hoyer	Morelle
Chu	Hoyle (OR)	Moulton
Clark (MA)	Huffman	Mrvan
Clarke (NY)	Ivey	Mullin
Clyburn	Jackson (IL)	Nadler
Cohen	Jackson (NC)	Napolitano
Connolly	Jacobs	Neal
Costa	Jayapal	Neguse
Courtney	Jeffries	Nickel
Crockett	Johnson (GA)	Ocasio-Cortez
Crow	Kamlager-Dove	Omar

[Roll No. 2021]

YEAS—223

which the yeas and nays were ordered.	Barragan	Fletcher	McClellan
The Clerk read the title of the resolution.	Beatty	Foster	McClellan
The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the resolution.	Bera	Foushee	McCollum
This will be a 5-minute vote.	Beyer	Frankel, Lois	McGarvey
The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 223, nays 185, answered “present” 1, not voting 21, as follows:	Bishop (GA)	Frost	McGovern
	Blumenauer	Gallego	Meeks
	Blunt Rochester	Garamendi	Menendez
	Bonamici	Garcia (IL)	Meng
	Bowman	Garcia (TX)	Mfume
	Brown	Garcia, Robert	Moore (WI)
	Brownley	Goldman (NY)	Morelle
	Budzinski	Gomez	Moskowitz
	Bush	Gottheimer	Moulton
	Carbajal	Green, Al (TX)	Mrvan
	Cárdenas	Hayes	Mullin
	Carson	Himes	Nadler
	Carter (LA)	Houahan	Napolitano
	Cartwright	Hoyer	Neal
	DesJarlais	Huffman	Neguse
	Donalds	Case	Nickel
	Duarte	Casten	Norcross
	Duncan	Castor (FL)	Ocasio-Cortez
	Dunn (FL)	Castro (TX)	Omar
	Edwards	Cherfilus-Jayapal	Pallone
	Ellzey	Carter (IL)	Panetta
	Emmer	McCormick	Pappas
	Estes	Chu	Pascrall
	Ezell	Clark (MA)	Keating
	Cloud	Clarke (NY)	Pelosi
	Clyde	Fallon	Peters
	Cole	Fleenstra	Pettersen
	Ferguson	Cohen	Phillips
	Connolly	Kelly (IL)	Pingree
	Finstad	Correa	Pocan
	Fischbach	Courtney	Rader
	Fitzgerald	Crockett	Porter
	Crawford	Fitzpatrick	Quigley
	Crenshaw	Fleischmann	Ramirez
	Cuellar	Flood	Raskin
	Curtis	Dean (PA)	Raskin
	D'Esposito	Franklin, Scott	Ross
	Davids (KS)	Fry	Ruiz
	Davidson	Fulcher	Ruppersberger
	Davis (NC)	Garbarino	Leigh Fernandez

Ryan	Spanberger	Torres (CA)	Collins	Johnson (SD)	Peltola	NAYS—55	
Salinas	Stansbury	Torres (NY)	Corner	Jordan	Pence	Garcia, Robert	
Sánchez	Stanton	Trahan	Connolly	Joyce (OH)	Perez	Balint	Pressley
Sarbanes	Stevens	Underwood	Correa	Joyce (PA)	Perry	Blumenauer	Gomez
Scanlon	Strickland	Vargas	Costa	Kaptur	Peters	Bowman	Green, Al (TX)
Schakowsky	Suozzi	Vasquez	Courtney	Kean (NJ)	Pettersen	Brown	Ramirez
Schiff	Swalwell	Veasey	Craig	Keating	Pfluger	Huffman	Ruppersberger
Schneider	Sykes	Velázquez	Crane	Kelly (IL)	Phillips	Cardenas	Sánchez
Schrer	Takano	Wasserman	Crawford	Kelly (MS)	Porter	Carson	Swabanes
Scott (VA)	Thanedar	Schultz	Crenshaw	Kelly (PA)	Posey	Jayapal	Scott (VA)
Scott, David	Thompson (CA)	Schultz	Crow	Kennedy	Quigley	Johnson (GA)	Sherman
Sewell	Thompson (MS)	Waterson	Cuellar	Khanna	Raskin	Crockett	Takano
Sherman	Titus	Watson Coleman	Curtis	Kiggans (VA)	Reschenthaler	Lee (CA)	Thompson (MS)
Slotkin	Tlaib	Wild	D'Esposito	Kildee	Rodgers (WA)	Lee (PA)	Tlaib
Smith (WA)	Tokuda	Williams (GA)	Davids (KS)	Kiley	Rogers (AL)	Doggett	Tokuda
Soto	Tonko		Davidson	Kilmers	Rogers (KY)	Escobar	Underwood

ANSWERED “PRESENT”—1

Kaptur

NOT VOTING—21

Barr	Gaetz	McHenry	DelBene	LaHood	Roy	NOT VOTING—19
Boebert	Good (VA)	Mooney	Deluzio	LaLota	Ruiz	Grijalva
Boyle (PA)	Grijalva	Sherrill	DeSaulnier	LaMalfa	Rutherford	Boyle (PA)
Cleaver	Jackson Lee	Spartz	DesJarlais	Lamborn	Ryan	Jackson Lee
Costa	Kim (NJ)	Trone	Dingell	Landsman	Salazar	Kim (NJ)
Diaz-Balart	Magaziner	Wexton	Donalds	Langworthy	Salinas	Diaz-Balart
Evans	McClain	Wilson (FL)	Duarte	Larsen (WA)	Scalise	Magaziner

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

□ 1750

Ms. HOYLE of Oregon changed her vote from “nay” to “yea.”

So the resolution was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

IMPROVING LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER SAFETY AND WELLNESS THROUGH DATA ACT OF 2024

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfinished business is the vote on passage of the bill (H.R. 7581) to require the Attorney General to develop reports relating to violent attacks against law enforcement officers, and for other purposes, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

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

This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 356, nays 55, not voting 19, as follows:

[Roll No. 203]

YEAS—356

Adams	Beyer	Carey	Harshbarger	Moskowitz	Trahan	Aderholt	Buchanan	Craig
Aderholt	Bice	Carl	Hayes	Moulton	Turner	Alford	Bucshon	Crane
Aguilar	Biggs	Carter (GA)	Hern	Mrvan	Valadado	Allen	Budzinski	Crawford
Alford	Bilirakis	Carter (LA)	Higgins (LA)	Mullin	Van Drew	Allred	Burchett	Crenshaw
Allen	Bishop (GA)	Carter (TX)	Hill	Murphy	Van Orden	Amodei	Burgess	Cuellar
Allred	Bishop (NC)	Cartwright	Himes	Neal	Vargas	Armstrong	Burlison	Curtis
Amo	Blunt Rochester	Case	Hinson	Neguse	Vasquez	Arrington	Calvert	D'Esposito
Amodei	Boebert	Casten	Horsford	Nehls	Meuser	Babin	Cammack	Davidson
Armstrong	Bonamici	Castor (FL)	Houchin	Newhouse	Tenney	Bacon	Caraveo	Davis (NC)
Arrington	Bost	Castro (TX)	Houlahan	Nickel	Thanedar	Baird	Carey	De La Cruz
Auchincloss	Brecheen	Chavez-DeRemer	Hoyer	Norcross	Thompson (CA)	Balderson	Carl	DesJarlais
Babin	Brownley	Cherfilus-	Hoyle (OR)	Weber (TX)	Thompson (PA)	Banks	Carter (GA)	Donalds
Bacon	Buchanan	McCormick	Hudson	Webster (FL)	Tiffany	Bean (FL)	Carter (TX)	Duarte
Baird	Bucshon	Chu	Huizinga	Wenstrup	Timmons	Bentz	Cartwright	Duncan
Balderson	Budzinski	Ciscmani	Hunt	Obernolte	Titus	Westerman	Chavez-DeRemer	Dunn (FL)
Banks	Burchett	Clark (MA)	Issa	Wild	Tonko	Bergman	Bice	Edwards
Barragán	Burgess	Cline	Owens	Williams (NY)	Torres (CA)	Buchanan	Ciscmani	Ellzey
Bean (FL)	Burlison	Cloud	Jackson (NC)	Pallone	Torres (NY)	Bucshon	Biggs	Cline
Beatty	Calvert	Clyburn	Jackson (TX)	Palmer	Williams (TX)	Budzinski	Bilirakis	Cloud
Bentz	Cammack	Clyde	Jacobs	Panetta	Bishop (NC)	Burns	Bishop (NC)	Emmer
Bera	Caraveo	Cohen	James	Pappas	Clyde	Blunt Rochester	Blunt Rochester	Estes
Bergman	Carbajal	Cole	Jeffries	Pascarel	Wittman	Cole	Cole	Ezell

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE
The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). There are 2 minutes remaining.

□ 1756

Mrs. TORRES of California changed her vote from “nay” to “yea.”

So the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

DETAIN AND DEPORT ILLEGAL ALIENS WHO ASSAULT COPS ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfinished business is the vote on passage of the bill (H.R. 7343) to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for the detention of certain aliens who commit assault against law enforcement officers, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

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

This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 265, nays 148, not voting 17, as follows:

[Roll No. 204]

YEAS—265

Adams	Beyer	Carey	Harshbarger	Moskowitz	Trahan	Aderholt	Buchanan	Craig
Aderholt	Bice	Carl	Hayes	Moulton	Turner	Alford	Bucshon	Crane
Aguilar	Biggs	Carter (GA)	Hern	Mrvan	Valadado	Allen	Budzinski	Crawford
Alford	Bilirakis	Carter (LA)	Higgins (LA)	Mullin	Van Drew	Allred	Burchett	Crenshaw
Allen	Bishop (GA)	Carter (TX)	Hill	Murphy	Van Orden	Amodei	Burgess	Cuellar
Allred	Bishop (NC)	Cartwright	Himes	Neal	Vargas	Armstrong	Burlison	Curtis
Amo	Blunt Rochester	Case	Hinson	Neguse	Vasquez	Arrington	Calvert	D'Esposito
Amodei	Boebert	Casten	Horsford	Nehls	Meuser	Babin	Cammack	Davidson
Armstrong	Bonamici	Castor (FL)	Houchin	Newhouse	Tenney	Bacon	Caraveo	Davis (NC)
Arrington	Bost	Castro (TX)	Houlahan	Nickel	Thanedar	Blunt Rochester	Carey	De La Cruz
Auchincloss	Brecheen	Chavez-DeRemer	Hoyer	Norcross	Thompson (CA)	Carter (GA)	Carl	DesJarlais
Babin	Brownley	Cherfilus-	Hoyle (OR)	Weber (TX)	Thompson (PA)	Balderson	Carter (GA)	Donalds
Bacon	Buchanan	McCormick	Hudson	Webster (FL)	Tiffany	Banks	Carter (TX)	Duarte
Baird	Bucshon	Chu	Huizinga	Wenstrup	Bean (FL)	Bean (FL)	Blunt Rochester	Estes
Balderson	Budzinski	Ciscmani	Hunt	Obernolte	Blunt Rochester	Bentz	Blunt Rochester	Cartwright
Banks	Burchett	Clark (MA)	Issa	Wild	Cole	Blunt Rochester	Cole	Duncan
Barragán	Burgess	Cline	Owens	Williams (NY)	Blunt Rochester	Blunt Rochester	Blunt Rochester	Blunt Rochester
Bean (FL)	Burlison	Cloud	Jackson (NC)	Pallone	Cole	Cole	Blunt Rochester	Blunt Rochester
Beatty	Calvert	Clyburn	Jackson (TX)	Palmer	Blunt Rochester	Blunt Rochester	Blunt Rochester	Blunt Rochester
Bentz	Cammack	Clyde	Jacobs	Panetta	Blunt Rochester	Blunt Rochester	Blunt Rochester	Blunt Rochester
Bera	Caraveo	Clyburn	James	Pappas	Blunt Rochester	Blunt Rochester	Blunt Rochester	Blunt Rochester
Bergman	Carbajal	Cole	Jeffries	Yakym	Blunt Rochester	Blunt Rochester	Blunt Rochester	Blunt Rochester

Finstad	LaHood	Posey	Mfume	Raskin	Takano	Cline	Ivey	Owens
Fischbach	LaLota	Reschenthaler	Moore (WI)	Ross	Thanedar	Clyburn	Jackson (IL)	Pallone
Fitzgerald	LaMalfa	Rodgers (WA)	Moulton	Ruiz	Thompson (CA)	Clyde	Jackson (NC)	Palmer
Fitzpatrick	Lamborn	Rogers (AL)	Mullin	Ruppersberger	Thompson (MS)	Cohen	Jackson (TX)	Panetta
Fleischmann	Landsman	Rogers (KY)	Nadler	Sánchez	Tlaib	Cole	Jacobs	Pappas
Flood	Langworthy	Rose	Napolitano	Sarbanes	Tokuda	Collins	James	Pascarella
Foxx	Latta	Rosendale	Neal	Scanlon	Tonko	Comer	Jayapal	Pelosi
Franklin, Scott	LaTurner	Rouzer	Neguse	Schakowsky	Torres (CA)	Connolly	Jeffries	Pelosi
Fry	Lawler	Roy	Ocasio-Cortez	Schiff	Torres (NY)	Correa	Johnson (GA)	Pence
Fulcher	Lee (FL)	Rutherford	Omar	Schneider	Trahan	Costa	Johnson (LA)	Perez
Gallego	Lee (NV)	Ryan	Pallone	Scott (VA)	Underwood	Courtney	Johnson (SD)	Peters
Garbarino	Lesko	Salazar	Pascrell	Scott, David	Vargas	Craig	Jordan	Pettersen
Garcia, Mike	Letlow	Salazar	Pelosi	Sewell	Veasey	Crawford	Joyce (OH)	Pfluger
Gimenez	Levin	Salinas	Pingree	Sherman	Velázquez	Crenshaw	Joyce (PA)	Phillips
Golden (ME)	Loudermilk	Scholten	Pocan	Smith (WA)	Wasserman	Crockett	Kamlager-Dove	Pingree
Gonzales, Tony	Lucas	Schrader	Porter	Stansbury	Schultz	Crow	Kaptur	Pocan
Gonzalez,	Luetkemeyer	Schweikert	Pressley	Stevens	Waterson	Cuellar	Kean (NJ)	Porter
Vicente	Luna	Scott, Austin	Quigley	Strickland	Watson Coleman	Curtis	Keating	Pressley
Gooden (TX)	Luttrell	Self	Ramirez	Swalwell	Williams (GA)	D'Esposito	Kelly (IL)	Quigley
Gosar	Lynch	Sessions				Davids (KS)	Kelly (MS)	Ramirez
Gottheimer	Mace	Simpson				Davids (IL)	Kelly (PA)	Raskin
Granger	Malliotakis	Slotkin				Davis (NC)	Kennedy	Reschenthaler
Graves (LA)	Maloy	Smith (MO)	Barr	Good (VA)	Mooney	De La Cruz	Khanna	Rodgers (WA)
Graves (MO)	Mann	Smith (NE)	Boyle (PA)	Grijalva	Sherrill	Dean (PA)	Kiggans (VA)	Rogers (AL)
Green (TN)	Manning	Smith (NJ)	Cleaver	Jackson Lee	Trone	DeGte	Kildee	Rogers (KY)
Greene (GA)	Massie	Smucker	Diaz-Balart	Kim (NJ)	Wexton	DeLauro	Kiley	Rose
Griffith	Mast	Sorensen	Evans	Magaziner	Wilson (FL)	DelBene	Kilmers	Ross
Grothman	McCaul	Soto	Gaetz	McClain		Deluzio	Kim (CA)	Rouzer
Guest	McClintock	Spanberger				DeSaullnier	Krishnamoorthi	Ruiz
Guthrie	Mccormick	Spartz				DesJarlais	Kuster	Ruppersberger
Hageman	McHenry	Stanton				Dingell	Kustoff	Rutherford
Harder (CA)	Meuser	Stauber				Doggett	LaHood	Ryan
Harris	Miller (IL)	Steel				Duarte	LaLota	Salazar
Harshbarger	Miller (OH)	Stefanik				Duncan	LaMalfa	Salinas
Hayes	Miller (WV)	Steil				Dunn (FL)	Lamborn	Sánchez
Hern	Miller-Meeks	Steube				Edwards	Landsman	Sarbanes
Higgins (LA)	Mills	Strong				Ellzey	Langworthy	Scalbines
Hill	Molinaro	Suozzi				Emmer	Larsen (WA)	Scanlon
Himes	Moolenaar	Sykes				Escobar	Larson (CT)	Schakowsky
Hinson	Moore (AL)	Tenney				Eshoo	Latta	Schneider
Horsford	Moore (UT)	Thompson (PA)				Espaillat	LaTurner	Scholten
Houchin	Moran	Tiffany				Estes	Lawler	
Houahan	Morelle	Timmons				Ezell	Lee (CA)	Schrader
Hudson	Moskowitz	Titus				Feenstra	Lee (FL)	Scott (VA)
Huizenga	Mrvan	Turner				Ferguson	Lee (NV)	Scott, Austin
Hunt	Murphy	Valadão				Finstad	Lee (PA)	Scott, David
Issa	Nehls	Van Drew				Fischbach	Leger Fernandez	Sessions
Jackson (NC)	Newhouse	Van Duyne				Fitzgerald	Lesko	Sewell
Jackson (TX)	Nickel	Van Orden				Fitzpatrick	Letlow	Sherman
James	Norcross	Vasquez				Fleischmann	Levin	Simpson
Johnson (LA)	Norman	Wagner				Fletcher	Lieu	Slotkin
Johnson (SD)	Nunn (IA)	Walberg				Flood	Loudermilk	Smith (MO)
Jordan	Obernolte	Waltz				Foster	Lucas	Smith (NE)
Joyce (OH)	Ogles	Weber (TX)				Fox	Luetkemeyer	Smith (NJ)
Joyce (PA)	Owens	Weber (TX)				Frankel, Lois	Luttrell	Smith (WA)
Kaptur	Palmer	Webster (FL)				Franklin, Scott	Lynch	Smucker
Kean (NJ)	Panetta	Wenstrup				Frost	Mace	Sorensen
Keating	Pappas	Westerman				Fulcher	Mann	Spanberger
Kelly (MS)	Peltola	Wild				Fitzgerald	Gallego	Stansbury
Kelly (PA)	Pence	Williams (NY)				Fitzpatrick	Garamendi	Stanton
Kiggans (VA)	Perez	Williams (TX)				Fleischmann	Garcia (IL)	Stauber
Kildee	Perry	Wilson (SC)				Fletcher	Garcia (TX)	Steel
Kiley	Peters	Wittman				Flood	Finstad	Stefanik
Kim (CA)	Petersen	Womack				Foster	Lucas	Stefanik
Kuster	Pfluger	Yakym				Fox	Luetkemeyer	Stell
Kustoff	Phillips	Zinke				Frankel, Lois	Luttrell	Stevens

NAYS—148

Adams	Cohen	Hoyer	Adams	Bera	Caraveo	Griffith	Moore (UT)	Strong
Aguilar	Connolly	Hoyle (OR)	Aderholt	Bergman	Carabjal	Grothman	Moore (WI)	Titus
Amo	Correa	Huffman	Aguilar	Beyer	Cárdenas	Guest	Moran	Tlaib
Auchincloss	Costa	Ivey	Alford	Bice	Carey	Guthrie	Morelle	Tokuda
Balint	Crockett	Jackson (IL)	Allen	Bilirakis	Harder (CA)	Harshbarger	Moskowitz	Tonko
Barragán	Crow	Jacobs	Allred	Bishop (GA)	Carter (GA)	Hayes	Moulton	Torres (CA)
Beatty	Davids (KS)	Jayapal	Amo	Bishop (NC)	Carter (LA)	Hern	Mrvan	Torres (NY)
Bera	Davis (IL)	Jeffries	Amodei	Blumenauer	Carter (TX)	Higgins (LA)	Mullin	Trahan
Beyer	Dean (PA)	Johnson (GA)	Armstrong	Blumenthal	Cartwright	Hill	Nadler	Underwood
Bishop (GA)	DeGette	Kamlager-Dove	Arrington	Bonamici	Casar	Himes	Napolitano	Valadão
Blumenauer	DeLauro	Kelly (IL)	Bonamici	Bost	Casten	Hinson	Neal	Van Drew
Bonamici	DelBene	Kennedy	Bacon	Bowman	Horsford	Horsford	Neguse	Van Duyne
Bowman	Deluzio	Khanna	Brown	Brown	Castor (FL)	Houchin	Neils	Van Orden
Brown	DeSaullnier	Kilmer	Baird	Brownley	Castro (TX)	Houlahan	Newhouse	Vargas
Brownley	Dingell	Krishnamoorthi	Balderson	Buchanan	Chavez-DeRemer	Hoyer	Nickel	Vasquez
Bush	Doggett	Larsen (WA)	Balderson	Buchanan	Chavez-DeRemer	Hoyle (OR)	Norcross	Veasey
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Cherifius-	McClellan	Matsui						
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ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE
The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). There are 2 minutes remaining.

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So the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION ADMINISTRATION REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2024

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. 4510) to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for the detention of certain aliens who commit assault against law enforcement officers, as amended, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. LATTA) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.

This is a 2-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 374, nays 36, not voting 20, as follows:

[Roll No. 205]

YEAS—374

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Craig	Ivey	Newhouse	Barr	Good (VA)	Mooney	Cline	Houchin	Moskowitz
Crane	Jackson (IL)	Nickel	Boyle (PA)	Grijalva	Sherrill	Cloud	Houlihan	Moulton
Crawford	Jackson (NC)	Norcross	Cleaver	Jackson Lee	Trone	Clyburn	Hoyer	Mrvan
Crenshaw	Jackson (TX)	Norman	Diaz-Balart	Kim (NJ)	Wexton	Clyde	Hoyle (OR)	Mullin
Crockett	Jacobs	Nunn (IA)	Evans	Magaziner	Wilson (FL)	Hudson	Huffman	Murphy
Crow	James	Obernolte	Gaetz	McClain	Wittman	Cohen	Nadler	Nadler
Cuellar	Jayapal	Ocasio-Cortez				Cole	Huizenga	Napolitano
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DeSaullnier	Kelly (PA)	Perry				Curtis	Johnson (SD)	Pallone
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Dingell	Khanna	Petersen				Davids (KS)	Joyce (OH)	Panetta
Doggett	Kiggans (VA)	Pfluger				Davidson	Joyce (PA)	Pappas
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Duncan	Kilmer	Pocan				De La Cruz	Kean (NJ)	Peltola
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Edwards	Krishnamoorthi	Posey				DeGette	Kelly (IL)	Perez
Ellzey	Kuster	Pressley				DeLauro	Kelly (MS)	Perry
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Fletcher	Lee (NV)	Rutherford				Espaillat	Lamborn	Rogers (AL)
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Garcia, Mike	Mace	Scott (VA)				Foushee	Letlow	Scanlon
Garcia, Robert	Malliotakis	Scott, Austin				Frankel, Lois	Levin	Schakowsky
Gimenez	Maloy	Scott, David				Franklin, Scott	Lieu	Schiff
Golden (ME)	Mann	Self				Frost	Lofgren	Schneider
Goldman (NY)	Manning	Sessions	Adams	Balderson	Blumenauer	Fry	Loudermilk	Scholten
Gomez	Mast	Sewell	Aderholt	Balint	Blunt Rochester	Fulcher	Lucas	Schrirer
Gonzales, Tony	Matsui	Sherman	Aguilar	Banks	Boebert	Gallego	Garamendi	Schweikert
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Granger	McGarvey	Smith (NJ)	Amodei	Bera	Brownley	Garcia, Robert	Mann	Simpson
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Green (TN)	Meeks	Soto	Auchincloss	Bice	Budzinski	Goldman (NY)	Mast	Smith (NJ)
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Created in 1962 through a joint resolution by Congress, National Police Week pays special recognition to those law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty for the safety and protection of others.

National Police Week is sponsored by the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund and supported by a variety of organizations to honor the law enforcement community. This week honors the men and women in blue who gave everything to protect their country and their communities.

At a time when our Nation is facing a rise in crime and attacks on police officers, we need to support our law enforcement more than ever. This is why I am proud to cosponsor legislation that memorializes law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty and also proudly cosponsored H.R. 354, the LEOSA Reform Act, to expand carrying privileges for off-duty and retired law enforcement officers.

Our officers put on their uniforms each day knowing that they can be in harm's way at any moment. On behalf of a grateful Nation, I thank all of our officers who serve.

SUPPORTING ISRAEL'S SECURITY

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

Ms. LOIS FRANKEL of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to voice my unwavering support for Israel. She continues to be under threats to her existence: Hamas' brutal attack, Hezbollah's rockets, and Iran's missiles.

I thank President Biden and a bipartisan Congress for the support for Israel's security because Israel's security is our security.

Now, we must stand by our commitment to our ally and send the vital assistance that we have promised without delay.

The U.S.-Israel relationship is iron-clad, and it is critical to defeating Hamas, bringing the hostages home, and delivering peace to a very hostile region.

CELEBRATING ACHIEVEMENTS OF GIANNA BROWN

(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 celebrate the achievements of New Hempstead High's Gianna Brown, who recently was named the winner of the 32nd annual Hollis Stacy Award.

The Hollis Stacy Award is presented annually to the area's most versatile female athlete in Savannah, Georgia. Gianna, who is MVP on all four of her high school sports teams, embodies this award.

In addition to being an All-Greater Savannah first team selection in flag

football and basketball, she was also an All-Region first team pick as middle blocker in volleyball and as a goal-keeper in soccer.

Gianna is truly an all-star. Not only is she great at flag football, but she is also a star on the basketball court. In just her second year playing basketball, she was a quick study as she averaged 20.6 points per game and 11 rebounds per game.

Gianna's record speaks for itself. She is a multisport star, and the First District could not be prouder of her.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Gianna. I know we will continue to see her success on the field for years to come.

UNDERSTANDING TURBULENCE INCIDENTS

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

Ms. STEVENS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of Michigan's 11th District to celebrate the overwhelming bipartisan passage of the FAA reauthorization, which included my bill, the Severe Turbulence Research and Development Act.

Turbulence is a leading cause of injuries to flight crews and the flying public, yet we lack a fundamental understanding of why turbulence incidents are increasing in frequency and severity. We also lack the ability to accurately predict where turbulence incidents will occur to adjust flight routes. This is unacceptable.

The FAA does not have the research, resources, and datasets needed to keep people safe. That is why my bill will enhance the monitoring and understanding of severe turbulence and inform the development of measures to mitigate safety impacts on crew and the flying public that may result from severe turbulence.

Today is a great day for flight crews, pilots, and airports across America. Again, I celebrate the passage of this legislation and look forward to seeing it signed into law.

HONORING LAW ENFORCEMENT

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

Mr. MEUSER. Mr. Speaker, on this National Police Week, I rise to honor the brave men and women of law enforcement.

This week could not have come at a more important time. Many members of law enforcement, both rookies and 30-year veterans, are disheartened far too often by the treatment police officers have experienced in recent years.

Their dedication is to protect and serve their communities, yet far too often, they are disrespected, defunded, demoralized, and even demonized—not by many, but enough, and too often by elected community leaders. This must stop.

Many criminal prosecutors also need to do their jobs. There are too many violent criminals who break firearm possession laws and are released. We must enforce the firearm laws that exist. This will reduce so-called gun violence.

Too many prosecutors are failing to prosecute violent criminals. This endangers citizens, diminishes public safety, and puts police officers at high risk.

As the son of a former police officer, I always back the blue. There is always room for improvement, but we all should always respect the men and women who do, in fact, risk their lives to protect and serve and too often give their lives for their job, community, and for the people they work for.

DESIGNATING NATIONAL SENIOR FRAUD AWARENESS DAY

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

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to advocate for the designation of May 15 as National Senior Fraud Awareness Day.

This bipartisan resolution we are introducing aims to draw attention to the alarming increase in fraudulent schemes targeting seniors across the United States.

In 2023 alone, individuals over 60 reported losses totaling nearly \$2 billion from various forms of fraud spanning all 50 States.

Senior fraud is not merely a regional concern. It is a pervasive national challenge that demands our collective attention. We must collaborate to implement effective policies and measures aimed at preventing these scams to protect our seniors from financial exploitation.

One of the major obstacles to combating senior fraud is the significant underreporting of incidents. Many victims hesitate to come forward due to feelings of shame, stigma, and a lack of awareness regarding where to report such crimes.

By designating May 15 as National Senior Fraud Awareness Day, we can raise public awareness, empower seniors with knowledge, and provide them with the resources they need to report fraud effectively.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to join us in our bipartisan effort to end fraud against seniors.

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CELEBRATING NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

(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, National Police Week is our opportunity

to slow down a little bit and recognize those officers that put it on the line for us each day, each week, each month, and each year.

They face a lot of obstacles that they encounter in their efforts just to keep us safe and keep criminals off the street and hopefully prosecuted.

When I first entered into the political realm as a candidate, I met a deputy one time who was so frustrated with the state of the criminal justice system at that point.

He told me that he was aggravated that those that he arrested would beat him home from being released before he could even get the paperwork done.

As we see the situation with prosecutors not prosecuting and with a revolving door in our jail system, we really need to dig deep and not only thank our officers but also pass legislation that supports them in their efforts to do what we ask them to keep the streets safe and not have ridiculous defund the police efforts happening in some of these blue cities. Indeed, they are feeling the regret of defunding them at this time.

IMMIGRATION ISSUES

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

Ms. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, to hear Republicans tell it, the only problem with our immigration system is the border. That is a lie. Our process for legal immigration is badly broken.

In 2023, 35 million people applied for green cards; some for economic opportunities, some to bring their families together, and some to flee violence.

Of the millions in the green card lottery, what percentage got them? Go ahead. Take a guess. Twenty percent? Five percent? One percent? Nope. Mr. Speaker, it was 0.2 percent. That is wholly unacceptable.

This deeply dysfunctional system for lawfully entering the United States worsens unlawful immigration. The two are connected.

Congress can fix immigration, not just point the finger at those seeking a better life. Instead of blaming everyone else for our broken immigration system, Republicans should own up to the fact that Congress, under their leadership, is what is broken.

HONORING LOUISIANA OFFICERS KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY

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

Ms. LETLOW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in full support of H. Res. 1226, memorializing law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty, that I am proudly co-leading with Representatives MICHAEL GUEST, CHRIS PAPPAS, and ABIGAIL SPANBERGER.

Today, I would like to take a moment to honor the courageous heroes

from my home State of Louisiana who have been added to the Fallen Law Enforcement Officers Memorial:

Officer Carl Douglas Kimball; Deputy Sheriff Marylin Anjanette Mayo; Officer Trevor Aron Abney; Corporal Scotty Wayne Canezaro; Sergeant Nicholas Neal Pepper; Sergeant Charles Fitzgerald Dotson; Lieutenant Barry Paul Giglio; Corporal Robert William McKinney; Deputy First Class Kyle Michael Melancon; Sergeant David Jacob Poirrier; Corporal Shawn Kevin Kelly; and Lieutenant Michael Stephen Godawa.

I ask everyone to join me in praying for these officers and their families who put their lives on the line each day for every American.

May we continue to teach future generations the critical mission that law enforcement personnel undertake in service to our communities.

HONORING DON LEE

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

Mr. GOLDMAN of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of a giant in the New York City AAPI community, Don Lee.

Don was driven by a passion to support his AAPI neighbors and make government work for everyone. He connected underserved AAPI businesses with resources and government contracts traditionally kept out of reach.

After 9/11 devastated the Manhattan Chinatown community, Don served as a liaison between neighborhood businesses and FEMA.

He protested for transit access after the Grand Street Subway closure in 1995, helped expand licenses for Chinatown street vendors, and tirelessly fought against anti-Asian hate in the wake of COVID.

Throughout all of this, Don was the board chair of Homecrest Community Services for two decades, an anchor for disadvantaged communities throughout South Brooklyn. Homecrest created three new centers under his leadership.

Last weekend, Don passed away, somewhat suddenly, and we all mourn his loss.

On a personal note, Don was an early supporter of mine who took the time to invest in me, mentor me, guide me, and helped build my relationship with the large AAPI community in my district.

My heart breaks for his wife, Lai, and daughter, Victoria, in the wake of his passing, but I know that they, along with New York's AAPI community and our entire city, are inspired by the life Don led and the legacy that he leaves.

UNIVERSITY PROTESTS

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

Mr. KILEY. Mr. Speaker, at university after university, we have been seeing acts of moral cowardice and failures of leadership as university presidents cave to the demands of lawless encampments and anti-Semitic demands like cutting ties with Hillel or divesting from Israel or ending study abroad in Israel.

Today brought the most egregious example yet where Sonoma State in California, not far from my district, not only agreed to the full set of BDS demands of the encampment but also agreed to convert the encampment into a permanent governing authority to assure that that agreement is enforced in a sufficiently anti-Semitic manner. I am not kidding. You almost can't believe this is real.

It says the council here will be composed of members from the encampment, faculty, staff, administrators, Palestinian alumni, and other interested students as determined by Students for Justice in Palestine.

Any university leader who is entering into these kind of agreements is elevating groups who are willing to engage in lawless action and to pursue their despicable agenda by force while silencing other groups and silencing any debate to the contrary.

Any president who would agree to this is not fit to lead a university in our State or our country.

HONORING SERGEANT BILL HOOSER

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

Mr. MOORE of Utah. Mr. Speaker, this week is National Police Week, and I am grateful for the opportunity to honor the brave men and women who put their lives on the line every day to ensure our safety.

Law enforcement officers face unique challenges that most of us cannot even imagine. They have accepted the call to serve and protect others, risking immense cost to themselves and their families.

Just the other week, I joined the Utah House delegation in a moment of silence here on the House floor for Sergeant Bill Hooser who was tragically killed at a traffic stop in Santaquin, Utah.

Reports say he was helping a woman who was being driven against her will. As Sergeant Hooser was assisting her, the assailant drove his vehicle toward Sergeant Hooser, ending his life. Sergeant Hooser's final moments were spent serving his community and helping a woman in harm.

This is a senseless tragedy and one that will take much time to process. I join his family, friends, and the community in paying tribute to this great public servant.

This year alone, 56 law enforcement officers throughout our Nation have died in the line of duty. They are our heroes.

As crime surges across the Nation, we simply cannot allow the growing anti-police sentiment to take any root. We must show unwavering support for those who stand ready to protect us and our families.

My colleagues and I support our law enforcement. They risk their lives so we can live in safety, and we will always be thankful.

ENHANCING SOCIAL SECURITY

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. STAUBER). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 9, 2023, the gentleman from Connecticut (Mr. LARSON) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I rise this evening with my colleagues to have a discussion about the Nation's number one antipoverty program for the elderly and the Nation's number one antipoverty program for children. More veterans rely on Social Security disability than they do on the VA.

Mr. Speaker, we want to make sure that we are addressing this to our colleagues. Since you are in the chair from Minnesota, Mr. Speaker, I want you to know that you have more than 189,000 Social Security recipients in your district; more than 147,000 retirees; more than 20,000 disabled; 8,000 widows; 9,000 children.

Here is the key, Mr. Speaker, \$335 million a month comes into your district for those Social Security recipients. Where do they spend it? Right back in their district.

Yet, it has been more than 53 years since Congress has enhanced Social Security. Richard Nixon was President of the United States the last time Social Security was enhanced.

Democrats are bound and determined to make sure that we get something simple like a vote here in Congress to help out all of those people in your district, Mr. Speaker, as well as highlight why this is so important.

Seventy million Americans rely on Social Security. Ten thousand baby boomers a day become eligible for Social Security. Forty thousand Americans rely on Social Security in and of itself as their primary tenet for retirement.

It is the Nation's number one antipoverty program for the elderly and for children. That is why our colleagues have taken to the floor today, so that the American people understand that what is between them and enhancement to this program is a vote. It is a vote on Social Security 2100, that will extend the solvency of Social Security, but, as importantly, expand benefits, including making sure that the more than 23 million people that pay taxes on Social Security no longer have to do that.

What could be a better bipartisan plan than helping out every single individual in everyone's district and also providing for 23 million Americans, not

the wealthiest Americans but the everyday citizens who work weeklong to provide for their families and pay into a system and haven't received an enhancement in 53 years.

That is why JOE NEGUSE is here as part of leadership that has strongly endorsed this.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Colorado (Mr. NEGUSE).

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Mr. NEGUSE. Mr. Speaker, first and foremost, I thank the distinguished gentleman from Connecticut, our former Caucus chair, for his clarion call that he has issued year after year, month after month, and day after day to protect and strengthen Social Security.

It couldn't be more important, and we couldn't be more grateful for his leadership and the leadership of so many of my colleagues who have joined us tonight on the House floor to talk to the American people about the ways in which House Democrats are protecting critical programs like Social Security and Medicare and the myriad ways in which, unfortunately, our colleagues on the other side of the aisle are doing the exact opposite.

I will give you but one example, Mr. Speaker, with respect to the latter. I know you are familiar with the Republican Study Committee, the largest caucus within the Republican Conference. I don't know if the American people are familiar with it.

Eighty percent of the Republican Conference consider themselves members of this committee. A hundred percent of House Republican leadership count themselves among the members of this committee. The former chairman of the Republican Study Committee is now the Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives.

Why do I bring up the Republican Study Committee? Well, it might interest you to know, Mr. Speaker, that just 2 months ago, the Republican Study Committee issued a budget for 2025. Again, this is a committee that has 80 percent of the Republican Conference in its membership. This backward budget plan is incredibly revealing.

What does it do? It upends critical programs that American families depend on, makes draconian cuts to Medicare and Social Security with a plan that increases the retirement age to 69, forcing Americans to work longer for less, a plan that cuts disability benefits and erodes care for children, making it more expensive to care for our families.

Their plan raises Medicare costs for seniors, takes away the program's ability to negotiate prescription drug costs, and repeals the \$35 insulin and the \$2,000 out-of-pocket caps that House Democrats, the Members gathered here on the floor this evening, fought so vigorously to enact in the 117th Congress.

Just to be clear, Mr. Speaker, although we are here tonight to talk

about Social Security and Medicare and our efforts to protect, strengthen, and expand both of those programs, and Republican efforts to dismantle them, it is worth noting that this is Police Week. Notwithstanding the many statements made by my colleagues on the other side of the aisle concerning their purported support of law enforcement, their budget tells a very different story. Why? How? I encourage every American to go to page 148 of the Republican Study Committee's budget. What you will find is clear, unambiguous, plain language that states that they would like to reduce funding for community-oriented policing services, the COPS Program, a program that the distinguished gentleman from Pennsylvania has fought to expand for years, a program that is funding the hiring of law enforcement officers in my district in Colorado and countless other jurisdictions across our great country, a program that is critical to law enforcement's abilities to provide for public safety in our country, and a program that they intend to cut.

Make no mistake, Mr. Speaker, insofar as one were to glean essential observation from a review, a cursory review of their budget, it is simple: House Republicans are uninterested in tackling issues that matter to the American people.

We will not let them cut Social Security. We won't let them cut Medicare. We won't let them cut law enforcement funding. That much is clear.

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Colorado, our esteemed leader, for his contribution. I would point out as well that the repeal of WEP and GPO, which directly impacts police officers and firefighters, is contained within our proposal. It needs a vote.

Social Security has no impact on the debt or deficit and, as President Biden has proposed, is fully paid for by—most Americans don't even realize this—lifting the cap on people making over \$400,000. Doing so allows us to enhance the program for the first time in 20-plus years and also makes sure that we extend the solvency of the program.

Someone who knows that extraordinarily well is the gentleman from New Jersey, who also serves on the Social Security Subcommittee.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. PASCRELL).

Mr. PASCRELL. Mr. Speaker, I thank Mr. LARSON for putting his work and soul on the line for the last several years.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of the more than 124,000 constituents in the Ninth District of north Jersey who rely on Social Security each and every month.

Social Security is one of America's greatest success stories. After nearly 90 years, it still stands as a monument to decency, dignity, and the birthright of hardworking Americans.

Yet, throughout its storied history, it has been under attack. Going back

to 1935, it has been the subject of attacks and lies from day one. The Republican Study Committee just referred to, which represents three-quarters of the House Republicans, proposed slashing Social Security benefits by \$718 billion.

If I was sitting at home right now, I would be asking if that means me. Does that mean my benefits, which I have paid into? They are going to vote now and take it away? It is the only thing I live on.

Republican leadership wants to create a so-called fiscal commission in our government funding bill. That is a wolf in sheep's clothing. Without aggressive action, Social Security lurches toward insolvency. Congress has a sacred responsibility to fight for its future.

That is why I am standing with Representative LARSON on his Social Security 2100 Act to ensure the long-term strength and solvency of Social Security. I will keep standing as long as we have to fight. We are not going home. The Social Security 2100 Act provides paid-for benefit enhancements while not raising taxes on middle-class families. It is a no-brainer.

Our bill ends the painful 5-month disability waiting period. Imagine that. It would ensure Americans suffering with permanent disorders like Huntington's disease get the help they need without red tape or delay.

The bill eliminates the windfall elimination provision so that firefighters, police, teachers, and others get the full benefits that they have earned.

With the Social Security 2100 Act, we are fighting for our seniors who have worked their entire lives and rely on Social Security to make ends meet.

I remember the first congressional election I ran in, Mr. Speaker, in the year 1996—which wasn't yesterday. I remember I walked into the hall of seniors in the spring of that year before the election actually was on. I thought I knew everything about Social Security, but I never expected to get the first question about Social Security. I was asked: What are you going to do about Social Security? One of our seniors asked that question in 1996, and here we are, 28 years later. What do you know?

I will not vote for a convenient increase in the age requirement. They want seniors to work and drop dead so that they collect under the ground, I guess. They won't be above ground.

I will not vote for cuts of Social Security in order to pay for it.

We are fighting for working families. We must get this done for the American people. There are no excuses.

Those watching, call in. Let us know what you think. This is your money, our money.

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I want to point out to Speaker JOHNSON that he has 158,000 Social Security recipients in his district, and in Louisiana, they receive \$233 million in monthly benefits. Think about what

that does for economic development for those people. Where do they spend that money?

LINDA SÁNCHEZ knows this. LINDA SÁNCHEZ, who also serves on the Ways and Means Committee and on the subcommittee, understands how vitally important this is and also that more than 5 million of our Americans receive below-poverty-level checks from Social Security after having paid into the system all of their lives. The majority of them happen to be women, and the majority of them are women of color.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentlewoman from California (Ms. SÁNCHEZ).

Ms. SÁNCHEZ. Mr. Speaker, I thank my good friend and colleague JOHN LARSON, who has been at the forefront of advocating for changes to the Social Security system that will ensure its longevity for the next generation and generations to come and will increase the benefits for those who currently receive Social Security.

In contrast, the Republicans are proposing cuts to Social Security, and those cuts will harm millions of Americans.

Make no mistake, cutting Social Security is a direct attack on the Latino population in this country. Social Security benefits are a significant portion of retirement income for Latinos. Forty-two percent of Latino couples and 59 percent of unmarried Latino individuals rely on Social Security for 90 percent or more of their retirement income.

Yet, my Republican colleagues are hellbent on cutting those Social Security benefits. Their proposed budget would cut Social Security benefits for 253 million people, and Latino communities, sadly, will pay the price.

Without Social Security, 47 percent of Latino retirees would be living in poverty. Mr. LARSON frequently says that Social Security is the most successful antipoverty program that this country has ever created.

In contrast to Republicans, who want to cut Social Security or increase the age at which you can begin to draw on it, Democrats are committed to protecting all people from living in poverty. Democrats want to invest in programs like Social Security so that more Americans, including Latinos, can afford to retire.

One of the ingenious parts of Social Security 2100 will increase the cap for those who pay into the Social Security system. I frequently give this example. I think it is important. Many Americans don't know that once you earn above a certain income, you stop paying into the Social Security system. That means that a professional athlete, like, say, a professional baseball player who makes millions of dollars a year in income, in their first at-bat of the season, they hit that cap and pay no more money into Social Security the rest of the year.

I think that we can fix Social Security, increase its longevity, and protect communities like the Latino commu-

nities and the women who depend predominantly on Social Security for their retirement income. All we are asking for is a vote on this legislation.

I have no doubt that if we put that bill on the floor, it would pass by a large margin. Give us a vote.

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman from California for again highlighting what we are asking for: a vote. Imagine the United States Congress actually voting.

Here is the deal: If you have a better idea, please bring it to the floor. Let's vote on it. Don't we all agree that this is something that all Americans need?

Republicans in their hearts know that the American people desperately need this. I know Representative JODEY ARRINGTON understands this on the Budget Committee. More than 50 years since we have enhanced a program for the people of this country is outrageous.

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You can embrace tax cuts for billionaires as though they needed them, and yet, a tax cut for a person working, who still finds themselves working after they retire, is double taxed on their Social Security.

There should be outrage on this floor and demanding a vote. God only knows that if you have got a better idea or a better program, please put it forward. Let's do the democratic thing, and vote on it.

The gentleman from Rhode Island (Mr. AMO) campaigned on this throughout his effort to be successfully elected to the United States Congress.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Rhode Island (Mr. AMO).

Mr. AMO. Mr. Speaker, I thank my colleague, the gentleman from Connecticut (Mr. LARSON) for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to address an issue that is deeply personal to me and many Americans, the sacred trust of Medicare and Social Security.

Mr. Speaker, I was raised by a mom who worked double shifts as a nurse in Rhode Island in nursing homes. I grew up understanding how critical Medicare and Social Security are for seniors in the Ocean State.

Now, as the Congressman for Rhode Island's First Congressional District, I am committed to expanding the promise of these critical programs.

Democrats know how to get this done.

Through the landmark Inflation Reduction Act, Congress authorized Medicare to negotiate the price of prescription drugs, capping the cost of insulin for seniors at just \$35 a month and limiting out-of-pocket expenses to \$2,000 a year.

This Congress, we have committed to Congressman LARSON's Social Security 2100 Act, a bill that would shore up benefits by ensuring the wealthiest Americans play by the same rules as everyone else.

Yet, as I stand here today, I can't help but contrast these essential measures with the callous budget proposal on the other side of the aisle.

Make no mistake, the Republican Study Committee's proposal is a backward budget. If enacted, it would cut Social Security benefits for more than 250 million Americans nationwide.

In my home State of Rhode Island, the Republican budget slashes benefits for 74 percent of the population, forcing three out of every four residents to work longer for less.

In a similar way, Republicans propose undoing the Inflation Reduction Act and jacking up the price of prescription drugs that seniors rely on.

No one, and I mean no one, should ever have to doubt if Social Security and Medicare will be there for them in their retirement. That is why I urge my colleagues on the other side of the aisle to come together. Let's save Social Security together by passing Congressman LARSON's bill.

Let's expand, not repeal, the healthcare savings that Medicare seniors have seen under the Inflation Reduction Act.

Most importantly, let's abandon this misguided idea that punishing seniors, pushing austerity cuts, and raising costs is somehow the solution to the problems we face.

Mr. Speaker, we don't have to choose between ensuring solvency and safeguarding the benefits of millions of Americans. We can and we should do both. By having a vote on the Social Security 2100 Act, we will.

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Rhode Island for his comments, and I wanted to say this, as well, that this is a bill that was constructed by more than 350 different groups across this great country and by Members of this body who put together their ideas.

The Ways and Means Committee merely took the great ideas of our colleagues and put them together—ideas that have been endorsed by the National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare, Social Security Works, the Alliance for Retired Americans, the California Alliance for Retired Americans, Paralyzed Veterans of America, Strengthen Social Security Coalition, the NAACP, and the list goes on.

The gentlewoman from Florida (Ms. LOIS FRANKEL) understands this, and Florida probably leads the country in terms of the number of seniors that it has in their districts. As we pointed out before to the Speaker, every district receives money—\$364 million a month, but it has been that way for more than 50-plus years. These programs need to be enhanced and extended, not cut.

The provision by the Republican Study Committee, if there is nothing done by 2034, Social Security is cut by 20 percent. Instead, they are calling to raise the age now and cut Social Security by 21 percent today. How does that possibly make any sense?

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentlewoman from Florida (Ms. LOIS FRANKEL) who understands this.

Ms. LOIS FRANKEL of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I thank Mr. LARSON for his leadership on this issue, and I thank Mr. NEGUSE for getting us here.

I think I have joined Mr. LARSON on this discussion for about 10 years or more now.

I want to tell you about one of my constituents. Her name is Janet Zweiback. She is in her eighties. She lives in Delray Beach, Florida. She is retired. She lost her dad at a very early age, and so, she watched her mom struggle with their own family bills. To help the family, Janet began working at the age of 17. Now, I have to get my math right. She has been working 50 years, so I guess that makes her—I don't know, someone add that up for me.

Here is the point: Let me tell you some of the things that she has done over these years. She was a nurse working in a hospital, working countless hours taking care of patients. She moved to Florida, and she became a director of a skilled nursing facility. Then she worked with Alzheimer's patients at Alzheimer's Community Care, probably one of the most difficult assignments a healthcare provider could have. She also managed one of the crisis center hotlines.

She retired about 8 years ago and now is one of the 66 million Americans, almost 200,000 seniors in my district—or as I like to say, seasoned adults; we are seasoned adults in my home district of Palm Beach County—relying on Social Security to meet their needs.

Mr. Speaker, I liked the point Mr. LARSON made that not only does Social Security meet the needs of so many of these seniors, but our seniors are great economic generators. I know where I live, if not for the seniors' economic activity, we would be in pretty bad shape.

Janet told me that she fears that without Social Security she would have to turn to her children somewhat like her mother turned to her when she was young.

Here it is. She has worked her whole life paying into Social Security to get benefits. She and millions of other Americans, nurses, schoolteachers, janitors, construction workers, they worked under the sacred promise that when they turned 65, they would be able to retire with comfort and dignity.

Now House Republicans want to break that promise.

Their recently proposed budget slashes Social Security benefits, raises the retirement age, raises Medicare costs, all while promising another giant tax break for their wealthy friends and large corporations. I will say this, and I hope we all agree, that no one who works their entire life should retire into poverty.

Social Security is an earned benefit that Americans have already paid for with each and every one of their pay-

checks, and President Biden and House Democrats and Senators are committed to defending it from Republican cuts and securing it with meaningful legislation that requires our wealthiest citizens to pay their fair share.

I am proud to stand here with my colleagues standing up for Social Security, keeping it secure, and honoring our most seasoned citizens.

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman from Florida for her comments, and I reiterate that all we are asking for is a vote.

For those citizens tuned in to C-SPAN and listening tonight, if you are saying, What do you mean? Why is it that you can't get a vote on this in the United States Congress? Good question. Call your Representative and ask them why they aren't voting to improve a program that hasn't been enhanced in more than 50 years.

We hear from the other side all the time about what we need to do in terms of cuts. Imagine, this is what they would like to cut. If they have got a better idea, they should bring it to the floor. The way a democracy works is it is a debate about ideas, and then there is actually a vote that is cast.

The gentlewoman from New Mexico (Ms. STANSBURY) understands this and understands how important the money coming into her district is monthly, as well.

She understands how vitally important Social Security is to our economy, and not just to our retirees, but to our disabled and to their spouses and to children. The genius of Franklin Delano Roosevelt is what keeps entrepreneurialism and capitalism alive and allows people to take risks is because they know that there is a safety net there for its people.

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

Ms. STANSBURY. Mr. Speaker, in New Mexico, we care for our elders. It is a part of our culture. It is a part of who we are because our elders are the people who birthed us, who raised us, who cared for us. They are our grandparents and our parents, our aunties and our uncles, our veterans, the people who carry our histories, our cultures, our languages, and our traditions.

That is why it is so outrageous to me as a New Mexican that the House GOP would even consider, no less propose, to gut the critical programs that support our elders—Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid.

In New Mexico, thousands of New Mexicans depend on Social Security—our seniors, our elders, people living with disabilities. Over 450,000 New Mexicans depend on Medicare. That is over 20 percent of our State's population. New Mexicans depend on these programs to access lifesaving healthcare, to provide for their families, to put a roof over their head, to put food on the table.

Before Social Security, our elders were left with nothing. Before Medicaid and Medicare, our seniors and our low-income families could not access lifesaving healthcare.

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In New Mexico, over 12 percent of our seniors are considered low-income and living below the poverty line. Thousands are struggling to maintain housing, to have basic services, to have a roof over their head, and to put food on their table.

Let me be clear: these programs save lives, and they have secured our elders for generations.

New Mexicans and all Americans should be able to live without fear that politicians here in Washington are going to use their lives for political gain, but here we are on the House floor. The GOP is playing politics with the lives of our seniors proposing to gut the fundamental programs that have supported them for generations.

We already know what happens when Federal programs are cut. Hospitals close, food insecurity rises, and critical programs disappear. That is why we are fighting as House Democrats and the Biden administration to protect our seniors, to protect these programs, and to ensure that they are there for generations to come.

That is why we are fighting to protect Social Security and our healthcare services. It is why we took on Big Pharma 2 years ago and won. It is why we passed the Inflation Reduction Act which has the largest single expansion of Medicaid since the passage of the Affordable Care Act. It is why we fought to lower prescription drug costs. It is why we capped insulin prices for every American, and it is why I fought in the State legislature to end State taxes on Social Security benefits in New Mexico.

I ask my colleagues: Is this how you care for your elders?

Is this how they taught you and raised you?

Are these the values that you were raised with?

I can tell you, Mr. Speaker, that is not how we treat our elders in New Mexico because we know they depend on these programs and because we know about the lifesaving care and support that are necessary. We know that we cannot break the promises to those who cared for us and raised us.

Democrats understand, just like New Mexicans, that we must care for our seniors. That is why we are fighting back and working every day to make sure that we secure their well-being.

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman from New Mexico for her eloquence.

There is no one more eloquent or well-versed on this subject than the deaness of the House of Representatives. She is someone who has lived and breathed this issue and has stood up when the other side has referred to Social Security as an entitlement. It is

not an entitlement. It is an earned benefit that people have paid for.

Mr. Speaker, the only thing they have to do is look at their pay stub, because on it, it says FICA. That stands for Federal insurance. It is not an entitlement. It is a Federal Insurance Contributions.

Whose?

The people of the United States of America who have paid into this program and that Congress has not enhanced.

This debate is not only about protecting Social Security, it is about expanding benefits that haven't been expanded in more than 50 years.

I commend President Biden for having the courage and the temerity on this floor in the State of the Union message to speak directly to the American people and even those colleagues on the other side who try to decry the efforts of Social Security and the President's plan to make sure that it is solvent by lifting the cap—imagine that, Mr. Speaker—on people making over \$400,000.

MARCY KAPTUR understands this thoroughly when she talks to people in Ohio who are infuriated and who say: Well, wait a minute, you are telling me that a person making \$50,000, \$75,000, and \$100,000 pays throughout the year, but somebody making over \$400,000 is done paying in January?

Or as Ms. SÁNCHEZ said, a baseball player after their first at bat?

Nobody has fought harder for working people than the gentlewoman from Ohio.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentlewoman from Ohio (Ms. KAPTUR).

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I thank the ranking member, Mr. LARSON, for his persevering leadership on this critical issue to millions and millions and millions of Americans and Assistant Leader NEGUSE for his leadership. I thank them for being here this evening.

I appreciate Mr. LARSON yielding me time to highlight the importance of Social Security but also his tireless work to safeguard and ensure coverage in Social Security for all Americans who qualify for their earned benefits which the gentleman and every single Member who got up here tonight have talked about this evening.

This is not a welfare program. This is an earned benefit.

For nearly a century, America has made a sacred promise: Those who work hard throughout their lives will benefit from the fruits of their labor during their retirement.

Social Security promises the safe and secure retirement for tens of millions of Americans during their golden years. However, we are here tonight because without action by this House leading, that promise is at risk.

Like my colleagues, I represent probably over 150,000 retirees, the majority women, in northwest Ohio who want to see responsible solutions to protect Social Security going forward. For Ohio

that includes eliminating the windfall penalty.

I agree with Congressman LARSON. The billionaire class must join the vast majority of Americans in paying their fair share into this critical system. Yes, it is a retirement system, but it is also an insurance system, it is a disability system, and it is a survivorship system for children.

By making that happen, the Social Security 2100 Act championed by Congressman LARSON will increase benefits for current and new beneficiaries. It will protect retirees against inflation, and it will repeal the windfall elimination provision once and for all.

The Social Security 2100 Act is one of the most important bills before this Congress, and we must push leadership for a vote on this House floor as soon as possible. It impacts 68 million beneficiaries.

Already there are 184 House cosponsors of this bill, and Speaker JOHNSON could move this bill to the floor for a vote tomorrow. Additionally, the Social Security Fairness Act has 319 bipartisan cosponsors, more than two-thirds of the Chamber, and they can't get a vote. It is stopped up in the leadership.

America made a promise to workers, and Democrats are committed to making good on that promise.

I am a granddaughter of immigrants who worked at the lowest wage and worst jobs. First fired; last hired. They simply could not have existed if it were not for Social Security in their retirement years. The same is true for our parents.

You see, Mr. Speaker, Social Security is not just a program. It is a trust, a sacred trust, and that trust is intergenerational.

I may be the only Member here this evening who was present in the 98th Congress in April of 1983 to vote for the refinancing of Social Security Title 2 for the next generation. It was among the most critical votes I ever cast, and I remember it to this day. We stood on this floor, and we cheered. That vote was extremely important because it refinanced Social Security for the first time in a generation.

It left some work undone, which we must repair, but it resulted from a brokered compromise between Republican President Ronald Reagan and House Speaker Tip O'Neill. They knew how to compromise.

Now, Congress must meet its responsibility to do the same for this generation and those that follow.

Mr. Speaker, I want to make sure that we place in the RECORD information about that brokered compromise and also reports from U.S. News and World Report and other materials that attend to that extraordinary moment in history.

Let's get the job done. We ask Speaker JOHNSON to bring up H.R. 2100 for a vote.

I thank Congressman LARSON, Congressman NEGUSE, and Congressman

CARTWRIGHT, who are here this evening as part of this important messaging to the American people to say: The time is now. Bring up H.R. 2100.

Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for his extraordinary and persevering leadership.

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman from Ohio. She mentioned Mr. CARTWRIGHT who I think epitomizes the concern that exists in this body, in the Congress, for people who go back home every week and meet with their constituents.

The constituents of Pennsylvania are fortunate that they have someone who understands their needs and understands the neglect that Congress has shown in not addressing the number one anti-poverty program for elderly and for children in this country.

As difficult as times are now, we need to make sure that minimally we have a vote. I do not understand the reluctance on the other side to bring forward legislation and actually vote on it. If you have got a better idea, Mr. Speaker, or even if you object to the plan, please tell us what it is that you object to, and what it is about Social Security and making sure that nobody works all their lives and pays into a system and then retires into poverty.

MATT CARTWRIGHT understands that. He understands his district in Pennsylvania and the importance of getting this legislation done.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. CARTWRIGHT).

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, I thank Ranking Member LARSON for yielding. I wonder if he would submit himself to a few questions and engage in a colloquy.

Will the gentleman yield?

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. I yield to the gentleman from Pennsylvania.

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. The first question I have, and we heard it tonight, we heard the statement, the assertion that Social Security for generations has been the single most important income support program in America and has lifted millions upon millions of seniors out of poverty.

Is that true?

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Yes, it is.

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. We have also heard talk about this Republican Study Committee, which is a group of 80 percent of the Republicans here in the United States House of Representatives, and it is a committee that came up with a proposal about Social Security to raise the retirement age and require seniors to continue working into their senior years.

Is that true?

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Not only is it true, but I think what the general public needs to understand, and as you point out, Mr. CARTWRIGHT, the saying goes like this: Well, people are living longer, so, therefore, because they are living longer, what we ought to do is raise the age.

What the study committee doesn't tell you is that for every year you raise the age, that is a 7 percent cut in benefits. Oh, so if you raise the age to 70, that is a 21 percent cut in your benefits going forward.

How is it, from just mere logic, that if you are living longer you need to live on 21 percent less?

The American people understand this, and that is why they are so upset, but that is why, Mr. CARTWRIGHT, we need a vote.

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Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, I have one final question for Ranking Member LARSON.

This idea of raising the retirement age, as the gentleman has explained very well, constitutes a cut in benefits for every year Republicans raise it. Economists have worked out how much that is going to cost out of the Social Security system.

The majority's plan is to raise the retirement age and cut Social Security benefits by \$1.5 trillion, with a t. That is what happens when you raise the retirement age to 69 the way Republicans want to. Is that right?

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. That is correct.

I guess the sad thing is that this needs a vote. It needs a debate. Philosophically, if you believe—and God bless, some on the other side do believe this is some form of socialism and that everybody ought to be able to pull themselves up by their own bootstraps and be able to make do for themselves, that you don't need the government to do anything for you even when you have paid in all of your life to a program that has been the greatest American program to sustain our elderly and children.

If you disagree with that, that is terrific, but let's then take that to the American people. Where do you do that? On the floor of the House of Representatives, where you actually will debate the issue and put forward your proposals versus ours.

Isn't that the way democracy is supposed to work, Mr. CARTWRIGHT?

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, Ranking Member LARSON has that right, and I thank the gentleman for answering my questions.

Tonight, I am here to speak on behalf of 191,000 people from northeastern Pennsylvania who depend on Social Security checks coming in to keep them alive. Probably over 40 percent of them look to those checks as the only visible means of support that they have.

Now, the Republican Study Committee's fiscal year 2025 proposal comes along and talks about raising the retirement age to 69. That is fine if, like us, you fly a desk for a living, but if you do what so many Americans do, the people who paid paycheck after paycheck after paycheck into this sacred promise, this insurance program, FICA, if you do what they do—they have to lift and climb and carry and

dig. These are the people doing manual labor, and they are expected to work well into their senior years, according to the Republican Study Committee.

Mr. Speaker, this is a breach of a promise. It is a betrayal of the Americans who paid into this system their entire working lives. It is unacceptable, and it is something that the Republicans have done year in and year out.

Remember when, in 2006, Republicans were proposing privatizing the entire Social Security system, saying that will free up people to invest their money in the stock market. Then what happened to the stock market a couple of years later? It cratered. People would have lost their entire lifesavings, and there would have been no checks of any nature coming into their post office boxes.

Mr. Speaker, the answer is not cutting benefits. The answer is Social Security 2100. Mr. LARSON's bill, something that I have proudly supported for over 10 years now.

This bill would increase benefits by 2 percent for all Social Security beneficiaries for the first time in 52 years. It would eliminate the WEP, which hurts policemen, firemen, prison correctional officers, all sorts of public employees.

Rather than cutting benefits, Representative LARSON and the Democratic Party have a plan to protect and enhance Social Security. It is a plan to put people over politics and make good on our promise to put American seniors first and pass Social Security 2100.

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, my good friend JODEY ARRINGTON—and I sincerely mean that when I say that. A lot of times on this floor, we say "good friend," but I appreciate the effort that he puts into his work.

I bring these cards here this evening just to point out to our colleagues what it is. We made one for every Member of Congress. This is just a direct plea: Understand what is going on in your district because of Social Security.

Citizens have every right to ask why Congress hasn't done anything to enhance this program, Democrats and Republicans, in more than 50 years, especially when we know how vital this program is to our own system of capitalism and entrepreneurship and what it means to every single one of our communities.

There is not a better economic development program that Texas will receive than the individuals in everyone's district receiving their Social Security checks. They are not going out and buying stock options. They are buying groceries. They are going to the pharmacy. They are going to the dry cleaners. They are paying their rent and mortgages. They are meeting the concerns in their communities. In doing so, those communities can thrive. It is long overdue—more than 50 years.

All we are asking for is a vote. If you have a better idea, in a democracy, the way I was brought up, you put it out there, and then, lo and behold, we actually have a vote—a vote that requires a debate and a discussion and then Congress demonstrating what it believes in by actually casting a vote.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Colorado (Mr. NEGUSE) for a final comment.

Mr. NEGUSE. Mr. Speaker, I would simply say one of the many privileges I have in serving as assistant Democratic leader is having the opportunity to see firsthand the way in which my colleagues in the House Democratic Caucus are able to convert their passion and conviction on consequential public policy issues into action. That is precisely what the gentleman from Connecticut has done for the better part of the last decade, from when he first introduced this legislation.

I am proud to support it. I am proud to support his efforts to protect and enhance Social Security and to do everything that we can to ensure that our colleagues' plans on the other side of the aisle to dismantle this program never see the light of day.

Mr. Speaker, I thank my distinguished colleague and friend from Connecticut for yielding.

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for his comments, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to direct their remarks to the Chair and not to a perceived viewing audience.

DEMOCRATS ARE DESTROYING AMERICAN DREAM, RULE OF LAW

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 9, 2023, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. ROY) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.

Mr. ROY. Mr. Speaker, I notice it must be campaign season. My colleagues on the other side of the aisle are trotting out the age-old push-granny-off-the-cliff campaign talking points. It never fails.

If my colleagues want to have a conversation about how to save Social Security, the trustees just put a report out this week or last week pointing out that it is going to be underwater by 2033. The minority wants to ignore that reality. Instead of figuring out how we are actually going to deal with the problem, Democrats trot out the same old story about taxes.

By any objective measure, by any analysis by left, right, center, Libertarian, conservative, or liberal, you can tax literally the entirety of the top 1 percent of earners, but it can't possibly balance the budget. Literally, the math doesn't work.

We can throw all this around in election-year rhetoric, but the truth is our colleagues on the other side of the aisle are not just watching Social Security

go bankrupt, but they are bankrupt in ideas on what to do about it.

The fact is you have to actually constrain spending, discretionary spending, deal with the issues we ought to deal with on mandatory spending, and recognize the fact that we are \$34.5 trillion in debt. We are racking up \$1 trillion every 3 months. We are now going to crack \$1.1 trillion of interest this year alone—\$1.1 trillion of interest, which is far more than our entire defense budget.

The fact is our retirees are going to have a problem in 2033. In fact, this trustee's report pointed out that they will be getting 79 cents on the dollar in 2033. We can have a conversation about what you want to do about taxes, but my colleagues on the other side of the aisle are all too happy to regulate and crush the entire American economy to death and drive up inflation, making all those Social Security recipients have less value in their Social Security dollars. That is the truth.

The average American can't afford to live, whether they are earning money in the prime of their earning potential, in their earning years, or whether they are a retiree because the dollar value is decreasing because we are printing money because, frankly, my colleagues on the other side of the aisle have no interest in actually being fiscally responsible—I am an equal opportunity basher of fiscal responsibility—nor do my colleagues on this side of the aisle, to be honest.

It is a repeating problem that never ends, but it is my colleagues on the other side of the aisle, my radical progressive Democratic colleagues—and there is no other way to characterize them—who want to use scare tactics in a campaign year rather than addressing any of the actual fiscal issues that affect our Nation.

The fact is that Democrats are destroying the American Dream, killing the ability of the average American family to prosper. Hardworking American families right now are struggling to pay bills, struggling to be able to buy a car. Why? Because we have regulated them to death. Why? Because, chasing climate fantasy, we are killing the ability of an American to go buy a car with an internal combustion engine.

We are piling up EVs on the lots of dealerships around the country. We are now embracing, because the Biden administration unilaterally embraced, a tailpipe rule that will mandate EV production, two-thirds of the fleet being produced by 2030.

My colleagues are crushing the American Dream before our very eyes.

That is what has happened. The so-called Inflation Reduction Act, mandating massive subsidies of so-called green programs, is actually subsidizing China and the massive corporations that my colleagues on the other side of the aisle decry.

Democrats want to increase the corporate tax rate, which will punish

hardworking Americans who are trying to create wealth relative to corporations around the world, but my colleagues on the other side of the aisle don't want to undo the massive corporate subsidies they gave to Green New Deal recipients.

That is the truth, and it is destroying the average American's ability to live. Let's be very clear. Right now, Americans are hurting because of Democratic policies. Right now, Americans can't buy a car, can't go out and afford groceries, can't pay their power bills. Why? Because of my radical progressive Democratic colleagues and their policies regulating our entire economy to death and destroying the average American family.

Let's not talk about the price of homes, the price of real estate. All these things are things that are increasingly highly and heavily regulated. That is problem number one.

Let's talk about what our radical progressive Democratic colleagues are doing to destroy the rule of law. The rule of law is the single greatest thing that attracts people to come to the United States, the single greatest thing that attracts capital to create wealth and to create opportunity. It is the single greatest thing that has distinguished the United States of America and Western civilization from the rest of the world for now centuries, particularly since the founding of this Nation.

□ 2000

The fact is, the rule of law is being destroyed by my radical, progressive Democratic colleagues, it is purposefully being destroyed. This week, we have bills on the floor, and we are talking a lot about our police, our law enforcement officers, but it is not about a week. Weeks are stupid.

We come down here and we do all these things. We do ribbons and we do all these things that say, Oh, we are going to have a week. The fact is every week is police week. Every week our cops are in danger. Every week our cops are being undermined by radical progressives in cities around this country, endangering the people in communities while endangering the law enforcement who are supposed to protect them every single week—not just this one—every week.

Last year, November 2023, in Austin—a city which defunded our police by \$150 million, driving down the number of cops. We are now at least 350, if not 500, below the level that we were supposed to be at, the level we were at before COVID because we don't have the ability to recruit law enforcement after decimating the budget. That was the radical city council, led by radical, progressive Democrats in Austin, which are reflected and mirrored by the radical, progressive Democrats sitting right here in this Chamber like CORI BUSH who said we should defund the police, like the ranking member of the Judiciary Committee, Mr. NADLER,

who signed a letter along with our colleague, Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ, saying we should defund the Metropolitan Transit Authority in New York. They signed that letter.

I asked the ranking member in the Rules Committee last night: How is that working out? How safe does New York feel? How safe is the subway system in New York City? Because right now I think there is a whole hell of a lot of people in New York and around this country who are looking at New York and they are saying: What happened? There is a whole hell of a lot of people who are looking at the Nation's Capital saying: How can I come see my Representatives and come to the Nation's Capital and feel like I am going to be safe?

Last year in Austin, where the radical, progressive Democrats on the city council defunded the police, we saw the unfortunate tragic shooting of police officer Jorge Pastore, who is a hero, who was shot and killed in the line of duty last November.

In San Antonio, we had three San Antonio police officers who were shot during a standoff with an armed career criminal who had absconded after getting bond and was wanted on multiple charges. Why? Because the radical, progressive Democrat DAs and the radical, progressive Democrat judges all funded by Soros, all-purposeful, all in a network around this country, they let these guys out and then they shot cops. 378 officers were shot in the line of duty in 2023, 138 peace officers died in the line of duty in 2023, 48 by gunfire, 10 by vehicular assault, 7 from a heart attack.

There were 150 ambush-style attacks against police in 2023, which claimed the lives of 20 officers. This year, 58 police officers have died in the line of duty. They are under attack every single day and my radical, progressive Democrat colleagues don't care because they are totally fine defunding them. They want to come to the floor of this body and say it is not true, when there are mountains of evidence saying it is. In fact, 113 of my colleagues voted against the resolution which decried the defunding of cops just last year.

In Austin, crime is skyrocketing. Seventy-three homicides in 2023 up from 71 in 2022. The highest level since going back some 40-odd years, all as a result of defunding the police to the tune of \$150 million. The fallout, as I said, 350 vacancies. The Austin Police Department stopped responding to non-threatening 911 calls in the fall of 2021.

Let's think about that. Austin's crime has increased, and overdoses are skyrocketing, in part, due to the lawlessness of our wide-open borders. You see, the rule of law doesn't matter to my radical, progressive Democratic colleagues. The rule of law is being undermined, the safety and security of the people that I represent is being undermined, and it is being made worse.

The fact is, now, we have a fentanyl crisis all across this country and, par-

ticularly, in places like Austin, Texas, where just 2 weeks ago, we had—I don't even know the exact number—but there were 75 reported cases of individuals overdosing in a matter of a 72-hour stretch, killing at least nine people. I can't remember the number of people they had to resuscitate by Narcan. It is the largest fentanyl poisoning in Austin for over a decade, and it is happening because this stuff is pouring across our southern border, which brings me to a point: the rule of law.

The rule of law, being undermined by our radical Democratic colleagues, who are undermining cops, defunding cops, the same radical, progressive Democratic colleagues who are leaving our border wide open and exposed, blatantly disregarding the law, undermining the rule of law, the very rule of law that attracts immigrants to come to our country and we have police officers killed by illegal aliens.

In March 2024, an illegal alien from Mexico was charged with crashing his car that killed a 27-year-old Washington State Trooper.

New York police officers were assaulted by a mob of illegal aliens. Five illegal aliens savagely assaulted two officers. The suspects were back on the streets without bail. I think they have been recently given some very minor sentences.

Let's never forget DUI fatalities as a result of those who are here illegally, including in Kerr County, which I represent in Texas, where you had a drunk, illegal alien crashing into members of the Thin Blue Line Motorcycle Club, made up of Active-Duty service-members, law enforcement officers, and retired officers, killing retired Officer Joseph Paglia of Chicago, United States Army Lieutenant Colonel Jerry Wayne Harbour of Houston, and retired U.S. Army Officer Michael White of Chicago.

Right here in our Nation's Capital, it has become a region of lawlessness and disorder. Crime in D.C. is up 30 percent. Violent crime up 37 percent from 2022 to 2023. We had one of our own Members of Congress who was carjacked just 10 blocks from here, another Member of Congress who was assaulted. We have had staff members, such as the staff member of Senator RAND PAUL who was stabbed. We had a teenage gunman just a few weeks ago spraying AR-15 rounds and then pretty much was just let go.

This is the state of things in our Nation's Capital. It is the state of things in New York City. It is the state of things across our country. It is a return to lawlessness. If you don't have the rule of law, what do you have?

When you let violent criminals out of jail, what do you think is going to happen? By the way, there are people on my side of the aisle who are guilty of that. In the false name of compassion, we are letting people out on the streets who are endangering our own people.

The rule of law matters and you can't have the rule of law if cops can't

enforce the rule of law and then be abandoned by the very people that are supposed to support them, and that is what is happening. You can't have the rule of law if the borders are wide open.

If you are ignoring the law, parole—which is supposed to be on a case-by-case basis—to pump thousands of people into our country, including, by the way, the individual who killed Laken Riley. He was unlawfully paroled into the United States by this administration. But guess what? There wasn't any consequence, except for Laken Riley, who is no longer with us.

That is what happened. That is the truth. It is lawlessness. Ignoring the rule of law, endangering the American people, and now you have the rank lawlessness of a sham trial against the former President in New York.

A bootstrap charge that relies on an unreliable witness being presided over by a biased judge. That is the truth, and anybody with eyes knows it. It is not the rule of law; it is the use of the law for political purposes and gain. It is, as some refer to it, "lawfare" against the former President of the United States.

I don't care what you think of President Trump, President Biden, anybody else, when you weaponize our system of justice for political purposes, you are nothing more than a third-rate banana republic. That is precisely what is happening in the State of New York right now by a lawless judge, a biased judge—who, frankly, should be investigated himself—who is targeting the former President for political purposes.

It is clearly obvious. No citizen, no citizen would be treated to the same attack as what is happening right now to former President Trump.

I am not afraid to call out Members on both sides of the aisle. I am not afraid to call about President Biden. I am not afraid to call out former President Trump. I am not paid to be a loyalist. I am not paid to be biased. I am not paid to wear a red shirt versus a blue shirt.

I am paid to represent 750,000 Texans, to follow the Constitution, to honor my duty to the Lord, and to do my job. That is what I am paid to do. But to watch the former President of the United States being hauled into court day after day with a sham trial, and you cannot describe it as anything but a sham trial.

The DA's office previously determined that its theory of criminal liability under New York law would not hold up. That is the truth. So they bootstrapped it into a felony because, frankly, it would have been time-barred if they hadn't done that. You have got to have the felony charge proving that Trump was concealing another crime. That is why they are now trying to pull in a Federal campaign charge, but the campaign laws in question are Federal and when New York's penal code speaks of concealing another crime, it must refer to a crime

under New York law, but they are trying to bootstrap it into Federal law. That is the truth.

It is hard to see how the government could meet the burden of proof. According to my good friend, Andy McCarthy, a former Federal prosecutor, he wrote that: ". . . not unless there is as-yet-undisclosed evidence that Trump actually paused to consider the possibility that these payments were in-kind campaign expenditures, believed they might well be, yet went through with them anyway." All bootstrapped Federal law into State crime charges.

Neither the Justice Department nor the Federal Election Commission bureaucrats, whose expertise lies in the operation of the relevant laws, alleged wrongdoing by Trump. Yet here we are.

By the way, the whole theory hinges on Michael Cohen, who is widely viewed to have committed perjury in multiple locations, including before this very body in the House Oversight Committee as Chairman COMER has laid out for the public to see.

By the way, a convicted felon he is. By the way, disbarred he is, previously pleading guilty to perjury, financial crimes, and campaign finance violations.

The Southern District of New York decided it was best not to give him a cooperation agreement because they would have to rely on his testimony. Yet here we are. We have got this case proceeding with Bragg doing it for political purposes all in front of a biased judge.

Judge Merchan refused Trump's legal team's request that he recuse himself over bias because his daughter, Lauren, worked as a Democratic political consultant.

One of our own colleagues, Mr. GOLDMAN—formerly a lawyer for Schiff, Representative SCHIFF, during Trump's first impeachment—is her client, and has also been working to prep Cohen for testimony this week.

By the way, the daughter of the judge has worked for prominent Democrats—Kamala Harris, Gavin Newsom, Congressman ADAM SCHIFF, and has made multiple contributions to Democratic campaigns. Meanwhile, Bragg continues.

This whole sham of a trial undermines the rule of law and the faith of the American people in it. You do not have to love the political target, in this case, former President Trump to recognize the extraordinary damage that this is doing to the rule of law and our institutions. By the way, the purposeful damage that is attempting to be done is to President Trump himself. That is the purpose.

□ 2015

Not allowing this kangaroo court in New York to undermine his ability to continue to campaign to try to garner the votes necessary to win in November, come in here and clean up the mess that is being created by the lawless Biden administration.

The Biden administration is engaging in lawless behavior on a daily basis, whether it is student loans, ignoring the courts, wide-open borders, fentanyl pouring into our communities, perpetuating this undermining of cops, that is all happening in real time. It is hard to keep up with the rampant level of lawlessness coming out of the current administration and the abject failure of my radical, progressive Democratic colleagues on the other side of the aisle to do a thing about it.

I might note, as an equal opportunity basher of all Members of Congress, that nor has the Republican side of the aisle really done much to check the current President.

Wide-open borders? Funded.

FBI lawlessness, political witch hunts, weaponized against the people and the former President? \$200 million new headquarters. If you fund it, you own it.

I can tell you that this lawlessness is demonstrably undermining the faith of the American people in the institution of Congress and of our institutions upon which our entire society rests.

Right now, people do not believe that our political system is working. They do not have faith in elections. They do not have faith that our borders are being protected. They do not have faith that our police are being supported, that our streets are safe. They do not have faith in a system of justice that will target a former President for political purposes and a Department of Justice that will be weaponized against the people.

A woman just yesterday or two days ago was sentenced to 57 months in jail, almost 5 years, because she protested at an abortion clinic in Washington, D.C. By the way, a progressive activist. A progressive activist in jail for 57 months. It is extraordinary.

What are we doing about it? We are Congress. It is right here in D.C. Does anybody care about this woman's life? Maybe it is a misdemeanor. Maybe she should pay a fine. I don't know, maybe a misdemeanor like 30 days in jail if she did something that was blocking people's access or something—I don't know—but 5 years in jail under a FACE Act, Federal prosecution? That is extraordinary. Does anybody care about what is happening to the weaponization of government against the people?

Again, do you believe that your Nation is sovereign and secure when our borders are wide open and terrorists and criminals come in? The answer is no.

The county attorney of Kinney County, Texas, was just testifying this week in the Budget Committee, and he said in 2021 they had about 150 prosecutions. Last year, they had 6,700.

My Democratic colleagues shrug that off like it is no big deal. They shrug off the \$13 billion that Texas has to pay to deal with the wide-open borders. They shrug off the death of Laken Riley like it is just some happenstance because

the President is violently disregarding our laws and pumping people into the United States in violation of parole laws.

Our cops are being targeted. They are not being prosecuted. Soros DAs are letting criminals out on the street. We are funding the lawlessness, letting people out on the streets. All of that is continuing while a judge goes after a former President of the United States, while a radical DA in New York, another Soros DA, is going after the former President for clearly political purposes with a sham trial.

All of that is happening. Why would the American people believe in the institutions of this country? You would think we would be doing something to try to restore that. Here we are. There is one thing we can do. One thing we should do to restore some semblance of confidence in our system this year.

House Republicans must pass the SAVE Act. House Republicans have the opportunity to make clear what 87 percent of Americans believe, that only citizens of the United States should vote in elections; and in this case in the SAVE Act, if they vote in Federal elections, they must be a citizen. They must produce documentary evidence of being a citizen of the United States to vote in a Federal election. There is vast bipartisan support across this country—87 percent of Americans—to ensure that you can believe in our system of elections, that only citizens will be voting.

Just last week, my radical, progressive Democratic colleagues unanimously opposed the bill to exclude non-United States citizens from the Census used to allocate congressional seats. Also last week, in a very clearly Freudian slip, President Biden described the millions of illegal aliens he has allowed into the United States as "voters." Washington, D.C., fairly notoriously, just had a training program in April, training people to be able to make it possible for illegal aliens in D.C. to vote.

Now, they will all say, Chip, it is already unlawful for people to vote in Federal elections if they are not a citizen. Do you believe it? Do you believe that the jurisdictions across this country, including the Nation's Capital, including San Francisco, Oakland, and multiple places around this country that have embraced allowing illegal aliens to vote in local and State elections, do you believe that they are being checked to ensure that they are not voting in Federal elections?

Let me tell you this: Current law, in all of our infinite wisdom as Congress—because we get so many things right here—current law put forward by the Congress restricts the ability of States, restricts the ability of States to check to make sure that you are a citizen. True. True story. The brilliance of your United States Congress, they say by law you must be a citizen to vote, but then they say: You, State, can't check to make sure that the voter is a citizen.

Arizona has two systems for voting: State-based. Why? Because they passed a law saying only citizens can vote. They have a system to check. State elections, State races, local races, they are required to check for citizenship for that. For Federal elections, they don't. Now, how messed up is that?

The Constitution gives authority to the Congress to be able to ensure the integrity of our elections. Yes, the States can set the time, place, and manner of how the elections are carried out, but Congress has the power to step in to ensure that our elections are carried out appropriately.

We have a simple bill, the SAVE Act. It has 50-odd cosponsors in the House and growing. My colleague, Senator MIKE LEE, in the Senate introduced it over there. It has multiple cosponsors and growing. This bill is simple—every single Republican should support it, and if they don't support it, they should answer why—should voters in the United States who are voting in Federal elections be citizens of the United States? 87 percent of Americans say yes. Anybody sensible says yes. Should anyone who is going to vote in those Federal elections in Congress, Senate, and for the Presidency, have to demonstrate that they are, in fact, citizens, by presenting a passport, by presenting a voter ID, a real ID from a State-issued driver's license, combined with a birth certificate, other forms that we lay out, like anything else you have to do. If you want to fly in this country, all the things that you have to do to prove you are who you say you are.

To my radical, progressive Democratic colleagues who protest, saying this is crazy, it is already a requirement that you be a citizen to vote. Then what are you afraid of? What are you worried about?

I will tell you what they are worried about. They are worried about making sure it is true. They worry about the fact that the vast majority of my radical, progressive Democratic colleagues would be perfectly fine getting rid of that law requiring citizenship to vote.

We need to call the question. We have a piece of legislation that is supported by vast numbers of election law experts and groups, supported by the Speaker of the House, supported by 50-odd Republicans and growing. This bill needs to be brought forward. It needs to be brought to the House Admin Committee. It needs to be brought to the Rules Committee and to the floor of the House. It needs to be voted out by my Republican colleagues or they need to explain why.

It is a simple question. If you want people to believe in their country, if you want them to believe in the rule of law, if you want them to believe in their system of government, if you want them to believe in the elections of their Representatives and of the President of the United States, so that we can avoid what happened in 2016 when my radical, progressive Demo-

cratic colleagues questioned the election of President Trump over Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, and did so vocally and loudly and repeatedly questioning. Again, in 2020, questions about the election; all the way right up and through January.

If you want to get rid of those problems, then make sure our elections are believable. Make sure that you know who is voting and, importantly, make sure that only citizens of the United States of America are voting in Federal elections. This is not a hard question. You either believe it or you don't.

To my Republican colleagues who want to hide behind federalism, don't. The Constitution of the United States is clear: Both in terms of our ability to deal with the election of Members of Congress and the President, as well as issues like naturalization, our power in this area is clear. Our ability to make sure that we can do it without unduly burdening the ability of a citizen to vote is clear. Get busy fixing it if you have got a concern, but don't hide because there is going to be nowhere to hide.

The future of our country depends on the faith the people of the United States have in our institutions. We should support our police. We should support the rule of law. We should put criminals behind bars. We should have a sovereign nation and a secure border. We should know who is here. We should remove illegal aliens. We should secure the border of the United States. We should make sure that only citizens vote in our elections. We should end the dangerous flow of fentanyl into our communities. We should stop countenancing the sham trials and the politicization of our judiciary system against the former President of the United States or the politicization of the Department of Justice against the American people.

If you want to restore the greatness of this country, if you want to create prosperity, if you want to be able to believe in a country, if you want to be able to restore the American Dream and pass it down to our kids and grandkids, the birthright of being an American, it all begins and ends with the rule of law.

The rule of law is why people have come to our country to achieve greatness. They don't come here for free lunches, not historically. Maybe more recently. As the great economist Milton Friedman said, he is all for open borders if you get rid of the social welfare state.

Well, ladies and gentlemen, we have a social welfare state. We need to limit the flow of people coming into the country and taking advantage of the social welfare state. We need to restore sovereignty. We need to make sure that criminals and terrorists aren't coming here. We need to secure the border, end the flow of fentanyl, make sure only citizens vote, support our law enforcement, keep criminals in jail, and keep the American people safe.

If you do that, there is a small chance that if combined with any kind of ounce of fiscal restraint by this body—I will not hold my breath on that one right now—we might be able to save this country for our kids and grandkids.

I want to be very clear, in particular to my Republican colleagues, if you think you are going to hide behind election season, if you think you are going to hide behind talking about what rules go down, what don't go down, if you think you are going to hide behind the Presidential election and the first 100 days of an agenda, if you think you are going to be able to hide behind that to avoid answering to the American people on what we said we would do—cutting spending, balancing the budget, securing the border of the United States, ensuring our military is strong, has the tools to carry out its job with a clear mission and care when they get home, but is sparingly used and not in endless wars, if you want to make sure that you can go to the doctor of your choice, get the healthcare of your choosing and not an insurance bureaucrat, if you want to make sure you can have a car that you can afford and electricity in your home, and if you want to be able to be free from the bureaucracy of a Federal Government strangling the American family, if you want to be able to send your kid to the school of your choice and be able to make sure that they are being taught that America is great and that God is real and that we can do great things, if you want those things, then you have to actually fight for them.

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You can't just pass empty bills with empty titles because that is all we do in this damn place every day. We did it today.

We passed multiple bills that won't do a damn thing, all with fancy titles that make it hard for people to vote against whatever that additional spending or additional bureaucracy is.

That is what we did. We did it today. We will do it tomorrow. We will then try to campaign on those empty, nonsense bills.

Why don't we do something that matters? Why don't we actually do one thing we said we would do? Yes, I said it again to my Republican colleagues who excoriate me because of a speech I gave before Thanksgiving saying: Name one thing.

Well, we passed the TikTok bill on a bipartisan basis. We will require China to divest TikTok. I support that, all right.

We have this great SAVE Act we are moving. I hope we can actually pass it off the floor. We haven't done that yet. When are we going to step up to the plate and do the things we said we would do?

Have we cut spending? No. Did we honor the caps to even hold spending? No. Have we secured the border? No.

Have we reined in what I might refer to as endless wars and endless conflict for the last 25 years? We have had a perpetual war, funding other people's wars. No. Have we restored energy freedom? No. Have we restored healthcare freedom, go to the doctor of your choice? No.

When are we going to do one of those things? That is why we are here. That is why the voters sent us here.

We should get busy doing the things that we said we would do, and it all begins and ends with restoring the rule of law in this country: Stand by cops, bad guys in jail, sovereign Nation, stop letting people coming in, stop letting fentanyl come in, require that only citizens vote, and pass the SAVE Act to ensure that we can believe in our elections and that only citizens are voting in them.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to direct their remarks to the chair and not to a perceived viewing office.

BILL PRESENTED TO THE
PRESIDENT

Kevin F. McCumber, Acting Clerk of the House, reported that on May 10, 2024, the following bill was presented to the President of the United States for approval:

H.R. 8289. To extend authorizations for the airport improvement program, to extend the funding and expenditure authority of the Airport and Airway Trust Fund, and for other purposes.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. ROY. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 8 o'clock and 33 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, May 16, 2024, at 10 a.m. for morning-hour debate.

MOTION TO DISCHARGE A
COMMITTEE

MAY 15, 2024.

TO THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

Pursuant to clause 2 of rule XV, I, W. GREGORY STEUBE, moved to discharge the Committee on Rules from the consideration of the resolution, (H. Res. 961), entitled, a resolution providing for the consideration of the bill (H.R. 5863) to provide tax relief with respect to certain Federal disasters, which was referred to said committee January 11, 2024, in support of which motion the undersigned Members of the House of Representatives affix their signatures, to wit:

1. W. Gregory Steube.
2. Anna Paulina Luna.
3. Cory Mills.
4. Lauren Boebert.
5. Matt Gaetz.

6. Jared Moskowitz.
7. Gus M. Bilirakis.
8. Kat Cammack.
9. Byron Donalds.
10. Tim Burchett.
11. Doug LaMalfa.
12. Diana Harshbarger.
13. Katie Porter.
14. Jill N. Tokuda.
15. Mike Thompson.
16. Jimmy Panetta.
17. Salud O. Carbajal.
18. Dwight Evans.
19. Robert Garcia.
20. Linda T. Sánchez.
21. Grace F. Napolitano.
22. Juan Vargas.
23. Darren Soto.
24. Doris O. Matsui.
25. Earl Blumenauer.
26. Ted Lieu.
27. Troy A. Carter.
28. Bonnie Watson Coleman.
29. Anna G. Eshoo.
30. James P. McGovern.
31. Mark Takano.
32. Haley M. Stevens.
33. Morgan Luttrell.
34. Danny K. Davis.
35. Raul Ruiz.
36. Clay Higgins.
37. Beth Van Duyne.
38. Mark DeSaulnier.
39. Zoe Lofgren.
40. C. A. Dutch Ruppersberger.
41. J. Luis Correa.
42. Scott Franklin.
43. Jim Costa.
44. Kevin Hern.
45. Mike Levin.
46. Adam B. Schiff.
47. Pete Aguilar.
48. Kevin Mullin.
49. Ami Bera.
50. Eric Swalwell.
51. Brad Sherman.
52. Maxine Waters.
53. Shri Thanedar.
54. Thomas R. Suozzi.
55. Nancy Pelosi.
56. Julia Brownley.
57. Christopher R. Deluzio.
58. Josh Harder.
59. Norma J. Torres.
60. John Garamendi.
61. Tony Cárdenas.
62. Ro Khanna.
63. Betty McCollum.
64. Colin Z. Allred.
65. Judy Chu.
66. Bradley Scott Schneider.
67. Barbara Lee.
68. Debbie Dingell.
69. Troy E. Nehls.
70. Sydney Kamlager-Dove.
71. Debbie Wasserman Schultz.
72. Jimmy Gomez.
73. Nanette Diaz Barragán.
74. Nancy Mace.
75. Daniel T. Kildee.
76. Sheila Cherfilus-McCormick.
77. Charles J. "Chuck" Fleischmann.
78. Emilia Strong Sykes.
79. Frederica S. Wilson.
80. Jennifer L. McClellan.
81. Hillary J. Scholten.
82. Yvette D. Clarke.
83. Carlos A. Gimenez.
84. Delia C. Ramirez.
85. James E. Clyburn.
86. Robin L. Kelly.
87. Jamie Raskin.
88. Timothy M. Kennedy.
89. Kathy E. Manning.
90. Marc A. Veasey.
91. Mike Carey.
92. Suzan K. DelBene.
93. Diana DeGette.
94. Lisa Blunt Rochester.
95. Vicente Gonzalez.
96. Maxwell Frost.
97. Elissa Slotkin.
98. Marilyn Strickland.
99. Richard E. Neal.
100. Jared Huffman.
101. Joyce Beatty.
102. Shontel M. Brown.
103. Donald S. Beyer.
104. Neal P. Dunn.
105. Tracey Mann.
106. Kim Schrier.
107. Kathy Castor.
108. Andrea Salinas.
109. Becca Balint.
110. Melanie A. Stansbury.
111. Dina Titus.
112. Ilhan Omar.
113. Marcy Kaptur.
114. Jasmine Crockett.
115. Pramila Jayapal.
116. Lloyd Doggett.
117. John B. Larson.
118. Terri A. Sewell.
119. Teresa Leger Fernandez.
120. Val T. Hoyle.
121. Derek Kilmer.
122. Gabe Vasquez.
123. Suzanne Bonamici.
124. Scott H. Peters.
125. Brendan F. Boyle.
126. Warren Davidson.
127. Lori Trahan.
128. David J. Trone.
129. Susan Wild.
130. Matt Cartwright.
131. Bill Pascrell.
132. Sara Jacobs.
133. Deborah K. Ross.
134. Mary Sattler Peltola.
135. Dean Phillips.
136. Nikki Budzinski.
137. Grace Meng.
138. Lois Frankel.
139. Ann M. Kuster.
140. Rosa L. DeLauro.
141. Eric Sorensen.
142. Mary Gay Scanlon.
143. Chrissy Houlahan.
144. Morgan McGarvey.
145. Paul Tonko.
146. Wiley Nickel.
147. Bennie G. Thompson.
148. Frank J. Mrvan.
149. Joseph D. Morelle.
150. David Scott.
151. Jahana Hayes.
152. Alma S. Adams.
153. Sylvia R. Garcia.
154. Madeleine Dean.
155. Valerie P. Foushee.
156. Nydia M. Velázquez.
157. Sanford D. Bishop.
158. Nikema Williams.
159. Donald G. Davis.
160. Steve Cohen.
161. Robert C. "Bobby" Scott.

162. Henry Cuellar.
 163. Gabe Amo.
 164. Lucy McBath.
 165. Jonathan L. Jackson.
 166. Henry C. "Hank" Johnson.
 167. Greg Stanton.
 168. Stephen F. Lynch.
 169. Greg Casar.
 170. Adriano Espaillat.
 171. Joe Neguse.
 172. Steven Horsford.
 173. Lauren Underwood.
 174. Cori Bush.
 175. Maria Elvira Salazar.
 176. Jake Auchincloss.
 177. Robert Menendez.
 178. James A. Himes.
 179. Janice D. Schakowsky.
 180. Jerrold Nadler.
 181. William R. Keating.
 182. Ruben Gallego.
 183. Chellie Pingree.
 184. Kweisi Mfume.
 185. Gregory W. Meeks.
 186. Mark Pocan.
 187. Marjorie Taylor Greene.
 188. Greg Landsman.
 189. Veronica Escobar.
 190. Al Green.
 191. Brian J. Mast.
 192. André Carson.
 193. Mike Garcia.
 194. Gwen Moore.
 195. Daniel S. Goldman.
 196. Katherine M. Clark.
 197. Mike Quigley.
 198. Jamaal Bowman.
 199. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez.
 200. Rick Larsen.
 201. Rashida Tlaib.
 202. Gerald E. Connolly.
 203. Hakeem S. Jeffries.
 204. Joaquin Castro.
 205. Glenn Ivey.
 206. Josh Gottheimer.
 207. Bill Foster.
 208. Sharice Davids.
 209. Sean Casten.
 210. Marie Gluesenkamp Perez.
 211. Abigail Davis Spanberger.
 212. Yadira Caraveo.
 213. Jeff Jackson.
 214. John P. Sarbanes.
 215. Vern Buchanan.
 216. Chris Pappas.
 217. Frank Pallone.
 218. Patrick Ryan.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS,
 ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

EC-4177. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Energy, transmitting the Department's final rule — National Environmental Policy Act Implementing Procedures [DOE-HQ-2023-0063] (RIN: 1990-AA48) received May 2, 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-4178. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Transmittal No. DDTC 24-003 Certification of Proposed

Issuance of an Export License Pursuant to Sec 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-4179. A letter from the Director, Office of Regulations, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's Major final rule — Risk Management and Financial Assurance for OCS Lease and Grant Obligations [Docket No.: BOEM-2023-0027] (RIN: 1010-AE14) received April 29, 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-4180. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act Provisions; Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Northeast Multispecies Fishery; Framework Adjustment 57 [Docket No.: 180110022-8383-02] (RIN: 0648-BH52) received May 6, 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-4181. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's temporary rule — Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Northeast Multispecies Fishery; Adjustment of Southern New England/Mid-Atlantic Yellowtail Flounder Catch Limits [Docket No.: 180123063-8063-01] (RIN: 0648-XF987) received May 6, 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-4182. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Northern Gulf of Maine Measures in Framework Adjustment 29 to the Atlantic Sea Scallop Fishery Management Plan [Docket No.: 180110025-8285-02] (RIN: 0648-BH51) received May 6, 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-4183. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Revisions to Framework Adjustment 57 to the Northeast Multispecies Fishery Management Plan and Sector Annual Catch Entitlements; Updated Annual Catch Limits for Sectors and the Common Pool for Fishing Year 2018 [Docket No.: 180921861-8861-01] (RIN: 0648-XG503) received May 6, 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-4184. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Magnuson-Stevens Act Provisions; Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Northeast Multispecies Fishery; Approval of New Gear Under Small-Mesh Fisheries Accountability Measures [Docket No.: 200225-0063] (RIN: 0648-BF57) received May 6, 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-4185. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Northeast Skate Complex; Framework Adjustment 4 [Docket

No.: 170710645-8098-02] (RIN: 0648-BH03) received May 6, 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-4186. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Atlantic Surfclam and Ocean Quahog Fishery; 2018-2020 Fishing Quotas [Docket No.: 170818784-8080-02] (RIN: 0648-XF641) received May 6, 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-4187. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries Off West Coast States; Coastal Pelagic Species Fisheries; Annual Specifications [Docket No.: 180320301-8551-02] (RIN: 0648-XG121) received May 6, 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-4188. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries Off West Coast States; Highly Migratory Fisheries; California Drift Gillnet Fishery; Implementation of a Federal Limited Entry Drift Gillnet Permit [Docket No.: 170817773-8213-02] (RIN: 0648-BG81) received May 6, 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-4189. A letter from the Management Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments [Docket No.: 31540; Amdt. No.: 4108] received May 6, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-4190. A letter from the Management Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments [Docket No.: 31539; Amdt. No.: 4107] received May 6, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-4191. A letter from the Management Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Amendment of Class D and Class E Airspace; Lewisburg, WV [Docket No.: FAA-2023-2275; Airspace Docket No.: 23-AEA-22] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received May 6, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-4192. A letter from the Management Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Amendment of Class D and Class E Airspace; Wallops Island, VA [Docket No.: FAA-2023-2204; Airspace Docket No.: 23-AEA-20] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received May 6, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-4193. A letter from the Management Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; MHI RJ Aviation ULC (Type Certificate Previously

Held by Bombardier, Inc.) Airplanes [Docket No.: FAA-2024-0026; Project Identifier MCAI-2023-00776-T; Amendment 39-22710; AD 2024-06-05] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received May 6, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-4194. A letter from the Management Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Rolls-Royce Deutschland Ltd & Co KG Engines [Docket No.: FAA-2024-0993; Project Identifier MCAI-2024-00178-E; Amendment 39-22725; AD 2024-07-04] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received May 6, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-4195. A letter from the Management Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Rolls-Royce Deutschland Ltd & Co KG Engines [Docket No.: FAA-2023-1878; Project Identifier MCAI-2022-01582-E; Amendment 39-22711; AD 2024-06-06] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received May 6, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-4196. A letter from the Management Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Canada Limited Partnership (Type Certificate Previously Held by C Series Aircraft Limited Partnership (CSALP); Bombardier, Inc.) Airplanes [Docket No.: FAA-2023-1818; Project Identifier MCAI-2023-00582-T; Amendment 39-22699; AD 2024-05-08] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received May 6, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-4197. A letter from the Management Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Airbus Canada Limited Partnership (Type Certificate Previously Held by C Series Aircraft Limited Partnership (CSALP); Bombardier, Inc.) Airplanes [Docket No.: FAA-2023-2135; Project Identifier MCAI-2023-00509-T; Amendment 39-22701; AD 2024-05-10] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received May 6, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-4198. A letter from the Management Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Leonardo S.p.A. Helicopters [Docket No.: FAA-2023-2245; Project Identifier MCAI-2023-00973-R; Amendment 39-22698; AD 2024-05-07] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received May 6, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-4199. A letter from the Management Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Leonardo S.p.A. Helicopters [Docket No.: FAA-2023-2244; Project Identifier MCAI-2023-00972-R; Amendment 39-22697; AD 2024-05-06] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received May 6, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-4200. A letter from the Management Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Diamond Aircraft Industries Inc. Airplanes [Docket No.: FAA-2024-0991; Project Identifier MCAI-2024-00051-A; Amendment 39-22724; AD 2024-07-

03] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received May 6, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-4201. A letter from the Management Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; General Electric Company Engines, and Various Restricted Category Rotorcraft [Docket No.: FAA-2024-0774; Project Identifier AD-2024-00197-E; Amendment 39-22723; AD 2024-06-51] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received May 6, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

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. LANGWORTHY: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 1227. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 8369) to provide for the expeditious delivery of defense articles and defense services for Israel and other matters; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 7530) to limit youth offender status in the District of Columbia to individuals 18 years of age or younger, to direct the Attorney General of the District of Columbia to establish and operate a publicly accessible website containing updated statistics on juvenile crime in the District of Columbia, to amend the District of Columbia Home Rule Act to prohibit the Council of the District of Columbia from enacting changes to existing criminal liability sentences, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 7343) to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for the detention of certain aliens who commit assault against law enforcement officers; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 8146) to require a report by the Attorney General on the impact the border crisis is having on law enforcement at the Federal, State, local, and Tribal level; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 7581) to require the Attorney General to develop reports relating to violent attacks against law enforcement officers, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 354) to amend title 18, United States Code, to improve the Law Enforcement Officer Safety Act and provisions relating to the carrying of concealed weapons by law enforcement officers, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 1213) a resolution regarding violence against law enforcement officers; and providing for consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 1210) condemning the Biden border crisis and the tremendous burdens law enforcement officers face as a result (Rept. 118-511). Referred to the House Calendar.

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. BLUMENAUER:

H.R. 8401. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a credit for a portion of employer social security taxes paid with respect to service charges paid by the employer to an employee in the form of wages, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. CASTEN:

H.R. 8402. A bill to provide for accurate energy appraisals in connection with residential

mortgage loans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services, and in addition to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. COHEN (for himself, Mr. FLEISCHMANN, Mr. DESJARLAIS, Mr. EDWARDS, Mrs. MCBATH, and Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia):

H.R. 8403. A bill to amend the National Trails System Act to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to conduct a study on the feasibility of designating the Benton Mackaye Trail as a national scenic trail; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. FITZPATRICK (for himself, Mr. PANETTA, Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania, and Mr. TONKO):

H.R. 8404. A bill to amend Title XVIII of the Social Security Act to create a Radiation Oncology Case Rate Value Based Payment Program exempt from budget neutrality adjustment requirements, and to amend section 1128A of title XI of the Social Security Act to create a new statutory exception for the provision of free or discounted transportation for radiation oncology patients to receive radiation therapy services; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. HUIZENGA (for himself, Ms. TLAIB, Mr. BERGMAN, Mr. THANEDAR, Mr. MOOLENAAR, Mr. KILDEE, Mr. WALBERG, Ms. SCHOLTEN, Mrs. MCCLAIN, Ms. STEVENS, Mr. JAMES, Mrs. DINGELL, and Ms. SLOTKIN):

H.R. 8405. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 90 McCamly Street South in Battle Creek, Michigan, as the "Sojourner Truth Post Office"; to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

By Mr. LAWLER (for himself and Mr. MULLIN):

H.R. 8406. A bill to add Ireland to the E3 nonimmigrant visa program; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MAGAZINER (for himself, Mr. MOLINARO, Ms. NORTON, Mr. CARSON, Mrs. DINGELL, Mr. TONKO, Mr. MULLIN, and Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHI):

H.R. 8407. A bill to provide for the discharge of parent borrower liability if a student on whose behalf a parent has received certain student loans becomes disabled; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. MAST (for himself, Mr. DUNN of Florida, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mr. SCOTT FRANKLIN of Florida, Mr. DONALDS, Mrs. CHERFILUS-MC CORMICK, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, and Ms. SALAZAR):

H.R. 8408. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 290 NW Peacock Boulevard in Port St. Lucie, Florida, as the "Trooper Zachary Fink Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

By Mr. NICEL:

H.R. 8409. A bill to assist parents in locating and utilizing child care that meets individual family needs; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. OGLES (for himself, Mr. GOOD of Virginia, Mrs. LUNA, Mrs. HARSHBARGER, Mr. CRANE, and Mr. BURLISON):

H.R. 8410. A bill to prohibit judges from issuing gag orders in certain circumstances; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. PFLUGER (for himself, Ms. SEWELL, Mr. CARL, Mr. ADERHOLT, Mr. CARBAJAL, Mr. MOORE of Alabama, Mr. MAST, Mr. PALMER, Mr. VICENTE GONZALEZ of Texas, and Mr. STRONG):

H.R. 8411. A bill to establish prohibitions with respect to vessels loaded or previously held at ports, harbors, or marine terminals in certain Western Hemisphere countries and with respect to which land owned, held, or controlled directly or indirectly by United States persons that is necessary to access the ports, harbors, marine terminals, or relevant port infrastructure has been nationalized, forcibly limited, or expropriated by the governments of such countries, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on Foreign Affairs, Intelligence (Permanent Select), 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. RUIZ (for himself and Mr. BUCSHON):

H.R. 8412. A bill to modernize clinical trials and remove barriers for participation in clinical trials, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. SMITH of Nebraska (for himself, Mr. FLOOD, Mr. BACON, and Mr. MANN):

H.R. 8413. A bill to provide for the conveyance of certain Federal land at Swanson Reservoir and Hugh Butler Reservoir in the State of Nebraska, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. STANTON (for himself and Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota):

H.R. 8414. A bill to support efforts of the governments of Western Hemisphere countries to increase the diversity of their upstream supply chains and downstream supply chains; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mrs. STEEL (for herself, Mr. SCHIFF, Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS, Mr. RYAN, Ms. SPANBERGER, Mr. PAPPAS, and Mr. TRONE):

H.R. 8415. A bill to require the Inspector General of the Department of Health and Human Services to evaluate the cybersecurity practices and protocols of the Department, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Ms. STEFANIK (for herself, Mr. MOOLENAAR, Mr. WITTMAN, Mrs. HINSON, and Mr. BANKS):

H.R. 8416. A bill to amend the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States to increase the rate of duty on unmanned aircraft, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure, and Agriculture, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. VASQUEZ:

H.R. 8417. A bill to require congressional notice of the cancellation or termination of contracts by the Department of Defense involving certain numbers of employees of contractors, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. ALLEN (for himself, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. DUNCAN, Mrs. WAGNER, Mr. NORMAN, Mr. DONALDS, Mr. WALBERG, Mr. HERN, Mrs. MILLER of West Virginia, Mr. MOOLENAAR, Mr. SMUCKER, Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas, Mr. RUTHER-

FORD, Mr. WESTERMAN, Mr. BANKS, Ms. LETLOW, Mr. HILL, Mr. MANN, Mrs. BICE, Mr. NUNN of Iowa, Mr. FINSTAD, Mr. TIMMONS, Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania, Mr. CARTER of Georgia, Mr. KUSTOFF, and Mr. MEUSER):

H.J. Res. 140. A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of Labor relating to "Amendment to Prohibited Transaction Exemption 2020-02"; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. ALLEN (for himself, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. DUNCAN, Mrs. WAGNER, Mr. NORMAN, Mr. DONALDS, Mr. WALBERG, Mr. HERN, Mrs. MILLER of West Virginia, Mr. MOOLENAAR, Mr. SMUCKER, Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas, Mr. RUTHERFORD, Mr. WESTERMAN, Mr. BANKS, Ms. LETLOW, Mr. HILL, Mr. MANN, Mrs. BICE, Mr. NUNN of Iowa, Mr. FINSTAD, Mr. TIMMONS, Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania, Mr. CARTER of Georgia, Mr. KUSTOFF, and Mr. MEUSER):

H.J. Res. 141. A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of Labor relating to "Amendment to Prohibited Transaction Exemption 84-24"; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. ALLEN (for himself, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. DUNCAN, Mrs. WAGNER, Mr. NORMAN, Mr. DONALDS, Mr. WALBERG, Mr. HERN, Mrs. MILLER of West Virginia, Mr. MOOLENAAR, Mr. SMUCKER, Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas, Mr. RUTHERFORD, Mr. WESTERMAN, Mr. BANKS, Ms. LETLOW, Mr. HILL, Mr. MANN, Mrs. BICE, Mr. NUNN of Iowa, Mr. FINSTAD, Mr. TIMMONS, Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania, Mr. CARTER of Georgia, Mr. KUSTOFF, and Mr. MEUSER):

H.J. Res. 142. A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of Labor relating to "Retirement Security Rule: Definition of an Investment Advice Fiduciary"; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. ALLEN (for himself, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. DUNCAN, Mrs. WAGNER, Mr. NORMAN, Mr. DONALDS, Mr. WALBERG, Mr. HERN, Mrs. MILLER of West Virginia, Mr. MOOLENAAR, Mr. SMUCKER, Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas, Mr. RUTHERFORD, Mr. WESTERMAN, Mr. BANKS, Ms. LETLOW, Mr. HILL, Mr. MANN, Mrs. BICE, Mr. NUNN of Iowa, Mr. FINSTAD, Mr. TIMMONS, Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania, Mr. CARTER of Georgia, Mr. KUSTOFF, and Mr. MEUSER):

H.J. Res. 143. A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of Labor relating to "Amendment to Prohibited Transaction Exemptions 75-1, 77-4, 80-83, 83-1, and 86-128"; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Ms. CHU (for herself, Mr. SABLAR, Ms. TOKUDA, Ms. MENG, Mr. THANEDAR, Ms. DELBENE, Mr. MULLIN, Mrs. FOUSHEE, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. VARGAS, Ms. BARRAGÁN, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHI, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Mr. BOWMAN, Ms. LEE of California, Mr. GREEN of Texas, Ms. NORTON, Mr. CARBAJAL, Mr. CASE, Mr. SHERMAN, Mr. BERA, Mr. TAKANO, Mr. LIEU, Ms. SÁNCHEZ, Mrs. FLETCHER, Mr. KIM of New Jersey, Ms. LEE of Nevada, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Mr. GOMEZ, and Mr. RASKIN):

H. Res. 1228. A resolution recognizing the significance of Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage Month

as an important time to celebrate the significant contributions of Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders to the history of the United States; to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

By Ms. KAPTUR (for herself, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, and Mr. SMITH of New Jersey):

H. Res. 1229. A resolution supporting the designation of May 15, 2024, as "National Senior Fraud Awareness Day" to raise awareness about the increasing number of fraudulent scams targeted at seniors in the United States, to encourage the implementation of policies to prevent those scams from happening, and to improve protections from those scams for seniors; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Mr. NICKELE (for himself, Ms. WILD, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Ms. MALLIOTAKIS, Mr. CAREY, Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina, Ms. LEE of Pennsylvania, and Mr. JACKSON of North Carolina):

H. Res. 1230. A resolution recognizing the hundreds of thousands of lives lost during Sri Lanka's almost 30-year armed conflict, which ended 15 years ago on May 18, 2009, and ensuring nonrecurrence of past violence, including the Tamil Genocide, by supporting the right to self-determination of Eelam Tamil people and their call for an independence referendum for a lasting peaceful resolution; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Ms. TLAIB (for herself, Ms. OMAR, Ms. BUSH, and Mr. CARSON):

H. Res. 1231. A resolution recognizing the Nakba and Palestinian refugees' rights; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY AND SINGLE SUBJECT STATEMENTS

Pursuant to clause 7(c)(1) of rule XII and Section 3(c) of H. Res. 5 the following statements are submitted regarding (1) the specific powers granted to Congress in the Constitution to enact the accompanying bill or joint resolution and (2) the single subject of the bill or joint resolution.

By Mr. BLUMENAUER:

H.R. 8401.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Clause 1 of Section 8 of Article I of the Constitution

The single subject of this legislation is:

Taxation

By Mr. CASTEN:

H.R. 8402.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Clause 18 of Section 8 of Article 1 of the Constitution

The single subject of this legislation is:

Housing

By Mr. COHEN:

H.R. 8403.

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:

Natural Resources

By Mr. FITZPATRICK:

H.R. 8404.

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:

Creates a Radiation Oncology Case Rate Value Based Payment Program exempt from budget neutrality adjustment requirements, and to amend section 1128A of title XI of the Social Security Act to create a new statutory exception for the provision of free or

discounted transportation for radiation oncology patients to receive radiation therapy services.

By Mr. HUIZENGA:
H.R. 8405.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Clause 7 of section 8 of article I of the Constitution

The single subject of this legislation is:

Post office renaming.

By Mr. LAWLER:
H.R. 8406.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 18 of the U.S. Constitution

The single subject of this legislation is:

To add Ireland to the E3 nonimmigrant visa program.

By Mr. MAGAZINER:
H.R. 8407.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is:

To provide for the discharge of parent borrower liability if a student on whose behalf a parent has received certain student loans becomes disabled.

By Mr. MAST:
H.R. 8408.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8, clause 7

The single subject of this legislation is:

Would rename a Post Office located in St. Lucie County, Florida, as the "Trooper Zachary Fink Post Office Building."

By Mr. NICKEL:
H.R. 8409.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8, U.S. Constitution

The single subject of this legislation is:

Child care

By Mr. OGLES:
H.R. 8410.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section VIII of the United States Constitution

The single subject of this legislation is:

To prohibit judges from issuing gag orders in certain circumstances.

By Mr. PFLUGER:
H.R. 8411.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is:

Establishes prohibitions with respect to vessels loaded or previously held at ports, harbors, or marine terminals and with respect to which land owned, held, or controlled directly or indirectly by United States persons that is necessary to access the ports or relevant port infrastructure has been nationalized, forcibly limited, or expropriated by the governments of such countries.

By Mr. RUIZ:
H.R. 8412.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8, Clauses 1 and 18 of the United States Constitution, to provide for the general welfare and make all laws necessary and proper to carry out the powers of Congress.

The single subject of this legislation is:

To remove barriers to participation in clinical trials

By Mr. SMITH of Nebraska:
H.R. 8413.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article IV, Section 3, clause 2

The single subject of this legislation is:

The bill would begin transfer of the Bureau of Reclamation Swanson Reservoir land to Hitchcock county and the Bureau of Reclamation Red Willow Reservoir land to Frontier County.

By Mr. STANTON:
H.R. 8414.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is:

Expanding DFC investment authorities.

By Mrs. STEEL:
H.R. 8415.

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 Ms. STEFANIK:
H.R. 8416.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution

The single subject of this legislation is:

To implement incrementally increasing tariffs on PRC-manufactured drones and authorize a grant program.

By Mr. VASQUEZ:
H.R. 8417.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, section 8, Clauses 1 and 18 of the United States Constitution, to provide for the general welfare and make all laws necessary and proper to carry out the powers of the Congress.

The single subject of this legislation is:

Defense Personnel

By Mr. ALLEN:
H.J. Res. 140.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, section 8, clause 3

The single subject of this legislation is:

Disapproves the rule submitted by the Department of Labor relating to "Amendment to Prohibited Transaction Exemption 2020-02" (89 Fed. Reg. 32260 (April 25, 2024)), and such rule shall have no force or effect.

By Mr. ALLEN:
H.J. Res. 141.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, section 8, clause 3

The single subject of this legislation is:

Disapproves of the rule submitted by the Department of Labor relating to "Amendment to Prohibited Transaction Exemption 84-24" (89 Fed. Reg. 32302 (April 25, 2024)), and such rule shall have no force or effect.

By Mr. ALLEN:
H.J. Res. 142.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, section 8, clause 3

The single subject of this legislation is:

Disapprove of the rule submitted by the Department of Labor relating to 'Retirement Security Rule:Definition of an Investment Advice Fiduciary' (89 Fed. Reg. 32122 (April 25, 2024)), and such rule shall have no force or effect.

By Mr. ALLEN:
H.J. Res. 143.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, section 8, clause 3

The single subject of this legislation is:

Disapproves the rule submitted by the Department of Labor relating to "Amendment to Prohibited Transaction Exemption 75-1, 77-4, 80-83, 83-1, and 86-128" (89 Fed. Reg. 32346 (April 25, 2024)), and such rule shall have no force or effect.

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 7 of rule XII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions, as follows:

H.R. 16: Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas, Mr. THANEDAR, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Ms. BUSH, and Mr. PASCRELL.

H.R. 79: Mr. WEBER of Texas.

H.R. 130: Mr. GUEST.

H.R. 234: Ms. MALLIOTAKIS.

H.R. 431: Mr. LUTTRELL.

H.R. 537: Mr. SCALISE.

H.R. 544: Mrs. FOUSHÉE.

H.R. 549: Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania.

H.R. 594: Ms. CLARKE of New York.

H.R. 595: Ms. CLARKE of New York and Mrs. HAYES.

H.R. 648: Mr. SMITH of Nebraska.

H.R. 674: Mr. LAWLER.

H.R. 681: Mr. KEATING.

H.R. 694: Mr. AGUILAR.

H.R. 743: Mrs. CHAVEZ-DEREMER and Mr. McCORMICK.

H.R. 779: Mr. BURLISON.

H.R. 798: Mr. TONKO.

H.R. 830: Mr. CONNOLLY.

H.R. 866: Ms. PORTER, Ms. CLARKE of New York, and Ms. PETTERSEN.

H.R. 868: Mr. DUNCAN.

H.R. 1002: Ms. PORTER, Ms. BONAMICI, and Ms. LOFGREN.

H.R. 1015: Mr. RESCHENTHALER, Mr. CONNOLLY, and Ms. HOYLE of Oregon.

H.R. 1088: Mr. NORCROSS, Mr. HUFFMAN, Mr. FROST, Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHI, Mrs. TORRES of California, Mr. HARDER of California, and Mrs. FLETCHER.

H.R. 1100: Ms. BOEBERT.

H.R. 1118: Mr. LARSEN of Washington.

H.R. 1200: Mr. MILLS.

H.R. 1203: Ms. MACE.

H.R. 1321: Ms. SALAZAR, Mr. McCORMICK, Mr. GOLDMAN of New York, and Ms. McCOLLMUM.

H.R. 1415: Mr. DOGGETT.

H.R. 1425: Ms. MALLIOTAKIS.

H.R. 1458: Ms. VAN DUYNE.

H.R. 1572: Ms. HOYLE of Oregon, Mr. THANEDAR, Mr. TONKO, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, and Ms. SÁNCHEZ.

H.R. 1582: Mr. NORCROSS and Mr. RASKIN.

H.R. 1691: Ms. MALOY.

H.R. 1831: Mr. BOYLE of Pennsylvania and Ms. STRICKLAND.

H.R. 2537: Mr. TONKO.

H.R. 2584: Mrs. CHAVEZ-DEREMER.

H.R. 2620: Mr. KUSTOFF.

H.R. 2630: Mr. LEVIN.

H.R. 2672: Mr. WEBSTER of Florida.

H.R. 2696: Mr. BUCSHON.

H.R. 2719: Mr. LAWLER.

H.R. 2742: Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE.

H.R. 2748: Mr. VAN ORDEN.

H.R. 2808: Mr. AMODEL.

H.R. 2891: Mr. DELUZIO.

H.R. 3012: Mr. SHERMAN.

H.R. 3170: Mr. LARSEN of Washington.

H.R. 3176: Mr. BUCHANAN.

H.R. 3184: Mrs. DINGELL.

H.R. 3240: Mr. WITTMAN and Ms. MALLIOTAKIS.

H.R. 3246: Mr. BERA, Mr. SHERMAN, and Mr. KEAN of New Jersey.

H.R. 3432: Ms. TLAIB.

H.R. 3548: Mr. AMO.

H.R. 3601: Mrs. HAYES.

H.R. 3619: Ms. TITUS.

H.R. 3620: Ms. TITUS.

H.R. 3662: Ms. BONAMICI.

H.R. 3725: Ms. PEREZ.

H.R. 3781: Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHI.

H.R. 3842: Ms. PINGREE.

H.R. 3887: Mr. DUNCAN and Mrs. MILLER of Illinois.

H.R. 3909: Mr. GARAMENDI.

H.R. 3916: Ms. HOYLE of Oregon.

H.R. 4052: Mr. TORRES of New York.
 H.R. 4121: Mr. JEFFRIES and Mr. MRVAN.
 H.R. 4219: Mr. MANN.
 H.R. 4277: Ms. McCLELLAN.
 H.R. 4302: Mrs. HAYES.
 H.R. 4303: Mr. TORRES of New York.
 H.R. 4335: Ms. STEFANIK and Ms. MALLIOTAKIS.
 H.R. 4384: Mr. KILEY and Ms. PEREZ.
 H.R. 4519: Ms. TOKUDA, Mr. PETERS, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, Mr. SOTO, Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER, Mr. RUIZ, Mr. CLEAVER, and Mr. KILEY.
 H.R. 4541: Mr. LIEU.
 H.R. 4721: Ms. LETLOW.
 H.R. 4769: Mrs. HAYES.
 H.R. 4794: Ms. VAN DUYNE.
 H.R. 4993: Ms. MALLIOTAKIS.
 H.R. 5040: Ms. KUSTER.
 H.R. 5084: Mr. LUTTRELL.
 H.R. 5247: Ms. LOFGREN.
 H.R. 5266: Ms. PEREZ.
 H.R. 5419: Mr. ISSA.
 H.R. 5455: Ms. MALLIOTAKIS.
 H.R. 5488: Mr. MANN.
 H.R. 5526: Mrs. FLETCHER.
 H.R. 5531: Mrs. LUNA and Mr. NORMAN.
 H.R. 5547: Mr. CAREY and Ms. VAN DUYNE.
 H.R. 5555: Mr. MURPHY.
 H.R. 5568: Ms. STEVENS.
 H.R. 5580: Ms. MCCOLLUM.
 H.R. 5631: Mr. HARRIS.
 H.R. 5840: Mr. NORCROSS.
 H.R. 5851: Ms. JACOBS.
 H.R. 5909: Mrs. FLETCHER.
 H.R. 5989: Mr. KILMER.
 H.R. 6020: Mr. NADLER.
 H.R. 6105: Mr. LIEU.
 H.R. 6171: Ms. BROWNLEY.
 H.R. 6186: Mr. WALTZ.
 H.R. 6201: Mr. BANKS and Mrs. GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN.
 H.R. 6319: Ms. MALOY.
 H.R. 6348: Ms. TLAIB.
 H.R. 6377: Ms. McCLELLAN.
 H.R. 6451: Mr. KIM of New Jersey.
 H.R. 6452: Mr. MANN.
 H.R. 6515: Mr. CASTEN.
 H.R. 6538: Mr. VAN DREW.
 H.R. 6545: Mr. BENTZ.
 H.R. 6613: Ms. MALLIOTAKIS and Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHI.
 H.R. 6672: Mr. GARAMENDI.
 H.R. 6734: Mr. GRAVES of Missouri and Mr. CLINE.
 H.R. 6832: Mr. DESAULNIER.
 H.R. 6848: Mr. SELF.
 H.R. 6860: Mr. MANN.

H.R. 6951: Mr. DESJARLAIS and Mr. MCCLINTOCK.
 H.R. 6961: Mrs. FOUSHÉE and Ms. ROSS.
 H.R. 7039: Mr. SUOZZI.
 H.R. 7056: Mrs. FOUSHÉE.
 H.R. 7131: Mr. WEBSTER of Florida.
 H.R. 7145: Mr. THANEDEAR.
 H.R. 7198: Mr. VALADAO and Mrs. MILLER of West Virginia.
 H.R. 7218: Mr. BUCHANAN.
 H.R. 7291: Mr. CASE.
 H.R. 7300: Ms. ROSS.
 H.R. 7384: Mr. HARRIS.
 H.R. 7438: Mrs. HOUGHIN, Mr. TRONE, Mr. MOYLAN, Mr. HARDER of California, and Mr. VICENTE GONZALEZ of Texas.
 H.R. 7478: Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota.
 H.R. 7479: Ms. MALLIOTAKIS and Mr. STAUBER.
 H.R. 7480: Mrs. HOUGHIN.
 H.R. 7536: Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas.
 H.R. 7563: Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas.
 H.R. 7613: Ms. NORTON.
 H.R. 7618: Mr. ALLRED, Mr. FITZPATRICK, and Mr. ROGERS of Alabama.
 H.R. 7629: Ms. KAPTUR and Mr. SMITH of Washington.
 H.R. 7739: Mr. NORMAN and Mr. MEUSER.
 H.R. 7755: Ms. STANSBURY.
 H.R. 7770: Mr. WALTZ and Mr. KIM of New Jersey.
 H.R. 7833: Ms. BOEBERT.
 H.R. 7849: Mr. LIEU.
 H.R. 7850: Mrs. PEITOLA.
 H.R. 7866: Mr. KEAN of New Jersey, Mr. PAPPAS, Mr. TRONE, Mrs. GONZALEZ-COLÓN, and Mr. BANKS.
 H.R. 7911: Mr. GOLDMAN of New York and Mr. CARSON.
 H.R. 7921: Mr. MANN and Mrs. GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN.
 H.R. 7954: Mr. LAWLER.
 H.R. 7959: Mr. STAUBER, Mr. FRY, Mr. D'ESPOSITO, and Mr. MOORE of Alabama.
 H.R. 8001: Mr. SHERMAN.
 H.R. 8005: Mr. MRVAN.
 H.R. 8012: Mr. MULLIN, Mr. GOLDMAN of New York, and Mr. MOOLENAAR.
 H.R. 8046: Mr. WILSON of South Carolina.
 H.R. 8049: Mr. BABIN.
 H.R. 8051: Mr. BRECHEEN.
 H.R. 8061: Mr. PAPPAS, Mr. MRVAN, and Ms. ROSS.
 H.R. 8083: Mr. MCCORMICK.
 H.R. 8122: Mr. RASKIN.
 H.R. 8144: Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania.
 H.R. 8152: Mr. SHERMAN.
 H.R. 8164: Mr. NADLER, Mr. CONNOLLY, and Mr. KIM of New Jersey.

H.R. 8195: Mr. GUTHRIE.
 H.R. 8202: Mrs. LESKO.
 H.R. 8234: Mr. LAWLER.
 H.R. 8242: Mrs. CHAVEZ-DEREMER.
 H.R. 8273: Mr. PANETTA.
 H.R. 8298: Ms. ROSS.
 H.R. 8315: Mr. SHERMAN.
 H.R. 8337: Mr. FITZGERALD.
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 H.R. 8341: Mr. PHILLIPS, Mr. BERGMAN, Mr. ROSE, and Mr. CARTER of Georgia.
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 H.R. 8350: Mr. SMITH of Nebraska.
 H.R. 8358: Mr. KEAN of New Jersey.
 H.R. 8361: Mr. SHERMAN.
 H.R. 8362: Mr. KEATING.
 H.R. 8368: Mr. CASE, Mr. MOSKOWITZ, and Mr. KEATING.
 H.R. 8369: Mr. LOUDERMILK and Mrs. GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN.
 H.R. 8371: Mr. RESCHENTHALER and Mr. AMODEI.
 H.R. 8372: Mr. SMUCKER, Mr. BRECHEEN, Mr. BERGMAN, and Ms. MALOY.
 H.R. 8373: Mr. LUETKEMEYER.
 H.R. 8375: Mr. VARGAS.
 H.R. 8377: Mr. VARGAS.
 H.J. Res. 82: Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHI, Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois, and Ms. STEVENS.
 H.J. Res. 134: Ms. TENNEY.
 H.J. Res. 136: Mr. VALADAO.
 H.J. Res. 139: Mr. MANN, Mr. TIFFANY, and Mr. ALFORD.
 H. Con. Res. 106: Ms. MALLIOTAKIS and Mr. BACON.
 H. Res. 265: Ms. McCLELLAN.
 H. Res. 345: Ms. NORTON.
 H. Res. 353: Mr. LAWLER.
 H. Res. 881: Ms. TLAIB.
 H. Res. 1019: Mr. GREEN of Tennessee.
 H. Res. 1037: Mr. NUNN of Iowa.
 H. Res. 1121: Ms. LEE of California and Mr. GOLDMAN of New York.
 H. Res. 1131: Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHI, Mr. MCCORMICK, and Ms. STEVENS.
 H. Res. 1179: Mrs. LESKO.
 H. Res. 1186: Mr. ESPAILLAT and Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ.
 H. Res. 1188: Mr. DONALDS.
 H. Res. 1198: Ms. BUDZINSKI and Mr. PASCRELL.
 H. Res. 1206: Mr. KILMER and Ms. TITUS.
 H. Res. 1210: Mr. BACON.
 H. Res. 1226: Mr. FINSTAD.



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Senate

The Senate met at 10 a.m., and was called to order by the Honorable JOHN FETTERMAN, a Senator from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

Eternal Father, we thank You for another day with its fresh promises, opportunities, and duties. As our bodies are renewed, so give strength to our minds and hearts to glorify You with our lives.

Be near our Senators as they labor. For their added burdens, give them greater strength. For their difficult problems, give them greater wisdom. For their moments of despair, give them greater faith.

Lord, to all who serve in the government, provide a full measure of Your mercy, grace, and might, that all things may be ordered according to Your will.

We pray in Your merciful Name. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Presiding Officer 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.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mrs. MURRAY).

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, May 15, 2024.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby

appoint the Honorable JOHN FETTERMAN, a Senator from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATTY MURRAY,
President pro tempore.

Mr. FETTERMAN thereupon assumed the Chair as Acting President pro tempore.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

CONCLUSION OF MORNING BUSINESS

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Morning business is closed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate will proceed to executive session to resume consideration of the following nomination, which the clerk will report.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Courtney Diesel O'Donnell, of California, to be United States Permanent Representative to the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization, with the rank of Ambassador.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The majority leader is recognized.

AI

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, last year, Congress faced a momentous choice: either watch from the sidelines as artificial intelligence reshaped our world or make a novel, bipartisan effort to enhance, but also regulate, this technology before it was too late. So, as majority leader, I convened a bipartisan working group of Senators last year—Senators ROUNDS, HEINRICH, and YOUNG—to chart the path forward on AI in the Senate.

Today, after months of discussion, after hundreds of meetings, and after nine first-of-their-kind AI Insight Forums, our bipartisan Senate working group released the first ever roadmap for AI policy in the Senate. Our policy roadmap for AI is the first, most comprehensive, most bipartisan, and most forward-thinking report on AI regulation produced by Congress. Our roadmap lays out a panoply of policy priorities and guardrails that our group believes merit bipartisan consideration in this Congress and beyond.

Three words govern what we do: urgency, humility, and bipartisanship. Urgency because AI is so complex, so rapidly evolving, and so broad in its impact—it covers almost every aspect of society. The longer we wait, the bigger the gap becomes. Just this week, ChatGPT released a new model that can read facial expressions and translate spoken language in realtime.

Humility, this is hard to do because AI is nothing like Congress has ever dealt with before. It is rapidly changing. As we mentioned, every week, something new happens. It is all encompassing, and Congress has never really dealt with it before. In areas like health or defense, we have a long track record, lots of expertise, but not so in AI because it is so new.

And, finally, bipartisanship, because the changes that AI brings won't discriminate between left, right, and center, and we all know the only way to get things done here is bipartisanship. That means compromise by Democrats and Republicans. But, certainly, getting nothing done is a worse alternative.

As I have always said, innovation must be our North Star—innovation. America must take the lead in the world, continue to innovate, use the great nutrient agar of entrepreneurship

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and doing new things and reaching out in new directions. We have been the most innovative country in the world. We should keep that.

But innovation has two senses, two parts. Both are very important to realize. One I call transformational innovation, and one I call sustainable innovation.

Transformational innovation is reaching the stars. It is the great stuff that AI could do. What if AI cures cancer? We have got to make sure we don't stand in the way of that happening.

What if AI dealt with climate change in a really strong new way or fed the hungry of the world or gave each person on Earth a teacher? Senator YOUNG mentioned this yesterday—a teacher that could just talk to them. These are great opportunities that we can't afford to miss.

But we also need sustainable innovation. That means we need innovation to produce guardrails that minimize the damage that AI could bring. How do you deal with workers who might be displaced? We don't want to repeat the mistake of globalization, where globalization did a lot of good things—it took a billion people, probably, out of poverty in the world—but no one paid attention to those who were hurt by globalization. We have to pay attention to bias because many of these big systems have bias built into them, and we can't repeat that error.

We have to deal with the creative community and intellectual property. So we need innovation in these areas as well to make sure that the liabilities of AI are dealt with.

So we need both—transformational innovation and sustainable innovation—in a sense, to maximize the benefits of AI and minimize the liabilities.

It is no easy task. It is no easy task. But our insight forums were designed to be balanced, with the input of leaders from the industry. They operate these AI complexes. We needed to hear from them, but also leaders from civil rights and labor and the creative community, sitting right next to them. And our AI forums were amazing.

There were back-and-forths. People really didn't just make speeches but tried to come up with questions we needed to answer and solutions to those questions. It is a difficult job, but I believe we achieved that balance in our AI forums and certainly in the roadmap. Balance is important.

Now, to help move forward on both forms of innovation—innovation, of course, being our North Star, transformational and sustainable innovation—we recommend a \$32 billion surge in emergency funding to secure America's dominance in AI. And let me underscore: This is a bipartisan recommendation. Senators HEINRICH and I, of course, care about it, but so do Senators YOUNG and ROUNDS, and they were quite eloquent yesterday about how we needed to spend this money or the United States would fall way behind.

Now, where do we go from here? Our policy roadmap is intended to be used by our committee chairs and ranking members as a foundation to move on good, bipartisan AI legislation. It is the committees that do the legislating. That is what has always happened around here. We need our committees to continue the bipartisan momentum of the AI gang to achieve the hope of passing legislation by the end of the year.

We don't expect every piece of AI to be addressed, every problem that is in our roadmap to be addressed. Some will lend themselves to move more quickly than others, and we are not going to hold back on some that are ready because others are not yet ready. This is a very, as I said, difficult process that we have to approach with humility.

Let me just say this: Our AI committee chairs and ranking members are ready and eager to engage in AI. Our roadmap includes many areas of bipartisan agreement that the committees can use, and, already, we are making progress in the Rules Committee, which is marking up legislation today. The Commerce Committee is looking at legislation regarding AI innovation. The Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee is considering how to leverage AI in the Federal workforce. The Armed Services Committee is leading the way on AI in the military. And the list goes on. So our committees are getting actively involved, which is what we want.

Our policy roadmap also embraces action to protect our elections from the potential risk of AI. First, the 2024 elections will be the first elections ever held in the age of AI. If we are not careful, AI could jaundice, even totally discredit, our entire system of elections as we know it. So, today, I am joining the Rules Committee, which is marking up three bills—all three with bipartisan support—to address AI's impact on our elections. I strongly support these bills, and I commend Senator KLOBUCHAR and her sponsors for their bipartisan work.

And that is just happening today, but we expect there will be other committees putting forth legislation in the near future.

Our policy roadmap also advocates for a host of regulatory recommendations that help maximize AI's potential and minimize its risks—risks like bias and job displacement and privacy invasion. These are all difficult issues to deal with, but move forward we must.

So our policy roadmap is an important step in AI regulation, and getting the committees here in the Congress to start figuring out the bipartisan legislation that they can move forward on is a good step. But I also plan to meet with Speaker JOHNSON in the near future to see how we can make Congress's effort on AI not just bipartisan but also bicameral.

So today is immensely satisfying for our bipartisan AI gang. It has been a long, long time and a culmination of

months of listening and thinking and working on this issue. So with great sincerity and humility, I want to thank my colleagues in the bipartisan working group—ROUNDS, HEINRICH, and YOUNG. I thank my Senate colleagues who attended our insight forums. Over 70 Senators attended at least 1 forum, and many attended multiple forums. And they are beginning their work on AI through the committee process. And I thank all the staff who have put a lot of effort and a lot of hours into this policy roadmap. I have a great staff, and they have been so instrumental in getting us to the point we are at now.

Congress can't and won't solve every challenge AI presents today, but with this policy roadmap, we now have a foundation necessary to propel America into the age of AI.

BORDER SECURITY

Mr. President, now on the border, three things are true about the southern border: One, the status quo cannot continue. Two, Democrats want Congress to take action. Three, the only way we will solve this issue is with real bipartisan action, not partisan talk.

Instead of just making a lot of speeches, pointing a lot of fingers—blame, blame, blame—we Democrats want to get something done to secure our border. Democrats showed we are serious about border security when we worked with Republicans to write the strongest border security bill in a generation, to hire more border agents and asylum officers, enhance drug enforcement, and fix asylum. We had the strongest border security bill in decades ready to go here in the Senate, with a lot of support from Republicans who, when they saw it, they liked it—they said, “Wow, this is tough stuff”—until Donald Trump killed it to keep the issue alive on the campaign trail. He said it. He wanted chaos because it might help his election. Then he said: Blame it on me.

I remember when he said, “Blame the shutdown on me,” when Speaker PELOSI and I went to his office. I don't think that is a very successful strategy, and it is certainly not what is good for America.

So this bill is such a strong bill. It is a bill that would add more than 1,500 new Customs and Border Protection personnel, 4,300 asylum officers—a bill Democrats and Republicans spent months negotiating and fine-tuning and revising.

Unlike the vast majority of bills in Congress that are dubbed as “border security,” this wasn't a messaging bill. This was a product of months of bipartisan negotiation, written with the goal of reaching the President's desk—a bill supported by the people who know, perhaps better than anyone else, what it takes to address border security, the National Border Patrol Council, a very conservative group. Their president called our bill “a step in the right direction” and “far better than the status quo.”

Donald Trump's sabotage of the strongest border bill in decades makes

it obvious he cares only about this issue so long as he can exploit it for political gain, not about solving the problem that Americans want solved. If Donald Trump was genuine about wanting to fix the border, if he actually believed this was an emergency, he would have supported the Senate's bipartisan bill.

Still, Democrats have not walked away from this debate. We want to secure the border. We know it will take bipartisan action in Congress, and we call on our Republican colleagues to join us to advance border security legislation, bipartisan legislation that the people demand.

JUDICIAL NOMINATIONS

Mr. President, finally, on nominations, today, the Senate will continue processing more of President Biden's outstanding nominees. This morning the Senate will vote on cloture on the nomination of Judge Sanket Bulsara to serve as a district judge in the Eastern District of New York. I was proud to push President Biden to nominate this amazing New Yorker and exceptionally qualified legal mind.

Judge Bulsara made history in 2017 as the first South Asian-American judge to serve in any court within the Second Circuit when he was appointed magistrate judge for the Eastern District. New York's South Asian population is one of the fastest growing in our State and in our country. So I am proud to support Judge Bulsara because he will make our courts a better reflection of the communities they serve.

And, once confirmed, Judge Bulsara will represent a milestone for the Senate. He will be the 195th—the 195th—judge confirmed by this body since President Biden took office, and we are going to keep going. Americans deserve jurists they can trust to be fair, to be qualified, and who will appreciate the human impact of their decisions. Judge Bulsara perfectly fits that noble idea.

I yield the floor.

RECOGNITION OF THE MINORITY LEADER

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Republican leader is recognized.

NATIONAL PEACE OFFICERS MEMORIAL DAY

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, this week, thousands of law enforcement personnel from across America will descend to our Nation's Capital to pay solemn tribute to comrades killed in the line of duty.

The entire Nation joins them once again in honoring the service and sacrifice as we mark National Peace Officers Memorial Day and add the names of fallen heroes to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial here in Washington.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to the officers and families who are in town this week. Our Nation owes the thin blue line a great debt for their dedication to keeping our communities safe.

I am especially grateful to Kentucky's law enforcement and honored

to pay special tribute to one of the Commonwealth's finest who was killed in the line of duty just last year. Deputy Caleb Conley of Scott County Sheriff's Office was tragically shot and killed a year ago next week during a routine traffic stop in Georgetown, KY.

He leaves behind his wife and two children. And yesterday, I had the privilege of meeting with members of the Conley family and assured them that their sacrifice is not forgotten.

The loss of the heroes we honor this week leaves holes in tight-knit departments and devoted families. And their deaths are a reminder of the daily risk peace officers take to keep the rest of us safe.

Of course, in this building, we are never far from men and women who swear oaths to run toward danger. And this Police Week, I hope our colleagues join me in thanking the officers of the Capitol Police who guard this institution and honoring their comrades who have given their lives to defend it.

BIDEN ADMINISTRATION

Mr. President, on another matter, in cities across America, soft-on-crime policies are making the tough job of law enforcement even tougher.

Earlier this month, President Biden declared that "Americans are safer from violent crime today than a year ago." But even a quick look around our Nation's Capital shows that crime in many American cities is still unacceptable high.

As of this past week, Washington, DC, has already seen 63 homicides and much more than 1,700 car thefts in 2024. Among these crimes was the deadly shooting of a 3-year-old girl who was hit by a stray bullet in a passing car. The child who was described as "cheerful and chatty" was just one of the youngest in a long list of this crime wave's innocent victims.

Last year, Washington saw homicides rise 35 percent. The city's murder rate reached the highest level in a quarter century. And less than halfway through 2024, cities across the country are still grappling with familiar problems.

In Los Angeles, home break-ins are rising, and residents report that police are complaining that their hands are tied. In Chicago, police reports show that crime has increased 69 percent since 2021. In Philadelphia, the effort to fire a soft-on-crime district attorney has gone all the way to the State supreme court.

Surely President Biden isn't declaring victory over the lawlessness threatening American communities. Surely the fact that violent crime is hovering beneath breathtaking highs isn't a cause for celebration.

As the head of one Washington nonprofit focused on preventing gun crimes put it, "I know some of the repercussions that can come from taking a victory lap too soon."

Then again, it is not surprising that from a White House to city halls across the country, Democrat leaders are

downplaying concerns about violent crime. If they looked this problem in the face, they would have to admit that their own policies are to blame.

It shouldn't have to be this way. The American people deserve safe streets, and law enforcement deserves elected leaders who back the blue.

BORDER SECURITY

Mr. President, on another matter, for three consecutive months, major national polls have ranked immigration as the most important problem facing our country. And this year, for the first time, a majority of Americans say they support erecting physical barriers—physical barriers—along our southern border.

So perhaps it is not a coincidence that the Democratic leader has indicated his intention to once again turn the Senate's focus to the border crisis and to portions of the bipartisan legislation Senator LANKFORD helped produce earlier this year.

But in his own remarks on the subject yesterday, my colleague from New York seemed to acknowledge what we all know: The keys to securing our southern border are already in the hands that created this crisis.

As the Democratic leader proudly declared, "President Biden . . . is taking action to secure our border. Last week," he said, "the President began announcing a series of administrative actions."

Last week? After 3 years on the job, apparently, it is time to give the Commander in Chief kudos on his handling of a crisis that still lets nearly 5,000 people cross our border illegally in a day.

Of course, President Biden does have the authorities he needs to start rapidly undoing the damage of the historic crisis that unfolded on his watch. How do we know? Because he voluntarily took them off the table on day one. "Remain in Mexico"? Off the table. The border wall construction a majority of Americans support? Not a chance. Any sign at all that this administration would like to actually secure the border? Don't hold your breath.

The path out of the deepening border crisis is actually not a mystery; it just requires a President who is willing to stop digging.

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Mr. President, now, on one final matter, I would like to briefly commend several of our colleagues for their work on resolutions the Senate will consider to roll back yet another slate of Biden administration overreach.

Today, we will vote on a resolution from Senator SCHMITT to finally put the brakes on the Treasury Department's extension of massive recovery funds for a pandemic emergency that has long since passed.

The Senate will vote on another resolution under the Congressional Review Act from Senator LUMMIS that would repeal a hasty, shortsighted power grab

by the SEC that hampers the deployment of new digital financial technologies.

And in the coming days, we will also vote on Senator CRUZ's resolution to ax a new Department of Energy rule on gas furnace efficiency standards that threaten to drive a huge share of existing residential furnace models out of the market and hike costs for seniors, small businesses, and low-income households.

As always, I am grateful to our colleagues for leading these efforts, and I urge the Senate to pass each resolution.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

70TH ANNIVERSARY OF BROWN V. BOARD OF EDUCATION

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, this week marks the 70th anniversary of one of the most important Supreme Court decisions of all time. It is part of our march toward justice.

On May 17, 1954, the Supreme Court announced its decision in *Brown v. Board of Education*, unanimously—unanimously—declaring the racist legal doctrine of “separate but equal” unconstitutional.

Today, we celebrate this historic anniversary and how far we have come as a country since the dark days of Jim Crow. Thankfully, we have made substantial progress in addressing racial disparities in education. However, significantly, systemic disparities do still exist today. More work needs to be done to promote racial equity and end discrimination inside and outside the classroom.

When the Supreme Court announced its decision in 1954, the demographics of American school-aged children were significantly different than they are today. At that time, the school-aged population, according to The Century Foundation, was roughly 85 percent White, 12 percent Black, and less than 4 percent other races. Contrast that with today. America's school-aged population is much more diverse: 48 percent White, 27 percent Hispanic, 15 percent Black, 6 percent Asian, 1 percent American-Indian, and 4 percent multiracial.

Yet, even with this increase—dramatic increase—in diversity, America's schools too often remain segregated by race. As of the 2018–2019 school year, one in six public school students attended schools where more than 90 percent of their peers had the same racial background. Illinois has 3 of the country's top 11 most segregated urban school districts. This lack of racial diversity in our schools is caused in part by unfair, exclusionary zoning policies

that keep low-income families out of schools in wealthier communities.

Education can play a significant role in helping to close the wealth gap between families, but unfortunately, due to modern-day segregation, many Black and Brown students often cannot access the same high-quality education as their White peers.

If you look at data from U.S. public schools going back to 1967, you will see that the segregation between Black and White students has increased by 64 percent since 1988 in the 100 largest school districts. While school segregation is not at pre-Brown v. Board of Education levels, it is still high and has been rising steadily since the late 1980s, and because where you go to school depends on your ZIP Code, students from poor neighborhoods in segregated cities are often trapped in underperforming schools.

Dismantling segregation has become more difficult now than it would have been 70 or 80 years ago, but we cannot ignore the challenge. Unless we focus on desegregating America and its neighborhoods, Brown's promise of integrated education will remain an unattainable goal.

The Brown decision was supposed to be the first step in a long march towards Americans' equality. It helped set the stage for challenges to other Jim Crow policies, such as barriers to fair housing, equal employment, voting rights, and public accommodations.

Unfortunately, today, the forces of intolerance are working to turn back the clock. Just last year, the Supreme Court struck down decades of precedent by ruling that affirmative action policies at two universities were unconstitutional. The attack on affirmative action threatens not just opportunities in education but also equal access to employment and contracts for minorities. The decision rewinds the clock and recreates barriers to entry for young minority students looking to pursue a degree in higher education and advance beyond college.

Quality education should be a right in our country, not a privilege. As a country, we still struggle to fulfill that promise. Public schools and many other elements of society remain separate and unequal, diminishing opportunities for millions.

Congress must focus on enacting policies and using resources to provide every student—Black, White, Brown—with the tools they need to learn and thrive in America. We must advocate for all students of every race and every place to have these resources to learn without limits.

As we celebrate 70 years since this historic decision, we honor the brave individuals who fought hard to bring it to reality. Those of us here today must honor their determination and sacrifice by continuing their mission for fairness.

On this 70th anniversary, I urge my colleagues to continue working toward equality within our education system

and society. It is long overdue for us to repair the broken systems that no longer serve our children, our grandchildren, and our country.

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. HICKENLOOPER). Without objection, it is so ordered.

INFLATION

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, this morning's inflation report shows just how stubborn President Biden's inflation crisis is.

For the 37th month in a row, prices have risen by more than 3 percent, and there is still no end in sight. Overall, prices are up 19.9 percent since President Biden took office. Grocery prices are up 21.3 percent. Car repairs are up 30.2 percent. Rent is up 20.8 percent. And the list literally goes on and on.

As Americans turn on their air conditioners this summer, they can contemplate a grim report from the Wall Street Journal, which notes that electricity prices have gone up 13 times faster under President Biden than they did in the previous 7 years.

All told, it costs a typical family more than \$1,000 a month just to maintain the standard of living it had when President Biden first took office—more than \$1,000 a month just to tread water.

So it is shocking to hear President Biden say things like he did last week when he suggested that people “have the money” to pay higher prices. But that is the kind of disconnect we have come to expect from the President, who claimed inflation would be “temporary” and who has persistently downplayed and denied the painful economic reality Americans are experiencing thanks to Democrats' reckless spending.

That pain is real. As one working parent in Connecticut said:

Every time I look at my bank account, it's always going down.

Luis, a truckdriver in Pennsylvania said:

I can do my living, but compared to what I used to have, I need to work extra to get what I used to have before.

And a family farmer in Missouri described his input costs as “ridiculous.”

They are not alone; 48 percent of voters say their personal financial situation is getting worse. Half of voters say they are worse off since President Biden took office. And 80 percent of voters say high prices are one of their biggest financial challenges.

Meanwhile, the cost of dealing with inflation is adding to Americans' financial pain. Many Americans have had to turn to their credit cards to cope with higher prices. And with the Federal Reserve having to keep interest rates elevated to fight inflation, paying off that debt has gotten harder.

High interest rates have also helped put the American dream of owning your own home increasingly out of reach. Prospective home buyers need to earn nearly twice as much to afford a typical home today as they would have 4 years ago. Half of renters under age 50 don't think they will be able to afford to buy their own home.

For Americans pursuing their dream of owning their own business or running the family farm or ranch, inflation has created serious challenges. More than a third of small business owners identify inflation as the biggest single threat to their business. Higher input costs and higher borrowing costs have forced small business owners to grapple with unwelcome prospects like raising prices and pulling back from investing in their businesses.

As bad as things have been over the past 3 years, it could get worse. The budget President Biden proposed in March contained a staggering—staggering—\$5 trillion in job-killing tax hikes. And just recently, the President said that if he is reelected, he would let the 2017 tax cuts expire.

Democrats may not like to acknowledge this, but the 2017 Republican-led tax reform legislation cut taxes for the majority of Americans. And if those rate cuts are allowed to expire, a typical family is looking at a \$1,600 tax hike in 2026.

That money may not matter to someone like the President, but I am sure working families have better uses for \$1,600 than sending it to the IRS, especially when you consider how much President Biden's inflation crisis is already costing them.

On top of that, the President wants to allow other tax reform measures in the 2017 bill—measures that brought benefits to hard-working Americans—to expire. So Americans could be looking at a future of higher taxes plus fewer jobs and opportunities.

The American people can't afford any more of the President's misguided economic policies; but, unfortunately, the President never seems to learn.

Let's hope the American people don't have to endure a second term of Bidenomics.

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. CASSIDY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT REQUEST—H.R. 467

Mr. CASSIDY. Mr. President, everyone here—everyone here—everybody in the audience, everybody watching on C-SPAN has a loved one or knows of someone whom they have loved who has either overdosed or died, actually, from an overdose of fentanyl—an incredible scourge on our society right now. Drug overdose is the leading

cause of death among young adults 18 to 45, and synthetic opioids like fentanyl are 75 percent of the cause, if you will, of U.S. overdose deaths.

Fentanyl continues to kill almost 200 Americans a day—200 Americans a day. Like, today, 200 Americans will die from a fentanyl overdose—an entire generation, dying. Illegal fentanyl and fentanyl-related substances are flooding into our market from the southern border in unprecedented amounts, with the bulk of it originating from a handful of manufacturers in Wuhan Province, China. By the way, you can't help but point out that this is worsened by the Biden administration's complete failure to secure the southern border.

Currently, fentanyl-related substances are classified as schedule I under the Controlled Substances Act. This classification provides law enforcement with the tools necessary to combat this emergency, going after the criminals who, again, are flooding our communities with these deadly drugs. But schedule I classification expires at the end of the year, and that is less than 8 months away.

Now, for years, Congress has not made this classification permanent, and every day we get closer to this deadline, we risk losing this essential law enforcement tool. If we don't act, the chemical manufacturers in China, the cartels, and the criminals who exploit our communities are emboldened, and we must not allow this to happen.

That is why today I am calling on the Senate to pass the Halt All Lethal Trafficking of Fentanyl Act, or the HALT Fentanyl Act, to permanently classify fentanyl-related substances as a schedule I controlled substance. Now, the bill is not controversial. There are no poison pills. All it does is codify current law, ensuring we don't lose tools we need to confront the fentanyl epidemic. The House—with as many problems as the House has had passing legislation—passed this bill on a strong bipartisan basis last year.

And the legislation removes barriers that impede the ability of researchers to conduct studies on these substances and allows for exemptions if the research provides evidence that specific analogs of fentanyl have a valid medical purpose. So we give law enforcement tools, but we also give the scientists, the medical scientists, tools to establish whether one of these analogs is worth having for medical purposes.

Now, it is important to note that this week is National Police Week. We honor police officers and their service to our communities. Now, these officers are on the frontlines of the fentanyl crisis, holding criminals accountable, saving lives by preventing the spread of drugs, but at times giving drugs like Narcan to reverse an overdose.

I am proud to say that we have a letter from 11 national law enforcement organizations supporting the HALT Fentanyl Act. And by passing this legislation, we will send a strong message

to law enforcement: We have your back. We have your back as you battle the scourge of deadly drugs in our communities.

The clock is ticking. Failure to act puts Americans in harm's way. We must pass this bill and get it to the President's desk for signature.

Mr. President, now, as in legislative session, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from further consideration of H.R. 467 and the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration; further, that the bill be considered read a third time and passed and the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

The Senator from Massachusetts.

Mr. MARKEY. Mr. President, reserving the right to object, the HALT Fentanyl Act would permanently classify fentanyl-related substances as schedule I substances under the Controlled Substances Act.

The fentanyl epidemic is ravaging communities across the United States. We are losing more than 80,000 Americans to overdose every year from opioid overdose. With deaths reaching this level, we do need every tool at our disposal to combat illicit fentanyl, but reclassification of fentanyl-related substances as schedule I substances would limit the government's ability to research overdose and addiction treatment medications, override critical public health considerations in scheduling decisions, and extend the policy approach of the failed War on Drugs.

Schedule I drugs are difficult for scientists to research. Fentanyl's potency and danger demand that we study it and its analogs to combat overdose and addiction. A permanent, blanket schedule I category for any fentanyl-related substance would create barriers to vital research.

This punishment-only categorization for fentanyl-related substances would eclipse the longstanding public health approach to Controlled Substances Act scheduling. The Controlled Substances Act authorizes the administration to consider concrete scientific factors when determining which scheduling category should apply to a drug, and that approach is absent here.

Finally, this bill would bring the United States back to the approach of the failed War on Drugs where we criminalized drug use while ignoring the underlying issues that animate abuse and addiction. Prosecutions under this expansion will continue to disproportionately target people of color. A punishment-only approach will not reduce drugs in our communities.

I have spoken to people on the frontlines of this epidemic: people with substance use disorder, families who have lost a loved one, and healthcare providers. They are the ones on the frontlines when people die from fentanyl. They are the ones who lose their lives or lose their patients,

friends, or family when we don't invest in the security and public health tools for communities. They are the ones who are frustrated every day by archaic laws that keep people from the prevention and treatment which they need.

We must do better. We must make sure people have access to tools to keep fentanyl out of their communities. We need to make sure people have access to treatment—like methadone medication—to keep people in recovery, and we need to save lives. But permanently categorizing fentanyl-related substances as schedule I substances would impede our response to the overdose epidemic and lead to overincarceration.

There has to be additional discussion and debate. Let us do that so that we can give this issue the attention which it needs and that it deserves so that any solution is effective and bipartisan.

As a result, at this point, I have to object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The objection is heard.

The Senator from Louisiana.

Mr. CASSIDY. Mr. President, recognizing that there has been an objection, I would like to point out a couple of things, though.

As regards permanently scheduling fentanyl-related substances would do nothing to limit overdoses: Congress has extended fentanyl scheduling on a temporary basis multiple times, and this has led to fewer overdoses and led to the creation of fewer new fentanyl-related substances.

Next, the idea that designating them all as schedule I would limit the ability of researchers to study fentanyl is just not true. There is no indication that the temporary scheduling of fentanyl analogs has stifled research. The DEA, the Drug Enforcement Agency, has approved every research study since 2018. But this bill goes further by putting a robust process in place to study fentanyl. It does not disrupt ongoing things, but it actually creates an expedited process for certain FDA studies to be done in partnership with Federal Agencies.

Lastly, that somehow this would contribute to overincarceration: The bill does not permanently bar DEA or HHS from continuing to look at the risks associated with it. If something has no risk, they can establish it has no risk. Therefore, it would not lead to overincarceration.

But we do know that fentanyl is a dangerous—a dangerous—substance, and if we are concerned about the overincarceration of a certain population of our society, I can guarantee you that that population, like every population, is having people dying today from fentanyl overdose; that whichever group of Americans we are speaking of, they are losing someone today from fentanyl; and that this bill would help save a life in that particular group and, most importantly, in all groups.

With that, though, recognizing there is an objection, I yield the floor.

VOTE ON O'DONNELL NOMINATION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the O'Donnell nomination?

Mr. CASSIDY. I ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There appears to be a sufficient second.

The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. DURBIN. I announce the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. MANCHIN) and the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ) are necessarily absent.

Mr. THUNE. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from West Virginia (Mrs. CAPITO), the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO), the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. RICKETTS), and the Senator from Ohio (Mr. VANCE).

The result was announced—yeas 49, nays 45, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 164 Ex.]

YEAS—49

Baldwin	Heinrich	Sanders
Bennet	Hickenlooper	Schatz
Blumenthal	Hirono	Schumer
Booker	Kaine	Shaheen
Brown	Kelly	Sinema
Butler	King	Smith
Cantwell	Klobuchar	Stabenow
Cardin	Luján	Tester
Carper	Markey	Van Hollen
Casey	Merkley	Warner
Coons	Murphy	Warnock
Cortez Masto	Murray	Warren
Duckworth	Ossoff	Welch
Durbin	Padilla	Whitehouse
Fetterman	Peters	Wyden
Gillibrand	Reed	
Hassan	Rosen	

NAYS—45

Barrasso	Graham	Murkowski
Blackburn	Grassley	Paul
Boozman	Hagerty	Risch
Braun	Hawley	Romney
Britt	Hoover	Rounds
Budd	Hyde-Smith	Rubio
Cassidy	Johnson	Schmitt
Collins	Kennedy	Scott (FL)
Cornyn	Lankford	Scott (SC)
Cotton	Lee	Sullivan
Cramer	Lummis	Thune
Cruz	Marshall	Tillis
Daines	McConnell	Tuberville
Ernst	Moran	Wicker
Fischer	Mullin	Young

NOT VOTING—6

Capito	Manchin	Ricketts
Crapo	Menendez	Vance

The nomination was confirmed.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the motion to reconsider is considered made and laid upon the table, and the President will be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

CLOTURE MOTION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Pursuant to rule XXII, the Chair lays before the Senate the pending cloture motion, which the clerk will state.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the

Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the nomination of Executive Calendar No. 570, Sanket Jayshukh Balsara, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York.

Charles E. Schumer, Richard J. Durbin, Sheldon Whitehouse, Richard Blumenthal, Laphonza R. Butler, Alex Padilla, Tim Kaine, Margaret Wood Hassan, Christopher Murphy, Peter Welch, Tammy Duckworth, Tammy Baldwin, Christopher A. Coons, Tina Smith, John W. Hickenlooper, Chris Van Hollen, Mark Kelly.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. By unanimous consent, the mandatory quorum call has been waived.

The question is, Is it the sense of the Senate that debate on the nomination of Sanket Jayshukh Balsara, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York, shall be brought to a close?

The yeas and nays are mandatory under the rule.

The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. MANCHIN) and the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ) are necessarily absent.

Mr. THUNE. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from West Virginia (Mrs. CAPITO), the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO), the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. RICKETTS), and the Senator from Ohio (Mr. VANCE).

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 52, nays 42, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 165 Ex.]

YEAS—52

Baldwin	Hassan	Rosen
Bennet	Heinrich	Sanders
Blumenthal	Hickenlooper	Schatz
Booker	Hirono	Schumer
Brown	Kaine	Shaheen
Butler	Kelly	Sinema
Cantwell	King	Smith
Cardin	Klobuchar	Stabenow
Carper	Luján	Tester
Casey	Markey	Van Hollen
Coons	Murphy	Warner
Cortez Masto	Murray	Warnock
Duckworth	Ossoff	Warren
Durbin	Padilla	Welch
Fetterman	Peters	Whitehouse
Gillibrand	Reed	Wyden
Hassan	Rosen	

NAYS—42

Barrasso	Grassley	Paul
Blackburn	Hagerty	Risch
Boozman	Hawley	Romney
Braun	Hoover	Rounds
Britt	Hyde-Smith	Rubio
Budd	Johnson	Schmitt
Cassidy	Kennedy	Scott (FL)
Cornyn	Lankford	Scott (SC)
Cotton	Lee	Sullivan
Cramer	Lummis	Thune
Cruz	Marshall	Tillis
Daines	McConnell	Tuberville
Ernst	Moran	Wicker
Fischer	Mullin	Young

NOT VOTING—6

Capito	Manchin	Ricketts
Crapo	Menendez	Vance

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. CORTEZ MASTO). On this vote, the yeas are 52, the nays are 42.

The motion was agreed to.

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the nomination.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Sanket Jayshukh Bulsara, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York.

NOMINATION OF SANKET JAYSHUKH BULSARA

Mr. DURBIN. Madam President, today, the Senate will vote to confirm Judge Sanket J. Bulsara to the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York.

Born in Bronx, NY, Judge Bulsara received his A.B., magna cum laude, from Harvard College and his J.D., cum laude, from Harvard Law School. After graduating from law school, he clerked for Judge John G. Koeltl on the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York. Judge Bulsara then began his legal career as an associate with Munger, Tolles & Olson LLP. He then spent a year working as the manager of planning and data analysis with the New York City Department of Education Division of Human Resources.

From 2005 to 2015, Judge Bulsara worked in private practice at Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr LLP first as an associate and later as counsel, before becoming partner in 2012. While working at WilmerHale, he was seconded to serve as special assistant district attorney in the Kings County District Attorney's Office between 2007 and 2008. From 2015 to 2017, Bulsara worked as deputy general counsel for Appellate Litigation, Adjudication, and Enforcement at the SEC. In 2017, he became acting general counsel. Since 2017, Bulsara has served as a magistrate judge on the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of New York.

The American Bar Association unanimously rated Judge Bulsara as "well qualified," and his nomination is strongly supported by his home State Senators, Mr. SCHUMER and Mrs. GILLIBRAND.

With significant litigation and judicial experience, Judge Bulsara will serve the Eastern District of New York with distinction as a district judge. I am proud to support his nomination.

RECESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate stands in recess until 2:15 p.m. today.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 1:30 p.m., recessed until 2:15 p.m. and reassembled when called to order by the Presiding Officer (Ms. ROSEN).

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR—Continued

VOTE ON BULSARA NOMINATION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the Bulsara nomination?

Mr. WYDEN. Madam President, I ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There appears to be a sufficient second.

The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. MANCHIN), the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ), and the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) are necessarily absent.

Mr. THUNE. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from West Virginia (Mrs. CAPITO), the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO), the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. RICKETTS), and the Senator from Ohio (Mr. VANCE).

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. BALDWIN). Are there any other Senators in the Chamber desiring to vote?

The result was announced—yeas 51, nays 42, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 166 Ex.]

YEAS—51

Baldwin	Graham	Peters
Bennet	Hassan	Reed
Blumenthal	Heinrich	Rosen
Booker	Hickenlooper	Schatz
Brown	Hirono	Schumer
Butler	Kaine	Shaheen
Cantwell	Kelly	Sinema
Cardin	King	Smith
Carper	Klobuchar	Stabenow
Casey	Luján	Tester
Collins	Markley	Van Hollen
Coons	Merkley	Warner
Cortez Masto	Murkowski	Warnock
Duckworth	Murphy	Warren
Durbin	Murray	Welch
Fetterman	Ossoff	Whitehouse
Gillibrand	Padilla	Wyden

NAYS—42

Barrasso	Grassley	Paul
Blackburn	Hagerty	Risch
Boozman	Hawley	Romney
Braun	Hoover	Rounds
Britt	Hyde-Smith	Rubio
Budd	Johnson	Schmitt
Cassidy	Kennedy	Scott (FL)
Cornyn	Lankford	Scott (SC)
Cotton	Lee	Sullivan
Cramer	Lummis	Thune
Cruz	Marshall	Tillis
Daines	McConnell	Tuberville
Ernst	Moran	Wicker
Fischer	Mullin	Young

NOT VOTING—7

Capito	Menendez	Vance
Crapo	Ricketts	
Manchin	Sanders	

The nomination was confirmed.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the motion to reconsider is made and laid upon the table, and the President will be notified of the Senate's actions.

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will proceed to the consideration of the following nomination, which the clerk will report.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Eric C. Schulte, of South Dakota, to be United States District Judge for the District of South Dakota.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. There is now 2 minutes of debate equally divided.

NOMINATION OF ERIC C. SCHULTE

Mr. DURBIN. Madam President, today, the Senate will vote to confirm Eric Schulte to the U.S. District Court for the District of South Dakota.

Born in Sioux Falls, SD, Mr. Schulte received both his B.A. and his J.D. from the University of South Dakota. After clerking for the judges of the Second Judicial Circuit in Sioux Falls, Mr. Schulte joined Davenport, Evans, Hurwitz, and Smith, where he has spent his entire legal career—first as an associate and later as a partner. In his more than two decades at Davenport Evans, he has engaged in every aspect of litigation, from drafting pleadings and conducting written discovery, to trying 22 trials to verdict. In addition, Mr. Schulte has also argued before the South Dakota Supreme Court seven times.

The American Bar Association unanimously rated Mr. Schulte "well qualified" to serve on the district court, and he has the strong support of Senators Thune and Rounds. Mr. Schulte's deep ties to the South Dakota legal community, combined with his courtroom experience, will make him well-positioned to serve on the Federal bench with distinction.

I thank my colleagues for supporting his nomination.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Republican whip.

Mr. THUNE. Madam President, I rise today in support of the nomination of an outstanding South Dakotan, Eric Schulte, who has been nominated to fill a vacancy at the U.S. District Court for the District of South Dakota.

Eric Schulte is a lifetime resident of South Dakota who received his J.D. from the University of South Dakota School of Law in 1999.

From 1999 to 2000, he served as a law clerk to the South Dakota Second Judicial Circuit in Sioux Falls, and he has been a partner at the Davenport, Evans, Hurwitz, and Smith law firm since 2005.

He was also president of the South Dakota state bar association from 2015 to 2016. And in his spare time, he is a member of the Academy of American Poets and a frequent contributor to "Pasque Petals," the South Dakota State Poetry Society magazine.

Mr. Schulte has the experience and knowledge to be a district judge; and, crucially, I believe that he has the character and impartiality for a lifetime appointment on the Federal bench.

I strongly support his nomination, and I encourage my colleagues to confirm him as a judge for the U.S. District Court for the State of South Dakota.

I yield the floor.

VOTE ON SCHULTE NOMINATION

I ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There appears to be a sufficient second.

The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the Schulte nomination?

The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant executive clerk called the roll.

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. MANCHIN), the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ), and the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) are necessarily absent.

Mr. THUNE. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from West Virginia (Mrs. CAPITO), the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO), and the Senator from Ohio (Mr. VANCE).

The result was announced—yeas 61, nays 33, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 167 Ex.]

YEAS—61

Baldwin	Hickenlooper	Rounds
Bennet	Hirono	Schatz
Blumenthal	Hoover	Schumer
Booker	Kaine	Shaheen
Brown	Kelly	Sinema
Butler	King	Smith
Cantwell	Klobuchar	Stabenow
Cardin	Luján	Tester
Carper	Markey	Thune
Casey	McConnell	Tillis
Collins	Merkley	Van Hollen
Coons	Moran	Warner
Cortez Masto	Murkowski	Warnock
Cramer	Murphy	Warren
Duckworth	Murray	Welch
Durbin	Ossoff	Whitehouse
Fetterman	Padilla	
Gillibrand	Peters	Wicker
Graham	Reed	Wyden
Hassan	Romney	Young
Heinrich	Rosen	

NAYS—33

Barrasso	Ernst	Marshall
Blackburn	Fischer	Mullin
Boozman	Grassley	Paul
Braun	Hagerty	Ricketts
Britt	Hawley	Risch
Budd	Hyde-Smith	Rubio
Cassidy	Johnson	Schmitt
Cornyn	Kennedy	Scott (FL)
Cotton	Lankford	Scott (SC)
Cruz	Lee	Sullivan
Daines	Lummis	Tuberville

NOT VOTING—6

Capito	Manchin	Sanders
Crapo	Menendez	Vance

The nomination was confirmed.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. BUTLER). Under the previous order, the motion to reconsider is considered made and laid upon the table, and the President will be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

PROVIDING FOR CONGRESSIONAL DISAPPROVAL UNDER CHAPTER 8 OF TITLE 5, UNITED STATES CODE, OF THE RULE SUBMITTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY RELATING TO "CORONAVIRUS STATE AND LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS"

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will resume legislative session and proceed to the consideration of S.J. Res. 57, which the clerk will report.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A joint resolution (S.J. Res. 57) providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8

of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of the Treasury relating to "Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds".

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Connecticut.

REMEMBERING MARGARET MINER

Mr. MURPHY. Madam President, I come to the floor this afternoon to talk about a great friend of mine, Margaret Miner.

My friend Margaret Miner died last week. I am really sad about it. Her family and her friends are really sad about it because she was a great friend, she was warm, and she was generous, because she was funny, she was kind, because she made a lot of other people's lives better.

But I am also sad because Margaret was one of a kind. She was a true Renaissance woman. She was a polymath. She was voracious about intaking the world and about giving back to it.

I have never met anybody like her. I will never meet anybody like her again. I will never see a partnership like the one that she had with her late husband Hugh Rawson. Her legacy lives on, but there is just no doubt that the mold was broken in two when they made Margaret Miner.

She was born in New York City in 1938. Her parents—Tony and Francis—were in show business, which kind of makes sense if you knew her but kind of doesn't.

In 1984, she moved from Brooklyn to Roxbury, CT—Roxbury is a smalltown, quintessential New England village in Northwest Connecticut—and there she became a fixture in the community. She began her life's work of fighting to protect the natural beauty of this State that she called home for the next 40 years.

I first met Margaret as soon as I graduated college. So I went to work for a long-shot congressional candidate who happened to be personal friends with Margaret and Hugh.

And Margaret and Hugh were also, at the time, pretty adept local political activists in Litchfield County. There were no two people who worked harder for that long-shot candidate, their friend, than Margaret and Hugh. They raised money. They knocked on doors. They put up lawn signs—whatever their friend needed, whatever their friend's 22-year-old campaign manager needed. She and Hugh were selfless. I saw that up close. I saw what a good friend Margaret could be.

Then, years later, when I was elected to the State legislature, I got to know Margaret as an advocate. She was in those legislative halls in Hartford, CT, nearly every single day, fighting for her cause, the cause of clean water and a healthy environment.

She single-handedly made her organization, Rivers Alliance, which she led for 18 years, a force to be reckoned with in Hartford. Under her leadership, Rivers Alliance became a force in Connecticut politics.

Her team fought for and successfully helped to pass State laws to create a

statewide water plan to protect streamflow in water courses, to ban the water contaminant MTBE in gasoline, to protect funding for the Connecticut Council on Environmental Quality, and to restore and protect State funding for the U.S. Geological Survey. That is just the tip of the iceberg in terms of what Margaret did, in terms of what Margaret and the people she mentored produced in Hartford. But her work was always about something bigger than herself or even her organization, Rivers Alliance.

She was really dedicated to building a movement around water quality, around water health, around the environment. She helped teach people all across the State how to advocate for themselves, how to advocate for the causes that they mutually cared about.

She was an organizer of people at heart, encouraging countless individuals all around the State and all around the country to join the causes that she cared about. And she was just good at it. There were fewer people who were more inspiring or convincing than Margaret was.

Now, Margaret wasn't a big, boisterous, loud personality, but she was sincere; she was genuine; and she never ever gave up. Her persistence was her calling card.

Her unrelenting advocacy did not go unrecognized or unnoticed. She received countless awards for her work during her lifetime. She received the first Champion of Water Award from the Connecticut Water Policy Council. She received the Clyde O. Fisher Award for environmental achievement from the Connecticut Bar Association.

She was the first recipient of the Dr. Marc J. Taylor Environmental Stewardship Award, the Rockfall Foundation's Tom O'Dell Distinguished Service Award. In 2016, I nominated her for the EPA's prestigious Lifetime Merit Award.

People knew what she had done in Connecticut, and so, good for Connecticut that we didn't have to wait for Margaret's passing before singling her out for her seminal achievements in the area of environmental protection.

But what made Margaret so compelling, what made Margaret so amazing was that in addition to being a great friend, in addition to leading one of the State's preeminent environmental organizations, she was incredibly accomplished in so many other fields.

The rest of her life, when you say it out loud, in addition to all of that achievement, it kind of almost sounds implausible.

For instance, in her free time, Margaret was a nationally known and celebrated author, not about the environment, but about the history of quotable people. She was the coauthor of five dictionaries of quotations, including the "Oxford Dictionary of American Quotations" with her husband Hugh. In her spare time, she wrote five anthologies of quotations—five books.

She helped found an organization called Our Towns for Sar-E-Pol, a humanitarian effort through the not-for-profit Save the Children to help women and children in Sar-E-Pol, Afghanistan. She was an international philanthropist and an author and environmental advocate.

She wrote a Consumer Reports book on allergies. I didn't even know that until I read the story of Margaret's life. She was an active member of the Roxbury Democratic Town Committee, and just before she passed at 86 years old, she was still serving on the local Zoning Board of Appeals.

She was learning Spanish in her eighties, attending two Spanish classes weekly. And as often as she could, she was playing poker, fleecing her friends of their money whenever possible.

Margaret Miner was an original. As her friend, I will remember her wit, her political savvy, her boundless heart, and on a personal note, I will just say I wouldn't be here if not for Margaret—and for Margaret and Hugh.

When I decided to run for Congress 10 years after first meeting Margaret, she was, not surprisingly, one of my first calls. I planned the early stages of my first campaign at Margaret and Hugh's kitchen table in their cute house in Roxbury, CT. That is how important she was to me. And I am one of hundreds in Connecticut who can say Margaret Miner was one of the most important people in my life.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Vermont.

RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND ENERGY

Mr. WELCH. Madam President, I have good news. Senator STABENOW, leader, chair of the Senate Agriculture Committee, has presented a bill that will allow us to consider an ag bill. And we have got work to do.

But as we know, for more than 90 years, the U.S. Congress—we have always worked together on this to advance the farm bill. And that is critical to rural America, and it is critical to all of America. It is about our agricultural and food policy and our environment. It reaches far beyond farms and fields and into the lives of every American throughout our country.

The farm bill, as you know, shapes the future of ag policy for every 5 years. It is always tough to get from here to there, so we have much more work to do. But it has been something that is essential to give our farmers the support they need. And it is also the most important legislation that we take up to support rural America. The small towns across our entire country that sustain our agricultural sector do so much for our economy and so much for sustaining important personal and patriotic values.

Vermont is a very proud rural State, and agriculture is a keystone of our culture as well as economy. Vermont's farmers, our dairies, our sugarmakers have shaped our small towns in rural Vermont for generations. We want to keep that going.

We have worked to keep that culture of the small, family-sized farms in our State, independent farmers, with most of our farms below a couple of hundred acres and town populations less than 2,500 people.

Vermont is by far not unique in this regard. America will not thrive if our rural communities aren't thriving. That is a commitment all of us have to make, and it is why as the chair of the Agriculture Committee's Subcommittee on Rural Development and Energy, I am urging my colleagues to support and work with us to improve the Rural Prosperity and Food Security Act. It helps our farmers keep farming. It keeps our families fed, something very important to our farmers, and it keeps rural communities strong.

The Senate Agriculture Committee, under Chair STABENOW's outstanding leadership, recently unveiled the farm bill. Our bill has over 100 bipartisan provisions and a host of policies that many of my colleagues across the caucus and across the aisle support. It will strengthen rural America in many ways.

And by the way, Chair STABENOW included 100 bipartisan provisions, but she is totally open to more bipartisan provisions. Anything we can do to improve this with suggestions from both sides of the aisle, she and we want to do.

The farm bill, as I mentioned, supports farms, families, and rural farming. It is going to improve the quality of life for families in Vermont and America, with baseline funding—that is important, as we know—for the first time ever, to make improvements in rural healthcare. Our rural hospitals are hanging on by their fingernails, whether it is Kansas or Vermont or Idaho.

It is going to improve childcare availability, which is so essential to all families across the country but especially in rural America. And it is going to help our Tribes continue to have access to USDA programs.

The Senate farm bill will help us more efficiently build out high-speed rural broadband. I want to acknowledge the work on both sides of the aisle to build out broadband, but we have got to maintain that—just like we built out electricity in the thirties—so that rural America is fully a part of the modern economy.

This bill will invest in and it will modernize wastewater and public water systems and those are under enormous stress and our local communities don't have the tax base to do all that needs to be done. There needs to be some recognition on the part of the Federal Government, and in the farm bill, we make that recognition.

It will help modernize our wastewater and public water systems and help remove in rural communities those toxic "forever chemicals" like PFAS.

The bill will also support timber innovation and markets, including Amer-

ican wood products. The Senate farm bill focuses, too, on cutting energy costs for homeowners in rural America, for farms, and for small businesses, and helps folks who want to make that transition to renewable energy so they have an affordable way to do it.

It will strengthen our energy security and support energy innovation in the field of bio-based chemicals and products.

The Senate farm bill does something that I think all of our bills should do, invest in the middle class—in middle-class rural jobs, by supporting manufacturing, entrepreneurship, small businesses, and the rural cooperatives that have been so essential to the well-being of so many of our communities.

And finally, it does all this while supporting and strengthening local and regional food systems. Nothing excites people in a community more than a farmer's market. They are excited that they are getting local food. They know that it is healthy. They know they are supporting their farmers. And all of us who are not farmers appreciate the role that our farmers in our communities play as custodians of the landscape.

In the Rural Development and Energy titles of the bill alone, there is a lot to celebrate, and I am also pleased that the bill includes many of the priorities that I and others have championed in my role as the chair of the Subcommittee on Rural Development and Energy.

This bill includes some proposals we made there. The bipartisan ReConnecting Rural America Act. That would strengthen USDA's ReConnect Loan and Grant Program and in so doing, reduce redtape and speed broadband development and deployment in rural America.

It strengthens critical rural development programs like the Rural Innovation Stronger Economy Program, REAP Zones, and rural development loans and grants. Bottom line, that helps with financing of local businesses in our rural communities.

One other provision is a bipartisan bill that I have sponsored with others, the USDA's Rural Energy Savings Program. It provides no-interest loans to rural utilities. They have been a backbone for those communities to access cost-effective energy upgrades for homes and businesses. That lowers costs and accelerates sustainability. With funds from this program, rural utilities can finance projects to electrify household heating and cooling, increase energy efficiency, and assist in that transition to renewable energy.

Another provision that really is being taken up by many Americans is the access to heat pumps, and the provision is the Heat Pump Energy Assistance and Training Act, which would create a program within USDA to help deploy heat pumps in rural communities across the country.

I have to tell you, folks in Vermont, when they can get a heat pump, it works out on the numbers, and they

save money, and they stay cozy and warm in our cold winters, they like that. Let's have more of it.

By the way, it helps with cooling in Texas as well.

Now, these are just a handful of the provisions in the Rural Prosperity and Food Security Act that are helping our rural communities. So we want to keep working hard to support our farms and what they do, to shore up and expand the nutrition programs that so many families and seniors depend on.

And, by the way, you know, the economy is doing better than ever in some ways. The stock market is up. But we have, like, 1 in 12 Americans who are food insecure, and a lot of those are folks who have jobs and are working really hard. So we have got to maintain our commitment to the nutrition and well-being of our citizens, particularly our children.

Over the past hundred years, we have made a commitment to America's farmers and our farm communities. We want to keep that up. But the truth also is that, for too many years, Congress has not focused as much, in my view, as it should on our family and small farms that we have in Vermont and so many other States throughout our country. We have to make it possible for them to do the local agriculture that is so essential to the strength of local communities.

We are working to support and deliver for some of those small farmers that we have in Vermont, and I will mention a few whose farms I have visited. And, by the way, I don't know anybody who works harder than a farmer. The Corse family, Leon Corse and his daughter Abbie, have the Corse Farm Dairy, and I visited there in my first week as a Senator. Their family has been farming in Whitingham, VT, for over 155 years. We want to keep them going for another century.

The Choiniere Family Farm, a diversified organic dairy farm at the other end of the State up in Highgate Center; Jon Wagner and Karin Bellemare, owners of Bear Roots Farm and Roots Farm Market in Middlesex, in the center of our State; Justin Rich of Burnt Rock Farm, which is an organic produce farm in Huntington—they are doing a lot for us in Vermont and for those communities.

Before I close, I want to thank Chairwoman STABENOW and her Senate Agriculture Committee staff for the work on the Rural Prosperity and Food Security Act. I also want to acknowledge what a joy it is for me to work with Senator BOOZMAN, who was a colleague of mine in the House and is doing a great job over here in the Senate.

This bill, in any year, is complicated—huge. And I am thankful for the many, many hours that staff and colleagues have invested in this bill and in our farming communities, and we are ready to put in more hours to make this bill better. We have got to make it pass.

For the sake of communities from Vermont to California, we must pass

this 5-year farm bill to help America's farms and rural communities. Let's pass the Rural Prosperity and Food Security Act and keep our farmers farming, keep our families fed, and keep our rural communities strong.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Texas.

NATIONAL PEACE OFFICERS MEMORIAL DAY

Mr. CORNYN. Madam President, this is National Police Week, and it is great to be joined by so many colleagues to show our respect and admiration for America's law enforcement community. Today is National Peace Officers Memorial Day, a time to pay tribute to law enforcement officials who made the ultimate sacrifice. These men and women gave their lives to their communities, to their State, and to their country; and we thank them and their families for their sacrifice.

As we mourn the loss of so many of these heroes, this week is also a time to honor and thank officers who continue to keep us safe. Former Dallas Police Chief David Brown once said, "We ask law enforcement to do too much in this country," and I agree. Whether it is helping someone experiencing a mental health crisis, a drug overdose, a medical emergency, or as a victim of crime, America's police officials constantly and consistently go above and beyond the call of duty. Their jobs require tremendous hours and tremendous amounts of courage and sacrifice, not just from the officer who wears the uniform but from their families as well. And I am grateful to those who selflessly serve their communities every day.

The brave men and women in law enforcement deserve our appreciation. But more than that, they deserve our support. They deserve the resources, the training, the protection needed to do their jobs effectively. To show our support for these public servants who have dedicated their lives to protecting our communities, Congress should pass the Back the Blue Act. This legislation adds stiff mandatory penalties and makes it a Federal crime to kill or attempt to kill a law enforcement officer or a Federal judge or a federally funded public safety official. It makes it a Federal crime to assault a law enforcement officer.

This legislation is needed because these men and women put themselves in harm's way every day to keep our communities safe, and we must send a strong message that violence directed at them will never be tolerated.

The Back the Blue Act sends a strong message to the more than 800,000 law enforcement officers serving our country that they are supported, and I hope Congress will move forward to advance this legislation.

Today and every day, I am grateful for the dedicated police officers, sheriffs, constables, Border Patrol agents, and other law enforcement officials of all types who keep Texas safe. Like all my colleagues in Congress, I am thank-

ful for the men and women of the Capitol police who safeguard this building and the Members of Congress, our staff, journalists, and the many visitors who walk these halls on a daily basis.

There is nothing we can do to adequately thank these heroes for their sacrifices, but there is a lot we can do to affirm that support. My colleagues and I have introduced bills to boost officer recruiting and retention, improve training, and give law enforcement the resources they need to do their job safely and effectively. I hope we can advance these bills as soon as possible to show our appreciation for these heroes in blue.

On behalf of the State of Texas, I want to thank all of those who serve our communities and protect them and keep them safe.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from North Carolina.

Mr. TILLIS. Madam President, I rise today to honor the brave men and women in North Carolina and across the Nation who serve in law enforcement. This is an emotional week for the law enforcement community as thousands of officers and their families come to our Nation's capital for National Police Week. They are paying tribute to brave officers who were killed in the line of duty while protecting our communities.

Unfortunately, North Carolina is all too familiar with law enforcement officers making the ultimate sacrifice. I want to take a moment to recognize some of the law enforcement officers who were killed in the line of duty since last year's police week and memorial.

Last September, Forsyth County Sheriff's Deputy Auston Reudelhuber was killed in a head-on collision while on patrol. He is survived by his wife and two daughters.

Last December, we lost Sergeant Russell Jones of the Pamlico County Sheriff's Office. He was attempting to halt an altercation at the Pamlico County Detention Center, and during the encounter with an inmate, Sergeant Jones was punched in the face, leading him to collapse minutes later and die. Sergeant Jones served with the Pamlico County Sheriff's Office for 4 years. He is survived by his mother and two sisters.

In December of last year, we lost Philip Dale Nix of the Greensboro Police Department. He was a sergeant in the police department. Sergeant Nix was off duty at a local gas station when he observed three individuals stealing alcohol. When he tried to intervene, they shot him and killed him on sight. Sergeant Nix worked for the Greensboro Police Department for more than 22 years. He is survived by his wife and son.

Just a few weeks ago, on April 29, a task force of Federal, State, and local

law enforcement led by the U.S. Marshals Service attempted to serve an arrest warrant for a fugitive at a residence in Charlotte. Instead of surrendering, the fugitive shot at them; and during an hourslong standoff, four members of the task force were killed. It is one of the deadliest assaults on law enforcement in this country in nearly a decade.

Police officer Joshua Eyer served 6 years with the Charlotte Mecklenburg Police Department. He is survived by his wife and his 3-year-old son.

Sam Poloche and Alden Elliott were both 14-year veterans of the North Carolina Department of Adult Correction. Poloche is survived by his wife and two sons—one graduating from college, another from high school in a few weeks. Elliott is survived by his wife and son.

U.S. Marshal Deputy Thomas Weeks, Jr., was a 13-year veteran of the Marshals Service. He is survived by his wife and four children.

Words alone cannot express the pain and loss each of these families has gone through. They lost the loving husband. They lost a parent. Their lives will never be the same. However, they are never going to be alone. Because in the wake of these tragic losses, we have seen communities unite and rally to support these families. In each instance, we witnessed an outpouring of love for the fallen officers and support for law enforcement.

Congress should follow the example the communities have set. We can show our respect for law enforcement by taking the dangers and threats they face seriously, especially when they are deliberate, like the tragedy we witnessed in Charlotte last month.

That is why I introduced and reintroduced the Protect and Serve Act this Congress. Most people would be surprised to learn that intentionally harming or attempting to harm a law enforcement officer in this country is not a Federal crime. This bipartisan language will change that. It sends a strong message to criminals that assaulting a law enforcement officer is inexcusable and will be met with the full weight of our Nation's criminal justice system.

Law enforcement has our backs every single time they put on a uniform and go on patrol. The least that Congress can do is to signal to law enforcement that we have their backs, too, by passing the Protect and Serve Act. They need our support now more than ever.

To the men and women in law enforcement in North Carolina and across this country, I want to say: Thank you for putting on the uniform every day to keep us safe. You deserve our gratitude.

To the families of the fallen officers, please know that while you lost a loved one, your community lost a hero and we will never forget their service and their sacrifice. God bless them all; God bless their families; and God bless law enforcement across this great Nation.

THE PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Kansas.

Mr. MORAN. Madam President, this week, we remember—and I join my colleagues here on the Senate floor to do so publicly—we remember our law enforcement who have died in the line of duty. This week every year, we pay tribute to those who serve in the uniform and as a result of that service, come to a tragic death.

I offer my condolences to the people of North Carolina, the families of the officers just described by the Senator from North Carolina.

In my role as a Senator, I have chaired and have been the vice chair of the Appropriations subcommittee that funds our national law enforcement officers—the DEA, the ATF, the FBI, the U.S. Marshals. A deputy U.S. marshal was killed in North Carolina just recently.

It is an honor, a privilege to be able to be associated with those who are willing to sacrifice so much for the benefit of all of us and particularly those in the communities in which they live. We honor that sacrifice, that dedication, that service to our communities. We know police officers put their lives at risk and their families know they put their lives at risk every day to protect our communities in our country.

While this week is a time to remember those who have passed, it is also important for us to express gratitude to those who currently serve.

During this week, we will memorialize 282—282—individual law enforcement officers, 282 heroes who during the last year gave their lives serving their community.

One of those heroes was Kansas Officer Jonah Oswald. In August of last year, Officer Oswald was fatally shot while responding to another department, a neighboring law enforcement's request for help.

Officer Oswald was just 29 years old, a husband, a father—father to two young boys. He had served for 4 years in the Fairway, KS, police department. Fairway is a small suburb of Kansas City; population, 1,170. He knew the importance of serving his community. He knew his community.

This morning, Ben Overesch spoke at the National Police Week memorial ceremony in Kansas, and he said this about Officer Oswald:

Jonah understood the danger before him and without hesitation he showed up, over and over again, to meet it. Jonah policed with an enthusiasm that was hard to match. He was always vigilant. He was always eager for opportunities to help citizens of Kansas and Officers alike.

He was employed by Fairway, but the citizens of Prairie Village, Mission Hills, Westwood, Roeland Park, Mission, and others around us were helped by Jonah more than they will ever know.

He was not so enthusiastic out of vanity, or want of glory, or aggression. He believed in service, and in the nobility of the profession. He believed in right and wrong. He was filled with the hope that good will triumph over evil. We must remember not only his sacrifice, but his example daily.

Words spoken this morning in Topeka.

Thank you, Officer Overesch, for those remarks, and thank you to Officer Oswald for your service.

All too often, we forget about the many important roles that our law enforcement officials have within our communities. This extends beyond relationships between police officers and individual citizens. It is about relationships between law enforcement and key institutions in our communities—our churches, our hospitals, our schools, and our businesses.

During this National Police Week and throughout the year, we must remember that law enforcement needs our support—and not just during tough times.

It is our duty—really, we have the opportunity to be grateful, but it is our duty as citizens, as lawmakers, as Members of the Senate to support our officers, to provide them with resources and acknowledge the incredible sacrifice that is made every day.

Now more than ever, it takes a special kind of person to be a law enforcement officer. Whether sheriff's deputies or detectives, local police, Tribal police, highway patrol officers, beat cops, Federal agents, the Kansas Bureau of Investigation, we hold up those who wear the badge. We honor them today, as we should every day.

To them, we say: Our respect is for you. You represent the extraordinary examples of how we see America at its best.

May God bless our law enforcement and their families. May they be safe from harm as they defend and protect the communities in which they serve and live.

I yield the floor.

THE PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. CORTEZ MASTO). The Senator from Nebraska.

Mr. RICKETTS. Madam President, I join my colleagues in expressing my support and admiration for the women and men who put on the blue. Whether it is our southern border or our own backyards, these members of law enforcement are essential to protecting our safety and security. They are the guardians of our neighborhoods, protectors of our families. They take deadly drugs like fentanyl off of our streets.

As we celebrate National Police Week, let's recognize the service of those among us and the jobs they do that require the utmost integrity, skill, and dedication.

We must never forget the sacrifices that the members of law enforcement and their families make on our behalf. They work long hours in challenging conditions and dangerous areas to serve and protect us. Yet, despite the dangers they face, they remain steadfast in their commitment to our communities. They are the “thin blue line” that protects us while we sleep.

In recent years, we have seen a disturbing trend of not just disrespect toward law enforcement but violence. It

is not just wrong, it is dangerous. It undermines the rule of law and threatens the safety and security of our communities.

We must send a clear message that violence against the women and men in blue will not be tolerated. We must stand with them and support them in their vital mission in our communities.

On Monday night, I had the opportunity to walk in a vigil, walk the beat, to honor the more than 149 members of law enforcement who have paid the ultimate sacrifice in my home State of Nebraska. Their names are reflected on the Nebraska Law Enforcement Memorial in Grand Island, NE, and they are remembered in the hearts of their fellow citizens today and throughout the year.

We remember Ross Bartlett, who died last month after 30 years of service with the Ceresco Police Department.

We remember Detective Kerrie Orozco, who was murdered in 2015—1 day before she was supposed to go on maternity leave.

We remember Investigator Mario Herrera, who was killed trying to serve an arrest warrant.

We remember all those who paid the ultimate sacrifice to keep us safe. They were mothers and fathers, sons and daughters. They were heroes, and their bravery is eternal.

The women and men in blue are the backbone of our communities. We owe them a debt of gratitude that we can never repay, but we can show our appreciation for them, show our support for them.

I am proud that in Nebraska, while other communities are trying to defund the police, we support the police. In Nebraska, we back the blue.

When I was Governor, we had the largest package of pro-public safety and law enforcement legislation passed in years. We invested \$47.7 million in our Grand Island Law Enforcement Training Center to ensure that our law enforcement officers would get the highest level of training. We invested \$16.9 million in our State Patrol Crime Lab to make sure we could solve crimes and give the victims of crime the justice they deserve.

Instead of reducing penalties for violent crimes, my home city of Omaha, NE, has used community engagement, like Omaha 360, to be able to reduce homicides. The Omaha Police Department and the Omaha community have reduced homicides in each of the last 3 years. ABC News said that the Omaha Police Department could be a model for the rest of the Nation.

In addition, last year, Omaha police had a 100-percent clearance rate on homicides. There were 28 murders and 28 homicide cases cleared. When the national clearance rate is just over 50 percent, a 100-percent rate is truly remarkable.

As usual, America can learn a lot from our proven solutions in Nebraska.

The Federal Government must also back the blue. We need to secure our

border and put an end to the scourge of drugs that are killing our young people here in America. We need to pass the Back the Blue Act to increase the penalties for criminals who target law enforcement officers. We need to provide new tools to officers to protect themselves. We need to block anti-cop, soft-on-crime policies that would hinder law enforcement's ability to do their jobs with excellence. I am committed to working with anyone who wants to make this happen.

The women and men in blue have earned our respect and our gratitude—not just during Police Week but all year round.

Once again, thank you to the members of our law enforcement. Thank you to their families, who sacrifice alongside them. You are heroes, and we are forever in your debt. I am grateful for all that you have done for our communities, and I know, on behalf of all Nebraskans, we support law enforcement.

God bless our law enforcement officers as they keep us safe. God bless the great State of Nebraska. And God bless our Nation.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from North Dakota.

Mr. HOEVEN. Madam President, I rise today to join my colleagues in honoring the brave law enforcement officials in North Dakota and across the country who work every day to keep our communities safe.

As we mark National Police Week, we recognize the bravery and service provided by our peace officers and the sacrifices they make on behalf of all of us.

According to the FBI, more than 79,000 officers were assaulted in 2023, marking the highest officer assault rate in the past 10 years. That is concerning. Despite the certain danger these officers face, they take on this responsibility to protect and serve so that our communities remain safe and free.

Today, on National Peace Officers Memorial Day, we have the opportunity to come together as a nation to remember and honor those who have made the ultimate sacrifice to protect our communities so that we may live in safety.

I would like to honor two North Dakotans who were killed in the line of duty last year.

The tragic loss of Officer Jake Ryan Wallin of the Fargo Police Department and Deputy Sheriff Paul Martin from the Mercer County Sheriff's Office reminds us of the dangers our law enforcement officials face every day and the enormous debt we owe them and their families for their sacrifices to keep our communities safe. These heroes will be forever remembered with their names inscribed on our National Law Enforcement Memorial.

We can never fully repay our police officers, but we can continue to honor those we have lost and the sacrifices of

their families and their loved ones. To honor these brave law enforcement officials, I have joined with others in introducing a resolution here in the Senate to recognize their bravery and memorialize the lives of Officer Wallin, Deputy Martin, and the more than 220 law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty in 2023.

This dedication to community and the rule of law is characteristic of so many of our police men and women, without whose efforts our communities would not be the same. That is why our resolution also designates this week, May 12 through 18, as National Police Week and honors the bravery and good work of all law enforcement officers.

One such example is Fargo Police Officer Zachary Robinson. Officer Robinson and his wife Ashley are in Washington, DC, this week. He is 1 of 10–10 in the whole Nation—to be honored as a TOP COP by the National Association of Police Organizations. He was presented with the award for his heroic efforts last July when Fargo law enforcement officials were ambushed while investigating a traffic accident, resulting in the death of Officer Wallin and the injuries of Officers Andrew Dotas and Tyler Hawes.

Fargo Police Chief Dave Zibolski summed up Officer Robinson's actions on that day when he stated:

If not for the courageous efforts of Officer Zach Robinson, our community would have been further devastated. He saved many lives. We are extremely proud of Zach! His reaction was immediate, without hesitation, and without regard for his own safety—true bravery.

He walked into a hailstorm of bullets to neutralize the situation and save lives. Think what that takes. Amazing.

I had the opportunity to meet and visit with Officer Robinson—Zach and his wife Ashley—today. Wow, what great people. They are truly the kind of young people who should really serve as role models for all of us, young and old—truly great Americans.

Today and always—every day—we remember the bravery and dedication of law enforcement to keep our communities safe. We honor them—all of them—and thank them for heeding the call to serve.

May God bless our peace officers—each and every one of them—and their families.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Wyoming.

Mr. BARRASSO. Madam President, I rise today during Police Week to pay tribute to Sergeant Nevada Krinkee.

Here he is. He was a member of the police force in Sheridan, WY. He was a beloved officer in Sheridan. He was well-known for his selflessness. His colleagues will tell you he always put others first. His death in February of this year, in the line of duty, was absolutely tragic, and it shook our State.

Sergeant Krinkee was the first officer in Wyoming, since 1997—the first one this century—to die by homicide in

the line of duty. It is actually the first line-of-duty death in the history of the Sheridan Police Department. Sergeant Krinkee made the ultimate sacrifice for the community he loved and the community that he swore to protect. He was only 33 years old.

In March, I attended his funeral in Sheridan, WY. It was so large they had to move it to the community college—the great auditorium there, the field house. What was moving was the outpouring of folks from all around the community, as well as the State, as well as the country. They were there to honor Sergeant Krinkee but were also there to support his wife Karla and their young daughter Bella. More than 1,800 people attended in the community of Sheridan, WY. They flooded in from across Wyoming and from across the country. Many of them who were there to mourn his death and honor his family had never actually met Sergeant Krinkee.

It was the largest single event in Sheridan, WY in 40 years. It was 40 years ago that Queen Elizabeth visited Wyoming and had a similarly sized turnout. Law enforcement officers traveled from every corner of our State. They came from tiny towns. They also came from big cities across the West. All came to pay their respects to the man and to their brother in uniform.

As police cars escorted the family to the memorial service, citizens of Sheridan, WY, lined the streets of the community—four deep—waving American flags. It was absolutely beautiful to behold.

One of the newspaper reporters asked a man from Wyoming, who drove over 100 miles to be there, why he came that far to attend the funeral. After all, this was somebody he had never met. He had never heard of Sergeant Krinkee before he had been killed.

He responded:

I stand for those who have stood for us, and I will until the day I die.

Well, that says a lot about the people of Wyoming through and through.

One of the greatest blessings of our great Nation is the men and women of law enforcement. Police officers have one of the most dangerous and demanding jobs in our Nation, and they do it with confidence and with compassion.

Today, officers need to deal with dangerous criminals, and they often do it in the face of continuous criticism. It is alarming. Police officers across the country are coming under attack from criminals and the soft-on-crime politicians who coddle them. Sadly, more police officers have been killed or injured by gun violence in the line of duty in 2023 than ever before. Politicians who support criminals rather than police and demonize and defund the police hold responsibility. The police, as a result, have been demoralized and endangered.

We also see crime—violent crime—right now in America at a record high. Compared to 2019, murders are up 17

percent, and aggravated assaults are up 8 percent.

Let me be clear: Defunding the police has made our communities less safe. For police officers, it has turned the badges on their sleeves sometimes into targets on their backs.

Law enforcement officers love their communities. They love them enough to give their lives to protect those communities. These are incredible men and women. To me, each one is a hero, and we are grateful for each and every one of them.

They wear the badge. They protect our communities despite all the risks. To me, it is the definition of selflessness.

To the men and women of law enforcement, you are everyday heroes, and you are among us every day.

I yield the floor.

THE PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Kansas.

MR. MARSHALL. Madam President, this week is National Law Enforcement Week. So we pause here in our Nation's Capital to honor and remember the men and women who so proudly serve and so bravely serve our communities.

I am grateful for the nearly 8,000 law enforcement officers across the State of Kansas who are fighting to keep our communities safe as we speak here today. I rise to honor these brave men and women in uniform and recognize the sacrifices they and their families make every day to keep us all safe.

I have hosted numerous crime and fentanyl roundtables across the State of Kansas, and everywhere I go, the officers tell me they are overwhelmed—they are overwhelmed with drug trafficking, with human trafficking, and with fentanyl trafficking—and that the crisis is growing; it is exploding. What they tell me is, even if we doubled or if we tripled the number of officers out there, they could not arrest themselves out of the situation.

They all, to a person, point and ask me: When is the Federal Government going to shut down our border?

To those officers out there who are fighting the fight—fighting human trafficking, fighting the fentanyl poisoning—I say thank you, and I get it. I know you are overwhelmed.

These officers back home are our first line of defense. They are our families', our children's, and our friends' first line of defense in these crises. Now, more than ever, it is crucial that we demonstrate our unwavering support for them. We need to assure them that help is on the way. We need leaders here and an administration that prioritizes law and order.

Growing up, we were taught to follow the rules. We all respected the law, and we feared the consequences of breaking them. We, as a country, respected our law enforcement officers. And perhaps no one more than myself can appreciate law enforcement—the son of a career police officer, the son of a chief of police. What I will always remember about what my dad taught me about

law and order is that he would apply the law equally. He didn't care what your last name was. He didn't care what side of the railroad tracks you came from. He was going to apply the law equally.

I am honored to celebrate all those who have protected and served our communities.

I want to close today by remembering two Kansas officers who lost their lives this past year: Goodland, KS, Police Chief Frank Hayes, Jr., and Fairway, KS, Police Officer Jonah Oswald. I am grateful for their service and the ultimate sacrifice they made in keeping their communities safe.

I want to remember their families and let them know that we are thinking of you today, that we have not forgotten you or your loved one, and that we are going to continue to mourn with you. Again, we are grateful for the sacrifices you made and your loved one to keep us all safe.

I yield the floor.

THE PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Oregon.

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MR. WYDEN. Madam President, the Senate will take a vote shortly on a resolution from Senator SCHMITT dealing with infrastructure funding.

The discussion of the resolution has been pretty quiet because, on its face, it looks like it is an issue dealing with a lot of budgetary lingo and "Washingtonese." Obligated funds and expenditure deadlines are what people hear about. But the reality is this proposal is anti-infrastructure. It could put stop-work orders on thousands of infrastructure projects across the country. Some of them have shovels in the ground as we speak.

(Mr. OSSOFF assumed the Chair.)

My concern is, Mr. President, we pass this, and we would be going virtually from a period where folks in Georgia and elsewhere had hard hats to where they are facing layoffs.

Here is the background: In 2021, Congress passed emergency funding for State and local governments. At the time, there was a big concern that their budgets would get clobbered by the pandemic, which had hammered our economy and put millions out of work. But State and local budgets fared better than expected.

So later on, Senators were looking, on a bipartisan basis, for smart ways to rebuild our infrastructure—roads and bridges and highways, water and sewer, and also broadband projects. There was bipartisan agreement that Congress ought to allow that leftover State and local funding to be repurposed for these important infrastructure projects. So both sides of this Chamber—the Republican side, the Democratic side—passed legislation multiple times, even by unanimous consent, that provided what the States and localities wanted, which is more flexibility.

We hear our colleagues on the other side talk a lot about wanting to cut redtape to get the Federal Government

out of the way and empower the States, the laboratories of democracy. Here is a case where my colleagues on the other side got exactly what they wanted: more flexibility for the States to use taxpayer funds on infrastructure.

Have a highway that needs widening—a bridge that has passed its useful life, a water system with lead pipes that need replacing? Congress voted on a bipartisan basis to make that easier. It is a real head-scratcher why Republicans would now want to make this difficult.

Some have accused the Treasury Department of playing around with the expiration of the program. That hasn't happened at all. It is the same program with the same timeline and the same rules that Democrats and Republicans agreed on as recently as a few short months ago.

I mentioned at the outset that this resolution puts a stop-work order on thousands of projects nationwide. The numbers just really stun you when you walk through them.

On the Finance Committee, we asked the Treasury Department what the impact could be in specific States. Here is an example: In the Presiding Officer's State of Georgia, 17 projects, totaling \$1.4 billion could be terminated; Michigan, 160 projects; Ohio, 342 projects; Arizona, 50 projects; Montana, 404 projects; and West Virginia, 73 projects.

Nationwide, there could be thousands of projects closed, tens or even hundreds of thousands of jobs lost, higher costs for families and businesses that had to wait far too long for Congress to get serious about infrastructure.

I will just tell my colleagues, as we gear up for a vote, this one is one of the most unusual votes that I have seen recently, a true head-scratcher. Bipartisanship, we all know, is a heavy lift. But the progress we have made on this issue, in my view, is actually a bipartisan highlight of the last several years.

I have talked to my colleagues a lot about how we find some common ground. Here, we have, from day one, Senator CORNYN—my colleague on the Finance Committee—and Senator PADILLA working from the outset to add additional flexibility for the pool of funds that would be available. So a Republican U.S. Senator and a Democratic U.S. Senator put together a proposal—now get this, colleagues—that passed by unanimous consent three times.

So if the Senate were to walk back this bipartisan effort—originally led by a Senator from California, a Democrat, and a Senator from Texas, a Republican—the bottom line would be, Mr. President, that, starting almost immediately, those hard hats that I mentioned in States like yours and others could be coming off, and they would be looking at ways to keep a roof over their head and to pay for food for their families and healthcare.

I will close by saying this. I just don't see a good reason for the U.S. Senate to backtrack on solid, bipartisan progress and have this Chamber act in a way that leaves more of our Nation's infrastructure in a state of disrepair.

I urge my colleagues to preserve the bipartisan work that has been done on this issue—that got strong, strong votes three times. Preserve the work that has been done on this issue for infrastructure. Oppose the resolution.

I yield the floor. The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Missouri.

Mr. SCHMITT. Mr. President, I rise in support of my resolution that would overturn a rule from the Department of the Treasury that affects the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund.

Treasury's attempted sleight of hand to keep the COVID spending spigot on is an insult to Congress and those who believe in our Constitution as well as a complete misuse of taxpayer dollars.

As we vote today, we as a body must ask ourselves a couple of simple questions:

First, are we going to allow funds meant for COVID recovery to be spent after the so-called “emergency” ended or are we finally able to install fiscal responsibility as our national debt spirals further out of control?

Second, are we willing to defend the article I branch from an overreaching Agency of bureaucrats who want to claim more and more power for themselves?

The spending in this program—which is hardly the point right now, actually, with this extension of the time, but it is worth noting—has been wasteful on many occasions.

When Congress provided \$350 billion for the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund, I don't think one could have imagined that the fund would have been used for golf courses and swimming pools and tennis courts—maybe to some. It also became a slush fund to incentivize illegal immigration, \$340 million for cash payments to illegal immigrants in Washington State, \$3.6 million in Illinois to help illegal immigrants apply for citizenship, and \$2 million in DC to help turn the District of Columbia into a “proud sanctuary city.”

Regardless of whether you supported the spending or not, this fund had a specific purpose. This fund was designated to aid State governments and local governments with revenue shortfalls tied to the COVID-19 pandemic.

When Congress created this fund, Congress provided a clear restriction. In statute, Congress required that all costs incurred with money from this fund must be incurred by December 31, 2024. That is the statute. That is congressional language.

In short, recipients had over 3 years to obligate this funding or the funding would be returned to the Federal Treasury. Most States and localities understood the requirements.

As of March of 2023—over a year ago—all States had obligated at least 60 percent of their funding while localities had obligated over 54 percent. Yet, lo and behold, while most people in this body were celebrating Thanksgiving with our families, the Treasury Department tried to pull a fast one on the American people. The Treasury Department decided it knew better than this body and better than Congress, and the Department rewrote the law to fit its own needs and special interests.

Even though the statute said all costs must be incurred by the end of this calendar year, the Treasury Department decided that States could still use these COVID recovery dollars way past 2024.

This is infuriating on a bunch of different levels. First, the administration ended the public health emergency for the pandemic on May 11, 2023.

Now, most Americans had moved on well beyond that, but even this administration acknowledged over a year ago that it was over.

It is also crazy because even though this administration said COVID ended about a year ago, bureaucrats at the Treasury Department decided we should just keep spending money anyway—spending billions into 2025 and 2026—to recover from COVID. Just think about that for a second.

But beyond this, beyond there being no rational reason to continue the spending for COVID recovery, this rule does not even keep the spigot on in order to directly benefit our constituents. This is bureaucrats giving a helping hand and a paycheck to—you guessed it—other bureaucrats.

Earlier this week, Secretary Yellen attempted to assert that if this rule is overturned—and I heard this from my colleague—then infrastructure projects would grind to a halt. That is false. That is not true. This administration, once again, is using fearmongering as a reckless tactic for a radical agenda.

Let's be honest with the American people and look at the text of this rule. Under this new Treasury rule, the funding is limited to administrative and legal costs, such as compliance costs and internal control requirements. This rule ensures that funding does not go to bridges or broadband but to bureaucrats.

And this rule has real cost. This rule, if it continues, will cost taxpayers at least \$13 billion, if not more. That boils down to about \$1,200 for each and every American family. And around here, as I have learned, \$13 billion doesn't seem like a lot of money to people. But we are \$34 trillion in debt. We are spending nearly the same amount on interest payments on that debt as we do our national defense.

This fiscal recklessness is unsustainable. The actions like this from the Treasury rule are a prime reason why we are \$34 trillion in debt. Our constituents demand that we actually hold the line, that we stop spending beyond our means, especially when the

rules encourage spending that is wasteful.

I ask my colleagues to join me today in supporting this resolution. COVID is over. Our national debt is out of control. Inflation is sky-high. It is time to reinstate fiscal responsibility here in the U.S. Senate.

I yield the floor, Mr. President, and I ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There appears to be a sufficient second.

The yeas and nays are ordered.

The Senator from Oregon.

Mr. WYDEN. Mr. President, I am going to be very brief, but I want Senators to know that this is about standing up for schools that need to replace lead pipes. That is the kind of effort that Senator CORNYN, Senator PADILLA, myself, and others said was essential for this country.

My colleague from my Missouri—I look forward to getting to know him more; he is new to the Senate—sets this up that somehow this is unnecessary and basically just fueling more redtape. Quite the opposite. If colleagues go home this weekend during the recess, they will see people in their States having good paying jobs for a good day's work repairing bridges, dealing with lead pipes. And that is, colleague, why, on three separate occasions, the Senate Democrats and Republicans came together.

My colleague—I don't ever want to be critical of someone's intention—has made it out that this will just be getting rid of some redtape and bureaucracy. I want Senators, who are going to vote in a little bit, to understand that this is not about that. This is about what it is really like in our communities where so many people are still hurting.

What I have in my mirror are priorities like schools needing to replace lead pipes. That is what we had in mind when we started this effort Senator CORNYN on the other side, myself, Senator PADILLA. I hope that the Senate won't vote here at 6 o'clock to essentially pull this effort up from the roots and throw it aside, because a lot of people will get hurt. Senators are going to hear about it pretty soon because these are projects that are underway today; they are underway now.

Democrats and Republicans felt they would make a difference for our communities, and we shouldn't tear up that effort in the name of this resolution that tries to suggest that this is mostly about cutting redtape, which is not the case. It is about cutting jobs in our communities, and we are going to lose a lot of opportunities for some smart investments for the future.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Missouri.

Mr. SCHMITT. Mr. President, just to respond briefly, it may not have been his priority list, but it is worth pointing out that, again, some priorities of

these dollars—like \$340 million cash payments to illegal immigrants—have been spent from this fund. But be that as it may, if the concern from my colleague is that these projects for lead pipe replacement and schools—if they have been obligated, nothing is going to change with that. I want to make that very clear. In fact, those obligations are still extended through 2024, as the statute called for.

What this is all about is one simple fact: Do we think that Treasury can rewrite the law to extend these bureaucratic payments that, by the way, are part of the submissions that these State and locals have made for legal fees, other compliance costs. That is all in these submissions. This is to get overtime for 2 more years to spend approximately \$13 billion. And again, that is \$1,200 out of the budgets of American families across this country.

So we have an opportunity to restore some fiscal sanity, to stand up for the Article I branch. Whether you agree with that law or not, it said those obligations had to be incurred before the end of 2024. We are not changing that. We are just saying Treasury doesn't get to do an end run around Congress and again have \$13 billion more go out the door to lawyers and to bureaucrats.

With that, I yield the floor and ask for the yeas and nays.

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the scheduled rollcall vote take place immediately.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

Under the previous order, the joint resolution is considered read a third time.

The joint resolution was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading and was read the third time.

VOTE ON S.J. RES. 57

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The joint resolution having been read the third time, the question is, Shall the joint resolution pass?

The yeas and nays were previously ordered.

The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. MANCHIN) and the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ) are necessarily absent.

Mr. THUNE. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO), the Senator from Missouri (Mr. HAWLEY), and the Senator from Ohio (Mr. VANCE).

Further, if present and voting: the Senator from Missouri (Mr. HAWLEY) would have voted "yea."

The result was announced—yeas 46, nays 49, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 168 Leg.]

YEAS—46

Barrasso	Britt	Collins
Blackburn	Budd	Cornyn
Boozman	Capito	Cotton
Braun	Cassidy	Cramer

Cruz	Lee	Rubio
Daines	Lummis	Schmitt
Ernst	Marshall	Scott (FL)
Fischer	McConnell	Scott (SC)
Graham	Moran	Sullivan
Grassley	Mullin	Thune
Hagerty	Murkowski	Tillis
Hooven	Paul	Tuberville
Hyde-Smith	Ricketts	Wicker
Johnson	Risch	Young
Kennedy	Romney	
Lankford	Rounds	

NAYS—49

Baldwin	Heinrich	Sanders
Bennet	Hickenlooper	Schatz
Blumenthal	Hirono	Schumer
Booker	Kaine	Shaheen
Brown	Kelly	Sinema
Butler	King	Smith
Cantwell	Klobuchar	Stabenow
Cardin	Luján	Tester
Carper	Markey	Van Hollen
Casey	Merkley	Warner
Coons	Murphy	Warnock
Cortez Masto	Murray	Warren
Duckworth	Ossoff	Welch
Durbin	Padilla	Whitehouse
Fetterman	Peters	Wyden
Gillibrand	Reed	
Hassan	Rosen	

NOT VOTING—5

Crapo	Manchin	Vance
Hawley	Menendez	

The joint resolution (S.J. Res. 57) was rejected.

(Mr. MURPHY assumed the Chair.)

(Mr. OSSOFF assumed the Chair.)

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. HAS-SAN). The Senator from Connecticut.

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. MURPHY. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate be in a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

TRIBUTE TO NEIL HARTIGAN

Mr. DURBIN. Madam President, I rise today to offer belated birthday wishes and heartfelt thanks to a man who has devoted more than five decades of his life to serving the people of Illinois.

Neil Hartigan made history in 1972 when he became Lieutenant Governor of Illinois. He was just 34 years old, making him, at that time, the youngest person ever elected Lieutenant Governor of any State. In 1973, Time magazine named him as one of the "Future 200 Leaders" in the country.

He was recruited to run by Illinois' then-Lieutenant Governor, an ambitious young man who planned to run for Governor and wanted Neil Hartigan as his running mate. That other man was Paul Simon, my political inspiration and the man whose Senate seat I now hold.

Paul Simon lost his 1972 bid for Governor by a razor thin vote. But Neil Hartigan won his race and, as Lieutenant Governor, became a champion for seniors. He pushed through the State legislature a bill that consolidated the

State's numerous programs for the elderly into a single, cabinet-level department of aging. It was the first department of aging in the Nation, and it became a national model.

His inspiration for that change were the mothers of his childhood friends in Chicago's Rogers Park neighborhood. As he often said, growing up in that enclave of mostly Irish and Jewish families, he didn't have just one mother; he had 50. Years later, when he was running for political office and knocking on doors in his old neighborhood, he saw these women again; they were now elderly, often lonely, and unsure of where to turn for help.

In 1976, the last year of his term, he was elected chairman of the National Conference of Lieutenant Governors.

The belief that the purpose of government is to make life better for others is a conviction that Neil inherited from his parents. His father David Hartigan was the youngest of 14 children in an Irish Catholic family on the South Side of Chicago. The family fell on hard times after David's father—Neil's grandfather—was badly injured in a work accident which left him unable to ever work again. David's mother supported the family on her small salary as a teacher. Neil says his dad worked "every job under the sun" to put himself through college and then law school.

David Hartigan served two terms as Chicago's deputy city treasurer and briefly as city treasurer, before being twice elected alderman in the 49th Ward.

When Neil was a senior at Georgetown University, his dad died at the age of 57. The cause was complications of diabetes, which had stolen most of his dad's eyesight and ravaged his body for years.

Two things happened to change Neil's life when he returned to Chicago after graduating from Georgetown. Loyola University Chicago, offered him a scholarship to study law—a generosity he has repaid many times over by establishing a scholarship for third-year Loyola law students in his father's name. And the city of Chicago offered him a job. This was no cushy "nepo baby" position. It was physical labor, shoveling coal in the basement of the city board of health building.

Neil didn't stay in the basement long. He soon became a trusted assistant to the city health commissioner. After he passed the bar, he became attorney for the board of health. He spent a year representing the board in Springfield. It was a short time, but he made a long list of friends, including Paul Simon.

At the age of 27, he was hired by Chicago Mayor Richard J. Daley as the mayor's administrative assistant. He became a rising star in Illinois Democratic politics, Chicago's chief lobbyist in Springfield, and later deputy mayor.

He won his first political race in 1968, when he was elected Democratic committeeman for the 49th Ward, the same ward his father had led.

In 1982, he was elected attorney general of Illinois. In his two terms as AG, he managed to get nearly 90 bills through the State legislature. One of his bills was the 1983 Illinois Violent Crime Victims Assistance Act, which uses fines paid by convicted individuals to fund shelters and services for survivors of domestic violence, survivors of child abuse, and other survivors of violent crime.

He sued the U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services to recover benefits for 30,000 people with disabilities in Illinois whose Federal assistance had been cut off by the Reagan administration. His victory in that case became the basis for similar suits in other States.

He persuaded the general assembly to override a Governor's veto and establish a plan to provide medical services for the indigent.

Another bill he championed amended the State criminal code to hold corporate executives and directors accountable for their companies' criminal violations of the State's Environmental Protection Act.

In 1990, he was the Democratic nominee for Governor, a race he lost narrowly to then-Secretary of State Jim Edgar.

He left politics and government for a while after that, becoming chairman of the World Trade Center Illinois.

In 2002, he was elected to the Illinois Appellate Court from the First District, which serves Cook County. One of his role models was his paternal uncle Matthew Hartigan, a longtime and respected judge on the city's South Side. He stepped down from the bench voluntarily in 2004.

Earlier this month, this once Wiz Kid of Illinois politics turned 86. He has outlived two spouses, including his first wife and longtime political partner Marge. He and his third wife Mary Lou were married last year. He remains as interested as ever in politics and good government.

I will close with a story Neil tells about an interview he had with Mayor Richard J. Daley when he was 27 and applying for the job as assistant to the mayor. Mayor Daley, then at the height of his power, asked simply: "Neil, why do you want to be in government?"

Neil said he was later embarrassed by the simple sincerity of his answer. He replied, "Frankly, Mayor, I consider it sort of like a religious calling. It's the next highest place after the church where you can help people."

It was a belief inherited from his father and one that has guided Neil Hartigan's long life in public service. I am grateful for his service and proud to be his friend.

ARMS SALES NOTIFICATION

Mr. CARDIN. Madam President, section 36(b) of the Arms Export Control Act requires that Congress receive prior notification of certain proposed

arms sales as defined by that statute. Upon such notification, the Congress has 30 calendar days during which the sale may be reviewed. The provision stipulates that, in the Senate, the notification of proposed sales shall be sent to the chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

In keeping with the committee's intention to see that relevant information is still available to the full Senate, I ask unanimous consent to have printed in the RECORD the notifications that have been received. If the cover letter references a classified annex, then such an annex is available to all Senators in the office of the Foreign Relations Committee, room SD-423.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

DEFENSE SECURITY
COOPERATION AGENCY,
Washington, DC.

Hon. BENJAMIN L. CARDIN,
Chairman, Committee on Foreign Relations,
U.S. Senate, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended, we are forwarding herewith Transmittal No. 24-24, concerning the Navy's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance to the Government of Romania for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$340.8 million. We will issue a news release to notify the public of this proposed sale upon delivery of this letter to your office.

Sincerely,

JAMES A. HURSCH,
Director.

Enclosures.

TRANSMITTAL NO. 24-24

Notice of Proposed Issuance of Letter of Offer Pursuant to Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended

(i) Prospective Purchaser: Government of Romania.

(ii) Total Estimated Value:
Major Defense Equipment* \$285.7 million.
Other \$55.1 million.

Total \$340.8 million.

Funding Source: National Funds.

(iii) Description and Quantity or Quantities of Articles or Services under Consideration for Purchase:
Major Defense Equipment (MDE):

Up to three hundred (300) AIM-9X Sidewinder Block II Tactical Missiles.

Forty (40) AIM-9X Sidewinder Block II Tactical Missile Guidance Units.

Forty (40) AIM-9X Sidewinder Block II Captive Air Training Missiles (CATM).

Twenty (20) AIM-9X Sidewinder Block II CATM Guidance Units.

Non-MDE: Also included are missile containers; personnel training and training equipment; classified and unclassified publications and technical documents; warranties; U.S. Government engineering, technical, and logistics support services; and other related elements of logistics and program support.

(iv) Military Department: Navy (RO-P-AAK).

(v) Prior Related Cases if any: RO-P-AAA, RO-P-AAJ.

(vi) Sales Commission, Fee, etc. Paid, Offered or Agreed to be Paid, None known at this time.

(vii) Sensitivity of Technology Contained in the Defense Article or Defense Services Proposed to be Sold: See Attached Annex.

(viii) Date Report Delivered to Congress: May 14, 2024.

* As defined in Section 47(6) of the Arms Export Control Act.

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Romania—AIM-9X Sidewinder Block II Missiles

The Government of Romania has requested to buy up to three hundred (300) AIM-9X Sidewinder Block II Tactical Missiles; forty (40) AIM-9X Sidewinder Block II Tactical Missile Guidance Units; forty (40) AIM-9X Sidewinder Block II Captive Air Training Missiles (CATM); and twenty (20) AIM-9X Sidewinder Block II CATM Guidance Units. Also included are missile containers; personnel training and training equipment; classified and unclassified publications and technical documents; warranties; U.S. Government engineering, technical, and logistics support services; and other related elements of logistics and program support. The estimated total program cost is \$340.8 million.

This proposed sale will support the foreign policy and national security objectives of the United States by helping to improve the security of a NATO Ally that is an important force for political and economic stability in Europe.

The proposed sale will improve Romania's capability to meet current and future threats by providing air-to-air missiles for its F-16 fleet in support of NATO's defense mission. Romania will have no difficulty absorbing these weapons into its armed forces.

The proposed sale of this equipment and support will not alter the basic military balance in the region.

The principal contractor will be RTX Corporation, located in Tucson, AZ. There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will not require the assignment of any additional U.S. Government or contractor representatives to Romania; however, U.S. Government engineering and technical services may be required on an interim basis for training and technical assistance.

There will be no adverse impact on U.S. defense readiness as a result of this proposed sale.

TRANSMITTAL NO. 24-24

Notice of Proposed Issuance of Letter of Offer Pursuant to Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act

Annex Item No. vii

(vii) Sensitivity of Technology:

1. AIM-9X Block II Sidewinder Missile represents a substantial increase in missile performance over the AIM-9M and replaces the AIM-9X Block I Missile configuration. The missile includes a high off-boresight seeker, enhanced countermeasure rejection capability, a low drag/high angle of attack airframe, and the ability to integrate the Helmet Mounted Cueing System. The most current AIM-9X Block II Operational Flight Software developed for all international partners, which is authorized by U.S. Government export policy, provides fifth-generation infrared missile capabilities such as Lock-On-After-Launch, Weapons Data Link, Surface Attack, and Surface Launch. No software source code or algorithms will be released.

2. The highest level of classification of defense articles, components, and services included in this potential sale is SECRET.

3. If a technologically advanced adversary were to obtain knowledge of the specific hardware and software elements, the information could be used to develop countermeasures that might reduce weapon system effectiveness or be used in the development of a system with similar or advanced capabilities.

4. A determination has been made that Romania can provide substantially the same

degree of protection for the sensitive technology being released as the U.S. Government. This sale is necessary in furtherance of the U.S. foreign policy and national security objectives outlined in the Policy Justification.

5. All defense articles and services listed in this transmittal have been authorized for release and export to Romania.

ARMS SALES NOTIFICATION

Mr. CARDIN. Madam President, section 36(b) of the Arms Export Control Act requires that Congress receive prior notification of certain proposed arms sales as defined by that statute. Upon such notification, the Congress has 30 calendar days during which the sale may be reviewed. The provision stipulates that, in the Senate, the notification of proposed sales shall be sent to the chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

In keeping with the committee's intention to see that relevant information is still available to the full Senate, I ask unanimous consent to have printed in the RECORD the notifications that have been received. If the cover letter references a classified annex, then such an annex is available to all Senators in the office of the Foreign Relations Committee, room SD-423.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

DEFENSE SECURITY
COOPERATION AGENCY,
Washington, DC.

Hon. BENJAMIN L. CARDIN,
Chairman, Committee on Foreign Relations,
U.S. Senate, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: On May 9, 2024, the Secretary of State, pursuant to section 36(b) of the Arms Export Control Act (AECA), as amended, determined that an emergency exists which requires the sale of the defense articles and defense services identified in the attached transmittal to the Government of Ukraine through the Foreign Military Sales process, including any further amendment specific to costs, quantity, or requirements occurring within the duration of circumstances giving rise to this emergency sale.

Please find attached (Tab 1) the Secretary of State determination and justification waiving the congressional review requirements under Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended. We will issue a news release to notify the public of this proposed sale upon delivery of this letter to your office.

Sincerely,

MIKE MILLER

(For James E. Hursch, Director).
Enclosures.

Determination Under Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act

Pursuant to section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, 22 U.S.C. 2776, I hereby determine that an emergency exists that requires the immediate sale through the following foreign military sales cases, including any further amendments specific to the cost, quantity, or requirements of these cases, in the national interest of the United States:

For Ukraine:

(3) High Mobility Artillery Rocket Systems (HIMARS)

This determination shall be published in the Federal Register and, along with accom-

panying Memorandum of Justification, shall be transmitted to Congress with the applicable notifications.

Date: May 9, 2024

ANTONY J. BLINKEN,
Secretary of State.

(U) Memorandum of Justification for Emergency Arms Transfers to Ukraine Under Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act

(U) Germany desires to fund procurement of three High Mobility Artillery Rocket Systems (HIMARS) for Ukraine from U.S. Army inventories via a Joint Ukrainian Multi-national Program—Services, Training and Articles Rapid Timeline (JUMPSTART) Foreign Military Sales (FMS) case. Under the JUMPSTART program, Germany would transfer the money (\$30 million) to the United States, which will then be deposited in Ukraine's FMS account for the purchase of three HIMARS from U.S. Army inventories.

(U) In the early morning of February 24, 2022, Russia launched a full scale, unprovoked, premeditated war against Ukraine, consistent with months of critical U.S. intelligence that had indicated that a major renewed invasion of Ukraine by Russia was imminent. This renewed invasion came after Russia conducted disruptive cyber operations against Ukrainian systems, Russian President Putin's purported recognition on February 21, 2022, of the so called "Luhansk People's Republic" and "Donetsk People's Republic" as independent states, and the Kremlin's subsequent deployment of Russia's military forces further into the Donbas. On February 24, 2022, President Putin announced a "special military operation" in Ukraine, and Russia's forces launched premeditated, unprovoked, and unjustified attacks against locations throughout Ukraine, in a full-scale invasion.

(U) Over the last nine years since Russia's initial incursion into Ukraine, the U.S. government has provided robust levels of defense support to Ukraine to help counter Russia's aggressive and destabilizing activities. Ukraine has also increasingly purchased U.S. military equipment using its national funds.

(U) Since Russia's initial invasion of Ukraine in 2014, the United States has provided over \$47 billion in security assistance to Ukraine, including through the Department of Defense's Ukraine Security Assistance Initiative and security assistance authority under 10 U.S.C. 333, the Department of State's Foreign Military Financing program, and previous presidential drawdowns. Through these programs, the United States has provided and is providing Ukraine with military equipment such as Stinger air defense missiles, Javelin anti-armor missile systems, armed patrol boats, grenade launchers, counter-artillery and counter mortar radars, military medical equipment, electronic warfare detection systems, tactical gear, and support for ongoing training programs. On 44 previous occasions since September 2021, drawdowns were directed under sections 506(a)(1) and 552(c)(2) of the FAA for a total of \$23.785 billion in assistance for Ukraine (including a total of \$896 million directed in conjunction with section 614 of the FAA during FY 2022 and FY 2023). The principal equipment delivered under these drawdowns for Ukraine included HIMARS, Stinger air-defense missiles, munitions for the National Advanced Surface-to-Air Missile Systems (NASAMS), high-speed anti-radiation missiles (HARMs), Javelin anti-armor missiles, command launch units, M18A1 Claymore anti-personnel munitions configured to be compliant with the Ottawa

Convention), first aid kits, artillery and ammunition, helicopters, unmanned aerial systems, machine guns, tactical gear, night vision devices, personal protective equipment, spare parts, and various calibers of ammunition.

(U) Although U.S. security assistance has improved Ukraine's overall defense posture and capabilities, Ukraine requires urgent support to enable it to continue resisting and repelling Russia's ongoing invasion. The U.S. multi-year security assistance effort is designed to help Ukraine build a sustainable defense capacity over the long term, while defense articles provided through emergency arms transfers under section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act would address its most pressing defense needs in response to Russia's aggression.

(U) In the midst of the ongoing conflict, a critical need has surfaced requiring the immediate transfer of these defense articles in order for Ukraine to maintain its ability to prevent Russian gains. One Ukraine HIMARS system has recently been lost to enemy action, and several more are in various states of functionality due to maintenance concerns. Meanwhile, Russia has shown no sign of easing up on an ongoing ground offensive into sovereign Ukrainian territory, and numbers of Ukrainian long-range artillery systems are reaching critical levels. The United States and its partners are struggling to continue to supply and maintain the long-range artillery systems at the tempo of operations demanded by the ongoing Russian invasion. The HIMARS capability has proven extremely effective against the ground forces Russia is employing, and the systems are in constant use—requiring, at this time, immediate replacement and refurbishment.

(U) It is in the United States' national security interest to swiftly provide Ukraine with the defensive capabilities it requires. In order to effectively do so and ensure continued defense of its territory, Ukraine has an immediate need for these defense articles and services for replacement of HIMARS. This transfer will allow immediate replacement of the destroyed HIMARS, as well as the ability to pull other HIMARS off the front lines to perform maintenance without losing critical firepower in the defense. The urgency of this requirement has been validated by the Department of Defense in consultation with the Department of State. These items and services are readily available in Department of Defense stock and can be quickly transferred to Ukraine. The immediacy of the challenge at hand requires overcoming the statutory 60-day Congressional notification timeline to immediately expedite transfers to Ukraine.

(U) For the reasons provided above, an emergency exists requiring immediate provision of these defense articles to Ukraine in the national security interest of the United States. This transfer, through a Foreign Military Sale, will provide Ukraine as soon as possible with defense articles necessary to allow it to defend itself against Russia's armed aggression. The Secretary of State, therefore, has certified an emergency exists under section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, 22 U.S.C. 2776, thereby waiving the congressional review requirement of that provision.

TRANSMITTAL NO. 24-59

Notice of Proposed Issuance of Letter of Offer Pursuant to Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended

(i) Prospective Purchaser: Government of Ukraine.

(ii) Total Estimated Value:

Major Defense Equipment* \$30 million.

Other \$0.

Total \$30 million.

Funding Source: National Funds.

(iii) Description and Quantity or Quantities of Articles or Services under Consideration for Purchase:

Major Defense Equipment (MDE):

Three (3) High Mobility Artillery Rocket Systems (HIMARS).

Non-MDE: None.

(iv) Military Department: Army (JU-B-UAD).

(v) Prior Related Cases, if any : NB-B-VSB, NB-B-VCC, NW-B-VIA (USAID Cases).

(vi) Sales Commission, Fee, etc., Paid, Offered, or Agreed to be Paid: None.

(vii) Sensitivity of Technology Contained in the Defense Article or Defense Services Proposed to be Sold: See Attached Annex.

(viii) Date Report Delivered to Congress: May 10, 2024.

*As defined in Section 47(6) of the Arms Export Control Act.

POLICY JUSTIFICATION

Ukraine—High Mobility Artillery Rocket Systems

The Government of Ukraine has requested to buy three (3) High Mobility Artillery Rocket Systems (HIMARS). The estimated total cost is \$30 million, which will be funded by another partner country on behalf of Ukraine.

The Secretary of State has determined and provided detailed justification that an emergency exists that requires the immediate sale to the Government of Ukraine of the above defense articles and services in the national security interests of the United States, thereby waiving the congressional review requirements under Section 36(b) of the Arms Export Control Act, as amended.

This proposed sale will support the foreign policy goals and national security objectives of the United States by improving the security of a partner country that is a force for political stability and economic progress in Europe.

Ukraine has an urgent need to increase its long-range, precision fires capabilities. Procurement of additional HIMARS will enhance Ukraine's ability to defend itself and respond to continued Russian aggression.

This will be a sale from U.S. Army inventory. There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this proposed sale will not require the assignment of any additional U.S. Government or contractor representatives to Ukraine.

There will be no adverse impact on U.S. defense readiness as a result of this proposed sale.

TRANSMITTAL NO. 24-59

Notice of Proposed Issuance of Letter of Offer Pursuant to Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act

Annex Item No. vii

(vii) Sensitivity of Technology:

1. The M142 High Mobility Artillery Rocket System (HIMARS) is a C-130 transportable wheeled launcher mounted on a 5-ton Family of Medium Tactical Vehicles truck chassis. HIMARS is the modern Army-fielded version of the Multiple Launch Rocket System (MLRS) M270 launcher and can fire all of the MLRS Family of Munitions (FOM), including Guided Multiple Launch Rocket System variants and the Army Tactical Missile System. The HIMARS can engage targets between 15 and 300 kilometers with GPS-aided precision accuracy using the MLRS FOM.

2. The highest level of classification of defense articles, components, and services included in this potential sale is SECRET.

3. If a technologically advanced adversary were to obtain knowledge of the specific hardware and software elements, the infor-

mation could be used to develop countermeasures that might reduce weapon system effectiveness or be used in the development of a system with similar or advanced capabilities.

4. A determination has been made that Ukraine can provide the same degree of protection for the sensitive technology being released as the U.S. Government. This sale is necessary in furtherance of the U.S. foreign policy and national security objectives outlined in the Policy Justification.

5. All defense articles and services listed in this transmittal are authorized for release and export to Ukraine.

TRIBUTE TO ADRIAN KLADAKIS

Mr. BARRASSO. Madam President, I would like to take the opportunity to express my appreciation to Adrian for his hard work as an intern in the Energy and Natural Resources Committee. I recognize his efforts and contributions to my office, as well as to the State of Wyoming.

Adrian is a native of Virginia. He is currently a senior at Flint High School in Oakton, VA. He has demonstrated a strong work ethic, which has made him an invaluable asset to our office. The quality of his work is reflected in his great efforts over the last several months.

I want to thank Adrian for the dedication he has shown while working for me and my staff. It is a pleasure to have him as part of our team. I know he will have continued success with all of his future endeavors. I wish him all my best on his journey.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO CATHERINE IVY

• Mr. KELLY. Mr. President, today, during Brain Tumor Awareness Month, I rise to recognize Catherine Ivy, the president and founder of the Ben & Catherine Ivy Foundation in Scottsdale, AZ. Mrs. Ivy started the foundation in 2005 with her late husband Ben after he was diagnosed with glioblastoma. Since then, the Ben & Catherine Ivy Foundation has been committed to finding a cure for brain cancer through funding for patient-focused research.

Mrs. Ivy is a resident of Paradise Valley, AZ, and has been a dedicated member of her community. She has served on the Mayo Clinic Arizona Leadership Council, the board of directors of the Translational Genomics Research Institute—TGen—and the Advisory Board of the Barrow Neurological Institute—all among the most acclaimed research institutions in our State. The Ben & Catherine Ivy Foundation has donated over \$150 million to support brain tumor research and facilitate the creation of the Ivy Brain Tumor Center in Phoenix, AZ. Because of Mrs. Ivy, cancer patients across our State and the country are gaining a real chance to beat this terrible disease.

The Ben & Catherine Ivy Foundation is a testament to how impactful cancer research can be and why it is so important that we continue to fund it. In this body, I think that is something we can agree on, especially considering the same cancer that took Ben Ivy also took Senator John McCain. It is in the same fighting spirit of Senator McCain that Mrs. Ivy works to support bold projects that may feel like a long shot but also hold great scientific promise. There can only be reward if you take the risk.

We won't beat cancer without a faithful commitment to scientific advancement. In Phoenix, this commitment is growing strong. I want to thank Mrs. Ivy for that. Her contributions to brain cancer research will yield successful, life-prolonging treatments for patients for years to come. Our State and its residents owe Mrs. Ivy a debt of gratitude.●

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:45 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Alli, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bill, without amendment:

S. 546. An act to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to authorize law enforcement agencies to use COPS grants for recruitment activities, and for other purposes.

The message further announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 4814. An act to direct the Consumer Product Safety Commission to establish a pilot program to explore the use of artificial intelligence in support of the mission of the Commission and to direct the Secretary of Commerce and the Federal Trade Commission to study and report on the use of blockchain technology and tokens, respectively.

H.R. 5390. An act to direct the Secretary of Commerce to conduct a study on the feasibility of manufacturing in the United States products for critical infrastructure sectors, and for other purposes.

H.R. 6132. An act to require the Consumer Product Safety Commission to promulgate a mandatory consumer product safety standard with respect to retractable awnings.

H.R. 7659. An act to authorize and amend authorities, programs, and statutes administered by the Coast Guard.

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolution, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 106. Concurrent resolution expressing support for local law enforcement officers and condemning efforts to defund local law enforcement agencies.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 4814. An act to direct the Consumer Product Safety Commission to establish a pilot program to explore the use of artificial intelligence in support of the mission of the

Commission and to direct the Secretary of Commerce and the Federal Trade Commission to study and report on the use of blockchain technology and tokens, respectively; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 5390. An act to direct the Secretary of Commerce to conduct a study on the feasibility of manufacturing in the United States products for critical infrastructure sectors, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 6132. An act to require the Consumer Product Safety Commission to promulgate a mandatory consumer product safety standard with respect to retractable awnings; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 7659. An act to authorize and amend authorities, programs, and statutes administered by the Coast Guard; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

The following concurrent resolution was read, and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 106. Concurrent resolution expressing support for local law enforcement officers and condemning efforts to defund local law enforcement agencies; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-4523. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Notices: Energy Community Bonus Credit Amounts Under the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022" (Notice 2023-45) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 5, 2024; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4524. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Transfer of Certain Credits" (RIN1545-BQ64) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 5, 2024; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4525. A communication from the Senior Regulatory and Policy Coordinator, Administration for Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Foster Care Legal Representation" (RIN0970-AC89) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 30, 2024; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4526. A communication from the Chief of the Trade and Commercial Regulations Branch, Bureau of Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Imposition of Import Restrictions on Archaeological and Ethnological Material of Pakistan" ((RIN15-AE82) (CBP Dec. 24-09)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on April 26, 2024; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4527. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Notice on the Geographic Requirements for Section 30C. Alternative Fuel Vehicle Refueling Property Credit" (Notice 2024-20) received during ad-

junction of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 5, 2024; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4528. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Notices: Energy Community Bonus Credit Amounts Under the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022" (Notice 2024-30) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 5, 2024; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4529. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Advanced Manufacturing Investment Credit" (RIN1545-BQ54) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 5, 2024; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4530. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Definition of Energy Property and Rules Applicable to the Energy Credit" (RIN1545-BO40) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 5, 2024; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4531. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Section 45V Credit for Production of Clean Hydrogen; Section 48(a)(15) Election to Treat Clean Hydrogen" (RIN1545-BQ97) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 5, 2024; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4532. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report to Congress on Medicaid Drug Review and Utilization required by section 1004 of the Substance Use-Disorder Prevention that Promotes Opioid Recovery and Treatment for Patients and Communities Act"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4533. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Medicare Drug Price Negotiation Program: Draft Guidance, Implementation of Sections 1191-1198 of the Social Security Act for Initial Price Applicability Year 2027 and Manufacturer Effectuation of the Maximum Fair Price in 2026 and 2027" received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 8, 2024; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4534. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Medicare National Coverage Determinations for Fiscal Year 2023"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4535. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Medicare National Coverage Determinations for Fiscal Year 2022"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4536. A communication from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Clarifying the Eligibility of Certain Non-citizens for Insurance Affordability Programs" (RIN0938-AV23) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 1, 2024; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4537. A communication from the Chief Judge of the United States Court of International Trade, transmitting, pursuant to law, an opinion which may be of interest to Congress: *Ad Hoc Shrimp Trade Enforcement Committee v. United States*; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4538. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Clean Vehicle Credits under Sections 25E and 30D; Transfer of Credits; Critical Minerals and Battery Components; Foreign Entities of Concern" (RIN1545-BQ52) (RIN1545-BQ86) (RIN1545-BQ99) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 5, 2024; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4539. A communication from the Branch Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Guidance Regarding the 2024 Allocation Round of Qualifying Advanced Energy Project Credit Program under Section 48C(e)" (Notice 2024-36) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 5, 2024; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4540. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Notices: Energy Community Bonus Credit Amounts Under the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022" (Notice 2023-29) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 5, 2024; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4541. A communication from the Deputy Commissioner of Legislation and Congressional Affairs, Social Security Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, reports entitled "2024 Annual Report of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance and Federal Disability Insurance Trust Funds" and the "2024 Annual Report of the Board of Trustees of the Federal Hospital Insurance and Federal Supplementary Medical Insurance Trust Funds"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-4542. A communication from the Secretary of the Senate, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of the receipts and expenditures of the Senate for the period from October 1, 2023 through March 31, 2024, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on May 15, 2024; ordered to lie on the table.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR, from the Committee on Rules and Administration, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 2770. A bill to prohibit the distribution of materially deceptive AI-generated audio or visual media relating to candidates for Federal office, and for other purposes.

S. 3875. A bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to provide further transparency for the use of content that is substantially generated by artificial intelligence in political advertisements by requiring such advertisements to include a statement within the contents of the advertisements if generative AI was used to generate any image, audio, or video footage in the advertisements, and for other purposes.

S. 3897. A bill to require the Election Assistance Commission to develop voluntary guidelines for the administration of elec-

tions that address the use and risks of artificial intelligence technologies, and for other purposes.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. COTTON (for himself, Mr. MARSHALL, Ms. ERNST, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. DAINES, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mr. BUDD, Mr. RICKETTS, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. BARRASSO, Ms. LUMMIS, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. CRAMER, Mrs. BRITT, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. HAWLEY, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. CRUZ, and Mr. THUNE):

S. 4337. A bill to provide for the expeditious delivery of defense articles and defense services for Israel, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. WHITEHOUSE (for himself and Mr. CASSIDY):

S. 4338. A bill to provide for the establishment of hybrid primary care payments under the Medicare program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. BLACKBURN (for herself and Mr. HAGERTY):

S. 4339. A bill to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to establish a grant program for law enforcement agencies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BENNET:

S. 4340. A bill to provide for accurate energy appraisals in connection with residential mortgage loans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Ms. ERNST:

S. 4341. A bill to require plain language and the inclusion of key words in covered notices that are clear, concise, and accessible to small business concerns, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. WELCH (for himself and Mrs. GILLBRAND):

S. 4342. A bill to amend the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act to reauthorize and expand the Rural Innovation Stronger Economy grant program; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Ms. CANTWELL (for herself, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. LUJAN, Mr. SULLIVAN, Ms. ROSEN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. SCHATZ, and Mr. PADILLA):

S. 4343. A bill to establish and maintain a coordinated program within the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration that improves wildfire, fire weather, fire risk, and smoke related forecasting, detection, modeling, observations, and service delivery, and to address growing needs in the wildland-urban interface, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. COTTON (for himself, Mr. RICKETTS, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. MULLIN, Mr. MARSHALL, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. DAINES, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mrs. FISCHER, Ms. LUMMIS, Mr. CORNYN, and Mr. RISCH):

S. 4344. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the firearm transfer tax, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HICKENLOOPER (for himself and Mr. MARSHALL):

S. 4345. A bill to amend the Cooperative Forestry Assistance Act of 1978 to reauthor-

ize and expand State-wide assessments and strategies for forest resources; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. HICKENLOOPER (for himself and Mr. MARSHALL):

S. 4346. A bill to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to provide assistance in support of nurseries and seed orchards, to establish a grant program in support of nurseries and seed orchards, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mrs. FISCHER (for herself, Mr. RICKETTS, Mr. MARSHALL, and Mr. MORAN):

S. 4347. A bill to provide for the conveyance of certain Federal land at Swanson Reservoir and Hugh Butler Reservoir in the State of Nebraska, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. HAWLEY:

S. 4348. A bill to amend the Federal Power Act to prohibit the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission from issuing permits for the construction or modification of electric transmission facilities in a State over the objection of the State, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. MARSHALL (for himself, Mr. LUJAN, Mr. WICKER, Mr. MANCHIN, and Mr. WHITEHOUSE):

S. 4349. A bill to require private health plans to provide for secure electronic transmission of prior authorization requests for prescription drugs; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CARPER (for himself, Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina, Ms. SMITH, and Mr. TILLIS):

S. 4350. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to extend acute hospital care at home waiver flexibilities; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. MURRAY (for herself, Mr. TUBERVILLE, Mr. LUJAN, and Mr. ROMNEY):

S. 4351. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize certain poison control programs; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. WARNOCK (for himself and Mr. TILLIS):

S. 4352. A bill to amend the National Trails System Act to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to conduct a study on the feasibility of designating the Benton MacKaye Trail as a national scenic trail; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. BUDD (for himself, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. MARSHALL, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. CRAMER, Ms. ERNST, Mr. HAGERTY, Mr. WICKER, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. RISCH, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. BARRASSO, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. BRAUN, Mr. DAINES, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. TUBERVILLE, Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina, Mrs. BRITT, and Mrs. CAPITO):

S.J. Res. 79. A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of Labor relating to "Retirement Security Rule: Definition of an Investment Advice Fiduciary"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. LUMMIS (for herself, Mr. SULIVAN, Mr. RICKETTS, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. DAINES, Mr. LEE, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. RISCH, Mr. ROUNDS, Mrs. BRITT, Mr. WICKER, Mr. CRAPO, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. MARSHALL, and Mr. HOEVEN):

S.J. Res. 80. A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8

of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service relating to "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Regulations Pertaining to Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. SULLIVAN (for himself, Ms. LUMMIS, Mr. RICKETTS, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. DAINES, Mr. LEE, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. RISCH, Mr. ROUNDS, Mrs. BRITT, Mr. WICKER, Mr. CRAPO, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. MARSHALL, and Mr. HOEVEN):

S.J. Res. 81. A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the National Marine Fisheries Service relating to "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Regulations for Interagency Cooperation"; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. PAUL:

S.J. Res. 82. A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Food and Drug Administration relating to "Medical Devices; Laboratory Developed Tests"; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. McCONNELL, Mr. MARSHALL, Mr. BUDD, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. DAINES, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. RICKETTS, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. RISCH, Ms. LUMMIS, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Mr. MULLIN, Mr. MORAN, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. LEE, Mr. COTTON, Mr. HAWLEY, Ms. ERNST, Mr. ROMNEY, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. THUNE, Mr. TUBERVILLE, Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. WICKER, Mr. BRAUN, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. VANCE, Mr. BARRASSO, Mrs. BRITT, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. SCHMITT, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. CRUZ, and Mr. YOUNG):

S.J. Res. 83. A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives relating to "Definition of 'Engaged in the Business' as a Dealer in Firearms"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. RICKETTS (for himself, Ms. LUMMIS, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. DAINES, Mr. LEE, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. RISCH, Mr. ROUNDS, Mrs. BRITT, Mr. WICKER, Mr. CRAPO, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. MARSHALL, and Mr. HOEVEN):

S.J. Res. 84. A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service relating to "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Listing Endangered and Threatened Species and Designating Critical Habitat"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. RICKETTS (for himself, Ms. LUMMIS, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. DAINES, Mr. LEE, Mr. BARRASSO, Mr. RISCH, Mr. ROUNDS, Mrs. BRITT, Mr. WICKER, Mr. CRAPO, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. MARSHALL, and Mr. HOEVEN):

S.J. Res. 85. A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the National Marine Fisheries Service relating to "Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Listing Endangered and Threatened Species and Designating Critical Habitat"; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. RISCH (for himself and Mrs. SHAHEEN):

S. Res. 687. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding United Nations General Assembly Resolution 2758 (XXVI) and the harmful conflation of China's "One China Principle" and the United States' "One China Policy"; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Mr. Kaine, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. SCHATZ, and Mr. VAN HOLLEN):

S. Res. 688. A resolution recognizing widening threats to freedom of the press and free expression around the world, reaffirming the vital role that a free and independent press plays in combating the growing threats of authoritarianism, misinformation, and disinformation, and reaffirming freedom of the press as a priority of the United States Government in promoting democracy, human rights, and good governance in commemoration of World Press Freedom Day on May 3, 2024; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. BARRASSO (for himself, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mrs. BLACKBURN, and Mrs. CAPITO):

S. Res. 689. A resolution supporting the goals and ideals of National Hospital Week, to be observed from May 12 through May 18, 2024; considered and agreed to.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Ms. SINEMA, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. WICKER, Mr. RISCH, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. KING, Mr. CRAPO, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mr. HEINRICH, and Mr. CASSIDY):

S. Res. 690. A resolution supporting the designation of May 15, 2024, as "National Senior Fraud Awareness Day" to raise awareness about the increasing number of fraudulent scams targeted at seniors in the United States, to encourage the implementation of policies to prevent those scams from happening, and to improve protections from those scams for seniors; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. RUBIO (for himself, Mr. REED, Mr. BRAUN, Mr. CASEY, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, and Mrs. FISCHER):

S. Res. 691. A resolution expressing support for the designation of May 17, 2024, as "DIPG Pediatric Brain Cancer Awareness Day" to raise awareness of, and encourage research on, diffuse intrinsic pontine glioma tumors and pediatric cancers in general; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Ms. BUTLER, Mr. CRAMER, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. RUBIO, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mr. DAINES, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. HAGERTY, Mr. MORAN, Mr. BENNET, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. BROWN, Ms. ROSEN, Ms. SINEMA, Mr. CASEY, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. RISCH, Mr. MARKEY, Ms. WARREN, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. KELLY, Mr. KING, Mr. COONS, Mr. YOUNG, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mr. TESTER, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Ms. HASSAN, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. WARNOCK, Mrs. BRITT, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. MANCHIN, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. GRAHAM, and Ms. CANTWELL):

S. Res. 692. A resolution supporting the mission and goals of National Fentanyl Awareness Day in 2024, including increasing individual and public awareness of the impact of fake or counterfeit fentanyl pills on families and young people; considered and agreed to.

By Ms. HIRONO (for herself, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Ms. COLLINS, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BOOKER, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CASEY, Mr. COONS, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mr. FETTERMAN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. KAINES, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MERKLEY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. PADILLA, Ms. ROSEN, Mr. SCHATZ, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. REED, Mr. WARNOCK, Ms. BUTLER, Ms. STABENOW, Ms. HASSAN, Ms. SMITH, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. CARDIN, and Mr. MENENDEZ):

S. Res. 693. A resolution recognizing the significance of Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage Month as an important time to celebrate the significant contributions of Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders to the history of the United States; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 91

At the request of Mr. HAGERTY, the names of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. RICKETTS) and the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. MURPHY) were added as cosponsors of S. 91, a bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to 60 diplomats, in recognition of their bravery and heroism during the Holocaust.

S. 657

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the names of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. Kaine) and the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MARSHALL) were added as cosponsors of S. 657, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to establish a tax credit for neighborhood revitalization, and for other purposes.

S. 930

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the names of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) and the Senator from Texas (Mr. CRUZ) were added as cosponsors of S. 930, a bill to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to provide public safety officer benefits for exposure-related cancers, and for other purposes.

S. 1000

At the request of Mr. BROWN, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. PETERS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1000, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve the accuracy of market-based Medicare payment for clinical diagnostic laboratory services, to reduce administrative burdens in the collection of data, and for other purposes.

S. 1514

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the names of the Senator from Alaska (Ms. MURKOWSKI) and the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. FETTERMAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1514, a bill to amend the National Housing Act to establish a mortgage insurance program for first responders, and for other purposes.

S. 2230

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr. LEE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2230, a bill to prohibit the Securities

and Exchange Commission from requiring that personally identifiable information be collected under consolidated audit trail reporting requirements, and for other purposes.

S. 2372

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Ms. DUCKWORTH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2372, a bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to streamline enrollment under the Medicaid program of certain providers across State lines, and for other purposes.

S. 2539

At the request of Mr. LANKFORD, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. RISCH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2539, a bill to clarify that, in awarding funding under title X of the Public Health Service Act, the Secretary of Health and Human Services may not discriminate against eligible States, individuals, or other entities for refusing to counsel or refer for abortions.

S. 2769

At the request of Mrs. MURRAY, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Mr. PETERS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2769, a bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 and the Portal-to-Portal Act of 1947 to prevent wage theft and assist in the recovery of stolen wages, to authorize the Secretary of Labor to administer grants to prevent wage and hour violations, and for other purposes.

S. 2781

At the request of Mr. HEINRICH, the names of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. MANCHIN) and the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BUDD) were added as cosponsors of S. 2781, a bill to promote remediation of abandoned hardrock mines, and for other purposes.

S. 3047

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from California (Mr. PADILLA) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3047, a bill to award payments to employees of Air America who provided support to the United States from 1950 to 1976, and for other purposes.

S. 3141

At the request of Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. RUBIO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3141, a bill to provide for the consideration of a definition of antisemitism set forth by the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance for the enforcement of Federal antidiscrimination laws concerning education programs or activities, and for other purposes.

S. 3154

At the request of Mr. THUNE, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. LANKFORD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3154, a bill to improve the effectiveness of tribal child support enforcement agencies, and for other purposes.

S. 3266

At the request of Mr. COTTON, the names of the Senator from Ohio (Mr.

VANCE) and the Senator from Arizona (Mr. KELLY) were added as cosponsors of S. 3266, a bill to direct the Secretary of Education to conduct a study regarding the use of mobile devices in elementary and secondary schools, and to establish a pilot program of awarding grants to enable certain schools to create a school environment free of mobile devices.

S. 3335

At the request of Ms. KLOBUCHAR, the name of the Senator from California (Mr. PADILLA) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3335, a bill to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to establish a grant program to help law enforcement agencies with civilian law enforcement tasks, and for other purposes.

S. 3810

At the request of Mr. HAWLEY, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. RUBIO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3810, a bill to prohibit conflict of interests among consulting firms that simultaneously contract with the Government of the People's Republic of China and the United States Government, and for other purposes.

S. 3863

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. VANCE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3863, a bill to clarify the country of origin of certain passenger motor vehicles.

S. 3868

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. VANCE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3868, a bill to impose a duty of \$20,000 per motor vehicle produced in or by the People's Republic of China.

S. 3869

At the request of Mr. RUBIO, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. VANCE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 3869, a bill to require vehicles to comply with the rules of origin of the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement in order to qualify for certain Federal programs.

S. 4047

At the request of Mr. TESTER, the name of the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. WHITEHOUSE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4047, a bill to increase, effective as of December 1, 2024, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans, and for other purposes.

S. 4109

At the request of Ms. ROSEN, the names of the Senator from Nebraska (Mrs. FISCHER) and the Senator from Hawaii (Mr. SCHATZ) were added as cosponsors of S. 4091, a bill to strengthen Federal efforts to counter antisemitism in the United States.

S. 4316

At the request of Ms. WARREN, the name of the Senator from Connecticut

(Mr. BLUMENTHAL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4109, a bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to clarify roles and responsibilities within the Department of Defense relating to subconcussive and concussive brain injuries and to improve brain health initiatives of the Department of Defense, and for other purposes.

S. 4206

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. MARKEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4206, a bill to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to prohibit certain activities involving prohibited primate species, and for other purposes.

S. 4237

At the request of Mr. BARRASSO, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mrs. FISCHER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4237, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the credit for new clean vehicles, and for other purposes.

S. 4240

At the request of Mr. COTTON, the name of the Senator from Wyoming (Ms. LUMMIS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4240, a bill to establish that an individual who is convicted of any offense under any Federal or State law related to the individual's conduct at and during the course of a protest that occurs at an institution of higher education shall be ineligible for forgiveness, cancellation, waiver, or modification of certain Federal student loans.

S. 4258

At the request of Mr. TILLIS, the names of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. THUNE) and the Senator from Idaho (Mr. RISCH) were added as cosponsors of S. 4258, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to punish criminal offenses targeting law enforcement officers, and for other purposes.

S. 4277

At the request of Ms. WARREN, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4277, a bill to establish a green transportation infrastructure grant program, and for other purposes.

S. 4292

At the request of Mr. LEE, the name of the Senator from Idaho (Mr. CRAPO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4292, a bill to amend the National Voter Registration Act of 1993 to require proof of United States citizenship to register an individual to vote in elections for Federal office, and for other purposes.

S. 4296

At the request of Mrs. BRITT, the names of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BUDD), the Senator from Nebraska (Mrs. FISCHER) and the Senator from Idaho (Mr. RISCH) were added as cosponsors of S. 4296, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide more opportunities for mothers to succeed, and for other purposes.

S. 4316

At the request of Mr. VAN HOLLEN, the name of the Senator from Ohio

(Mr. BROWN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 4316, a bill to authorize urbanized area formula grants for service improvement and safety and security enhancement, and for other purposes.

S.J. RES. 58

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, the names of the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. COTTON) and the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BUDD) were added as cosponsors of S.J. Res. 58, a joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of Energy relating to “Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Consumer Furnaces”.

S.J. RES. 72

At the request of Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr. LEE) was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 72, a joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Securities and Exchange Commission relating to “The Enhancement and Standardization of Climate-Related Disclosures for Investors”.

S.J. RES. 76

At the request of Mr. BRAUN, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. RICKETTS) was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 76, a joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of Labor relating to “Short-Term, Limited-Duration Insurance and Independent, Noncoordinated Excepted Benefits Coverage”.

S.J. RES. 77

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from California (Mr. PADILLA) was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 77, a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relative to the fundamental right to vote.

S.J. RES. 670

At the request of Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina, the names of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. VANCE) and the Senator from Alaska (Mr. SULLIVAN) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 670, a resolution strongly condemning the rise of antisemitism on campuses of institutions of higher education across the United States.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 687—EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE REGARDING UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 2758 (XXVI) AND THE HARMFUL CONFLATION OF CHINA’S “ONE CHINA PRINCIPLE” AND THE UNITED STATES’ “ONE CHINA POLICY”

Mr. RISCH (for himself and Mrs. SHAHEEN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

S. RES. 687

Whereas on October 25, 1971, United Nations General Assembly passed resolution 2758, which recognizes the Government of the People’s Republic of China (referred to in this preamble as the “PRC”) as the representative of the member state “China” in the United Nations;

Whereas the purpose of resolution 2758 was to address the question of which government would represent the “China” seat at the United Nations, and not to address any other issues, including issues related to Taiwan’s ultimate political status;

Whereas the PRC has recently linked resolution 2758 with its “One China Principle” and has claimed that resolution 2758 addresses the matter of Taiwan’s sovereignty;

Whereas the “One China Principle” is a policy held by the Chinese Communist Party that—

(1) the PRC is the sole sovereign nation using the name “China”; and

(2) Taiwan is an inalienable part of China;

Whereas resolution 2758 did not endorse and is not equivalent to the “One China Principle” and countries that supported resolution 2758 do not necessarily accept the “One China Principle”;

Whereas resolution 2758 does not represent an international consensus regarding the PRC’s stance that Taiwan is part of China;

Whereas PRC officials misrepresent resolution 2758 by claiming the adoption of resolution 2758 implies acceptance of the “One China Principle” and the PRC’s claims to Taiwan;

Whereas the PRC misleadingly claims that countries with a “one China policy” have accepted and abide by the PRC’s “One China Principle”;

Whereas Daniel Kritenbrink, Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau of East Asia and Pacific Affairs, testified before the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate in 2024 that the PRC “misused and misinterpreted” resolution 2758 to influence countries to change their diplomatic recognition to the PRC;

Whereas the “one China policy” of the United States acknowledges the PRC’s “One China Principle”, but affirms that—

(1) the United States does not take a position on Taiwan’s status; and

(2) this issue should be resolved peacefully by the people on both sides of the Taiwan Strait;

Whereas in 1982, during the administration of President Ronald Reagan, the United States conveyed Six Assurances to Taiwan’s President Chiang Ching-kuo, including that the United States had not changed its stance on Taiwan’s sovereignty, and each subsequent United States presidential administration has reaffirmed these Six Assurances;

Whereas Taiwan has established representative offices in more than 60 countries and at the European Union and the World Trade Organization, which disproves the PRC’s claim of a unified United Nations position or international consensus on Taiwan’s status;

Whereas the PRC has weaponized resolution 2758 and the “One China Principle” to isolate Taiwan and to prevent its meaningful participation at the United Nations, United Nations-affiliated agencies, and other international fora, including at the World Health Organization, the International Civil Aviation Organization, and Interpol;

Whereas the PRC has bolstered its claims and engaged in revisionist history by successfully altering historic United Nations documents to changes references to “Taiwan” to “Taiwan, Province of China”;

Whereas in 2005, the Secretary of the World Health Organization signed a memorandum of understanding with the PRC Ministry of

Health regarding how the World Health Organization would engage with Taiwan, which included a requirement that communication with Taiwan go through the PRC;

Whereas United Nations General Secretary Ban Ki-Moon cited resolution 2758 when refusing Taiwan’s accession to the United Nations in 2007, based on the incorrect assertion that resolution 2758 supports China’s claim that Taiwan is part of China;

Whereas the United Nations has used resolution 2758 as a justification for requiring Taiwanese citizens, including those with official invitations to attend United Nations events, journalists, and representatives of nongovernmental organizations, to obtain PRC-issued Taiwan Compatriot Permits in addition to their passport or a PRC passport to gain entry to United Nations facilities;

Whereas Secretary of State Antony Blinken released a statement in 2021, which identified the United Nations’ exclusion of Taiwanese civil society members and emphasized that denying entry to such individuals undermines the work of the United Nations;

Whereas, in 2022, Robert O’Brien, former United States National Security Advisor, stated that—

(1) the PRC manipulates resolution 2758 to make false claims regarding Taiwan’s status in order “to undermine the international order and the international system”; and

(2) resolution 2758 “relates solely to the occupancy of the China seat at the United Nations and nothing more”;

Whereas in August 2023, the Central American Parliament (also known as “PARLACEN”) expelled Taiwan, after more than 20 years as a permanent observer, from holding such status at its sessions and falsely claimed that resolution 2758 deemed Taiwan a “province of mainland China, which disqualifies it from participating as an independent country”;

Whereas since 2016, the PRC has successfully induced or pressured 10 nations: São Tomé and Príncipe, Panama, the Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Burkina Faso, Kiribati, Solomon Islands, Nicaragua, Honduras, and Nauru, to cut diplomatic ties with Taiwan; and

Whereas the PRC cites resolution 2758 as a justification to coerce, intimidate, or punish sovereign nations for engagement and partnership with Taiwan: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) reaffirms that the longstanding “one China policy” of the United States does not affirmatively recognize the People’s Republic of China’s claim to control over Taiwan and its outlying islands, but rather “acknowledges” this position, reaffirms the interest of the United States in a peaceful resolution of cross-Strait issues, “has not agreed to take any position regarding sovereignty over Taiwan”, and “will not exert pressure on Taiwan to enter into negotiations with the PRC”;

(2) reaffirms that the “one China policy” of the United States and the similar policies of its partners are not equivalent to the “One China Principle” of the Chinese Communist Party;

(3) emphasizes that United Nations General Assembly resolution 2758 is not equivalent to, and does not endorse, the PRC’s “One China Principle”;

(4) emphasizes further that resolution 2758 does not take a position on Taiwan’s ultimate political status, as explicitly recognized by PRC leaders at the time, and does not represent a United Nations consensus on Taiwan’s status;

(5) opposes China’s use of the “One China Principle” to coerce the United States, Taiwan, and other countries to accept its claims over Taiwan;

(6) supports Taiwan's diplomatic allies in continuing official relationships with Taiwan, and other nations across the world in strengthening their partnership with Taiwan;

(7) reaffirms support for Taiwan's membership in international organizations for which statehood is not a requirement for membership and encourages meaningful participation for Taiwan in organizations in which its membership is not possible;

(8) encourages the United States Government to work with partners on joint efforts to counter China's false narratives about resolution 2758; and

(9) supports the efforts of other countries to differentiate between their policies and the "One China Principle" to counter China's propaganda about international views of Taiwan.

SENATE RESOLUTION 688—RECOGNIZING WIDENING THREATS TO FREEDOM OF THE PRESS AND FREE EXPRESSION AROUND THE WORLD, REAFFIRMING THE VITAL ROLE THAT A FREE AND INDEPENDENT PRESS PLAYS IN COMBATING THE GROWING THREATS OF AUTHORITARIANISM, MISINFORMATION, AND DISINFORMATION, AND REAFFIRMING FREEDOM OF THE PRESS AS A PRIORITY OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT IN PROMOTING DEMOCRACY, HUMAN RIGHTS, AND GOOD GOVERNANCE IN COMMEMORATION OF WORLD PRESS FREEDOM DAY ON MAY 3, 2024

Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Mr. Kaine, Mr. Merkley, Mr. Schatz, and Mr. Van Hollen) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

S. RES. 688

Whereas the First Amendment to the United States Constitution and various State constitutions protect freedom of the press in the United States;

Whereas Thomas Jefferson, who championed the necessity of a free press for a thriving democratic society, wisely declared, "Our liberty depends on the freedom of the press, and that cannot be limited without being lost.":

Whereas Article 19 of the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights, adopted in Paris on December 10, 1948, states, "Everyone has the right to freedom of opinion and expression; this right includes freedom to hold opinions without interference and to seek, receive and impart information and ideas through any media and regardless of frontiers.":

Whereas, in 1993, the United Nations General Assembly proclaimed the third day of May of each year to be "World Press Freedom Day"—

(1) to celebrate the fundamental principles of press freedom;

(2) to evaluate press freedom around the world;

(3) to defend the media against attacks on its independence; and

(4) to pay tribute to journalists who have lost their lives while working in their profession;

Whereas the Daniel Pearl Freedom of the Press Act of 2009 (Public Law 111-166) expanded the examination of the freedom of the press around the world in the annual Country Reports on Human Rights Practices published by the Department of State;

Whereas, on December 18, 2013, and December 18, 2019, the United Nations General Assembly adopted Resolution 68/163 and Resolution 74/157, respectively, on the safety of journalists and the problem of impunity by unequivocally condemning all attacks on, and violence against, journalists and media workers, including torture, extrajudicial killing, enforced disappearance, arbitrary detention, and intimidation and harassment in conflict and non-conflict situations;

Whereas the United States Government has used the Global Magnitsky Human Rights Accountability Act (subtitle F of title XII of Public Law 114-328) to place targeted visa and economic sanctions on individuals, including for their roles in the targeted killings of journalists;

Whereas, in an effort to combat attacks against journalists, Secretary of State Antony J. Blinken in February 2021, announced the Khashoggi Ban, a policy allowing the Department of State to impose visa restrictions on individuals who, acting on behalf of a foreign government, are believed to have been directly engaged in serious, extraterritorial counter-dissident activities, including activities that suppress, harass, surveil, threaten, or harm journalists, activists, or other persons perceived to be disidents for their work;

Whereas compiled data from Reporters Without Borders provides alarming indications about growing divisions resulting from the spread of disinformation with the potential to weaken democratic societies;

Whereas, as of December 14, 2023, according to Reporters Without Borders, a total of 521 journalists were in prison and 84 journalists were missing;

Whereas Reporters Without Borders notes that punishments against women journalists are increasing disproportionately, with the number of women journalists in prison rising by 30 percent in 2022 and with most of the longest prison sentences handed down against journalists in 2023 given to women;

Whereas Freedom House's Freedom in the World 2024 report marked the 18th consecutive year of decline in global freedom, with an estimated 38 percent of the global population living in countries deemed "Not Free";

Whereas Freedom House's Freedom on the Net 2023 report marked the 13th consecutive year of decline in global internet freedom, with people in 55 of the 70 countries covered facing legal repercussions for expressing themselves online and people in 41 countries facing physical assaults or death for their online commentary;

Whereas infringement on freedom of expression, including media freedom, has been one of the key drivers of declines in global freedom over the last 50 years, according to Freedom House, including attacks and prosecutions against journalists, pressure on media outlets, repressive regulatory and legal frameworks, internet shutdowns, efforts to undermine strong encryption, and blocks on online sources of information;

Whereas journalists and media workers are being murdered, imprisoned, attacked, and harassed around the world and the Committee to Protect Journalists has reported that—

(1) at least 99 journalists and media workers were killed around the world during 2023, and at least 27 journalists have been killed in 2024, as of May 15th;

(2) approximately 320 journalists were imprisoned during 2023;

(3) between September 1, 2013 and August 31, 2023, the vast majority of murders of journalists occurred with impunity, with nearly 80 percent of the perpetrators of 261 murders of journalists facing no punishment; and

(4) journalists and media outlets around the world have been targeted by government actors with sophisticated spyware products that pose a severe risk to their privacy and security and the security of their sources and families;

Whereas, according to PEN America, more than 339 writers and public intellectuals, including columnists and editorial journalists, were imprisoned across 33 different countries during 2023;

Whereas the censorship, victimization, and killing of journalists around the world, particularly in conflict zones, has obvious and profound implications for the ability of the public, including the American public, to be informed, including about conflicts with local, regional, and global ramifications;

Whereas, since the start of Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine in February 2022, Reporters Without Borders has documented attacks directly targeting journalists, including—

(1) the killing of 11 Ukrainian and accredited international journalists and media workers by Russian armed forces;

(2) the torture by electric shock, beatings, and mock executions of journalists working for the international press;

(3) the targeted kidnappings of journalists and their families in occupied regions of Ukraine to put pressure on their reporting;

(4) the deliberate attacks targeting media facilities; and

(5) the near universal censorship, imprisonment, or exile of Russia's independent news media;

Whereas, according to the Committee to Protect Journalists and Reporters Without Borders, in the Ukrainian territory of Crimea, Ukrainian journalists and bloggers have repeatedly been threatened, arbitrarily arrested, and tortured for resisting Russian occupation, such as the detentions and imprisonments of Vladyslav Yesypenko, Iryna Danylovych, Amet Suleimanov, Asan Akhmetov, Marlen Asanov, Nariman Celal, Oleksiy Bessarabov, Osman Arifmemetov, Remzi Bekirov, Ruslan Suleimanov, Rustem Sheikhaliev, Server Mustafayev, Seyran Saliev, Timur Ibragimov, Vilen Temeryanov, and Lutfiye Zudiyeva;

Whereas, according to the Committee to Protect Journalists, Ukrainian journalists Viktoriya Roshchina, Iryna Levchenko, and Dmytro Khilyuk remain in the custody of Russian forces after their full-scale invasion of Ukraine in 2022;

Whereas journalists and media workers face heightened dangers in Russia, such as harassment, repression, censorship, and imprisonment, with 30 journalists and 4 media workers imprisoned as of March 27, 2024, according to Reporters Without Borders, including—

(1) Evan Gershkovich, a United States citizen and reporter with the *Wall Street Journal*, who has been wrongfully detained on baseless espionage charges since March 29, 2023, and faces up to 20 years in jail;

(2) Alsu Kurmashova, a Russian-American journalist for congressionally-funded Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty, who was arrested for violating Russia's "Foreign Agents" law and has since been charged for violating Article 207.3 of Russia's Criminal Code, which effectively criminalizes reporting about Russia's war in Ukraine;

(3) Ivan Safronov, a correspondent with Russian business dailies *Kommersant* and *Vedomosti*, who was sentenced to 22 years in jail on treason charges in September 2022;

(4) Sergey Mikhaylov, publisher of independent newspaper *Listok*, who was arrested for allegedly spreading false information about the Russian military in April 2022;

(5) Mikhail Afanasyev, editor-in-chief of the online magazine *Novy Fokus*, who was arrested and charged with allegedly spreading

false information about the Russian military in April 2022;

(6) *Novaya Gazeta*, a landmark independent newspaper founded in 1993, which—

(A) suspended operations in Russia in March 2022 after receiving warnings from the authorities citing Russia's "Foreign Agents" law; and

(B) was stripped of its print and online media licenses in September 2022;

(7) *Meduza*, a leading independent bilingual news website based outside of Russia, which—

(A) was designated by Russian authorities in January 2023 as an "undesirable organization" under the 2015 Undesirable Organization Law; and

(B) was banned from operating in the Russian Federation;

(8) Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty, an independent nonprofit media outlet, which was designated by Russian authorities in February 2024 as an "undesirable organization" under the 2015 Undesirable Organization Law;

(9) RusNews, an independent news website with few remaining correspondents in Russia, whose journalists—

(A) Maria Ponomarenko was sentenced to 6 years in prison for allegedly spreading false information about the Russian military on February 15, 2023, and is facing a second criminal charge for alleged violation of prison rules;

(B) Roman Ivanov was sentenced on March 6, 2024, to 7 years in prison for allegedly disseminating false news on the war in Ukraine;

(C) Igor Kuznetsov, who has been in detention since September 2021, was given a 3-year suspended sentence on alleged extremism charges on March 20, 2024, and was given a 6-year prison term on April 5, 2024, for allegedly inciting mass disturbances in group chats on Telegram;

Whereas, Vladimir Kara-Murza, a Washington Post contributing columnist and the winner of the 2024 Pulitzer Prize for commentary—

(1) has been imprisoned in Russia since April 2022 for his criticism of Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine; and

(2) received an unjust 25-year prison sentence in April 2023;

Whereas Russian authorities continue harassing and prosecuting journalists in exile, according to the Committee to Protect Journalists, including—

(1) exiled Russian journalists Ruslan Leviev and Michael Nacke, who were each sentenced in absentia to 11 years in prison in August 2023 for allegedly distributing "fake" information about the Russian military;

(2) exiled Russian journalist Denis Kamalyagin, editor-in-chief of the exiled Russian newspaper *Pskovskaya Guberniya*, who was charged in late 2023 with failing to comply with the foreign agent law and with discrediting the Russian army;

(3) United States-based Russian-American journalist and writer Masha Gessen, against whom Russia issued an arrest warrant in 2023 for allegedly spreading "fake" information about the Russian army;

Whereas other Russian journalists living in exile have also been targets of harassment, surveillance, and suspected poisoning, according to the Committee to Protect Journalists, including—

(1) exiled Russian journalists Elena Kostyuchenko and Irina Babloyan, who reported in August 2023 that they may have been poisoned in Germany and Georgia, respectively;

(2) Prague-based IStories' reporters Alesya Marokhovskaya and Irina Dolinina, who received threats and fear they have been under surveillance;

(3) Galina Timchenko, the Latvia-based head of *Meduza*, whose phone was infected by

Pegasus, a form of zero-click spyware produced by the Israeli company NSO Group, while she was in Germany in February 2023;

Whereas, according to the Committee to Protect Journalists, as of December 1, 2023, the Government of the People's Republic of China had detained at least 44 journalists, and has unleashed an onslaught of attacks on press freedom in the People's Republic of China and Hong Kong, including through—

(1) state-sponsored censorship and disinformation campaigns limiting access to any information that runs contrary to Chinese Communist Party propaganda narratives, and censoring politically-sensitive keywords on social media platforms;

(2) the passage and implementation of legislation that severely curtails press freedom in Hong Kong, including the National Security Law of June 2020, and Article 23 of the Basic Law of March 2024, both of which pose an existential threat to the city's tradition of press freedom;

(3) harassment, intimidation, arrest, and imprisonment of journalists in Hong Kong, including the arrest and subsequent conviction of journalist and outspoken democracy advocate Jimmy Lai, and the closure of his once widely popular Chinese-language newspaper, *Apple Daily*;

(4) arrests or other repressive actions against independent journalists and others in mainland China who are attempting to share uncensored news or opinion about current affairs, including—

(A) Sophia Huang Xueqin, who has written about women's rights and the protests in Hong Kong, who was detained arbitrarily beginning in September 2021, who went on trial in September 2023 on charges of "inciting subversion of state power", and whose current status remains unknown; and

(B) citizen journalist Zhang Zhan, who provided uncensored news regarding the COVID-19 outbreak in Wuhan and who has been imprisoned since May 2020 on politically-motivated charges of "picking quarrels and provoking trouble";

(5) the detention of journalists critical of the Government of the People's Republic of China, including Ruan Xiaohuan, who, after blogging about programming and politics, was sentenced to a 7-year term of imprisonment in early 2023, following 21 months of detention; and

(6) the continued detention of Uyghur journalists, who account for nearly 50 percent of imprisoned journalists in the People's Republic of China, including Ilham Tohti, founder of the news website *UighurBiz*, who was detained in 2014 and is serving a life sentence;

Whereas Belarus has witnessed sweeping attacks against the press since Alexander Lukashenko's fraudulent election in August 2020, with journalists and media workers harassed, assaulted, and imprisoned, with 28 journalists imprisoned as of December 1, 2023, according to the Committee to Protect Journalists, including—

(1) Katsiaryna Andreyeva, a correspondent with Poland-based independent broadcaster Belsat TV, who, while serving a 2-year prison term for filming a live broadcast of the violent dispersal of a protest against Alexander Lukashenko in November 2020, was sentenced to 8 additional years in prison on treason charges in July 2022;

(2) Ksenia Lutskina, a former correspondent for the state broadcaster BelteleRadio, who was sentenced to 8 years in prison on charges of conspiring to seize state power in September 2022, and who is not receiving appropriate medical care despite having a preexisting brain tumor that has grown during her detention;

(3) Maryna Zolatava, chief editor of independent news website *Tut.By*, who was sen-

tenced to 12 years in prison on charges of incitement to hatred and distributing materials calling for actions aimed at harming national security in March 2023;

(4) Andrey Kuzneczyk, a journalist who, while working for Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty, was detained in November 2021, and was sentenced in June 2022 to 6 years in prison on charges of forming an extremist group;

(5) Ihar Losik, another Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty journalist who was arrested in June 2020, and sentenced in December 2021 to 15 years in jail on bogus charges of preparation of actions that violate public order, who attempted suicide in March 2023, and whose wife Darya was sentenced in January 2023 to 2 years in prison on a charge of facilitating extremist activity;

(6) Alyaksandr Mantsevich, who was detained in March 2023, and is serving a 4-year prison sentence after being convicted in November 2023 on charges of discrediting Belarus;

(7) Dzianis Ivashyn, a freelance journalist who has been serving a sentence of 13 years and 1 month since being convicted in September 2022, on charges of treason and "illegal collection and dissemination of information about private life"; and

(8) Ihar Karnei, a former freelancer with Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty, who was sentenced on March 22, 2024 to 3 years in jail for participating in an extremist group;

Whereas Belarus has weaponized "extremism" laws against independent media outlets, with around 25 media outlets labeled as extremist groups or organizations as of March 2024, according to the Committee to Protect Journalists, and has jailed journalists on allegations of creating or participating in extremist groups or facilitating extremist activities;

Whereas Belarusian authorities continue to prosecute journalists in exile, including exiled journalists Stsypan Putsila and Yan Rudzik, who had covered protests during the 2020 presidential election and were sentenced in absentia to 20 years and 19 years in jail, respectively, in May 2023, according to the Committee to Protect Journalists;

Whereas, in 2022, the Islamic Republic of Iran was the world's leading jailer of journalists, including female journalists, and the Government of Iran subjected these journalists to arbitrary summonses, arrests, travel bans, torture, inhumane treatment, and un-substantiated and unjust sentences, and where, according to the Committee to Protect Journalists, at least 17 journalists and media workers remained behind bars as of December 1, 2023, including—

(1) Niloofar Hamedi, a correspondent of the daily newspaper *Shargh*, who was imprisoned in 2022 for trying to document the death of Mahsa Amini on charges that could result in the death penalty;

(2) Elahe Mohammadi, a journalist for the daily *Ham Mihan*, who was also imprisoned in 2022 for the same action and on the same charges;

(3) Iranian journalist Navid Seyed-Mohammadi, a Kurdish reporter for the state-run Islamic Republic Radio and Television broadcaster, who was arrested in May 2020 and is serving a 7-year prison sentence for "espionage for hostile states";

(4) Kayvan Samimi, a 76-year-old veteran journalist, who was initially imprisoned in May 2019 and is serving a 6-year prison sentence on anti-state charges of "spreading propaganda against the system" and "colluding against national security";

(5) sisters Hoda and Zahra Tohidi, who are freelance journalists, and were imprisoned in 2022 alongside Zahra's husband, Alireza Khoshbakht, a fellow journalist, for documenting the nationwide protests after the death of Mahsa Jina Amini; and

(6) Mohammad-Bagher Moradi, an exiled freelance journalist, who was extradited to Iran from Turkey, was immediately imprisoned in 2022 for his work, and is serving a 5-year prison sentence;

Whereas, since the beginning of the Hamas-led attack on Israel on October 7, 2023, at least 105 journalists and media workers have been killed during the ongoing war in Gaza, Lebanon, and Israel, according to the Committee to Protect Journalists, and other significant attacks on the press have been documented, including according to Reporters Without Borders, the killing of at least 22 journalists in direct connection to their work;

Whereas the Government of Egypt's repression of the media has expanded under President Abdel Fattah el-Sisi since 2013, and, according to the Committee to Protect Journalists and Reporters Without Borders, has included—

(1) attacks on independent media outlet Mada Masr, which the Egyptian Government has targeted with specious charges brought against editor-in-chief Lina Attalah and journalist Rana Mamdouh; and

(2) the imprisonment of at least 13 journalists, as of December 1, 2023, including—

(A) Alaa Abd El Fattah, a blogger who was sentenced to 5 years in prison for "broadcasting false news" and who embarked on a hunger strike on April 2, 2022, to protest his mistreatment, which he escalated to a near-fatal "water strike" that prompted a forced medical intervention by prison officials upon the start of the United Nations COP 27 climate summit in Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt on November 6, 2022; and

(B) Mohamed Ibrahim, a blogger who is also known as "Mohamed Oxygen", who has spent more than 4 years in pretrial detention, which is 2 years beyond the legal limit for a pre-trial detention;

Whereas, according to the Committee to Protect Journalists, Lokman Slim, a Lebanese political commentator and columnist, was murdered in southern Lebanon on August 4, 2023, after warning that he had been threatened and accused of treason by supporters of Hezbollah and, as of the date of the enactment of this resolution, no arrests or charges have been made in the investigation into his murder;

Whereas the Office of the Director of National Intelligence concluded that the 2018 murder of Washington Post journalist and United States legal permanent resident Jamal Khashoggi in Istanbul was approved by Saudi Crown Prince Mohamed bin Salman and impunity continues for the Saudi officials involved in this crime;

Whereas the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia maintains a hostile environment towards journalists through transnational repression, systematic and arbitrary arrests, torture and inhumane or degrading treatment, lengthy pre-trial detentions, and conditional release restrictions, which inhibit reporters and columnists from traveling or returning to their professional work post-detention, including—

(1) Abdulrahman Farhana, a columnist who was detained in February 2019, and charged with membership in a terrorist organization, according to the Committee to Protect Journalists;

(2) Zuhair Kutbi, a journalist who was jailed in January 2019, and reportedly suffers from torture, malnourishment, and denial of cancer treatment in prison, according to the Committee to Protect Journalists; and

(3) blogger Raif Badawi, who, according to Reporters Without Borders, recently completed a 10-year prison sentence on blasphemy and apostasy charges, and who remains subjected to a further 10-year travel ban, which prevents him from reuniting with his family who received asylum in Canada;

Whereas Reporters Without Borders has asserted that due to oppression by the military junta, "press freedom in [Burma] has been set back ten years in ten days" after the February 1, 2021 military coup, including through—

(1) media workers forced into hiding and confronting censorship, harassment, internet blockages, beatings, interrogations, threats, and torture at the hands of the military;

(2) multiple independent media outlets forced to cease operations or close altogether or having their licenses revoked by the military; and

(3) journalists being detained at alarming rates, with 75 journalists in prison as of April 17, 2023, including photojournalist Sai Zaw Thaik, who was sentenced to a 20-year prison term in May 2023 while covering the aftermath of a deadly cyclone;

Whereas, in India, government authorities have taken a series of actions limiting the space for free and independent media, including—

(1) frequently imposing internet and communication blackouts in Indian-administered Kashmir and in the Indian state of Manipur, among certain areas;

(2) calling for the temporary blockage of journalists and media accounts on X (formerly known as "Twitter") and other online platforms;

(3) increasing restrictions on foreign journalists, and subjecting journalists to searches and arrests, according to the Committee to Protect Journalists, including—

(A) revoking the journalism permit of French reporter Vanessa Dougnac, who, as the spouse of an Indian citizen, holds permanent residency status, known as an Overseas Citizens of India, forcing her to leave the country in February 2024;

(B) the continued detention of Kashmiri journalist Aasif Sultan since April 2018, including his re-arrest for the third time by Indian authorities in February 2024, days after his release from five and one-half years of preventative detention;

(C) the June 2022 arrest of Teesta Setalvad, a journalist and civil rights activist, by the Anti-Terrorism Squad of the Gujarat Police, for allegedly conspiring to implicate the Gujarat government in the 2002 Gujarat riots, and who has since faced legal harassment and arbitrary detention over the last year for her work; and

(D) the Government of India's efforts to censor the British Broadcasting Corporation's documentary critical of prominent Indian political figures;

Whereas Pakistan maintains high levels of media censorship, and impunity persists in cases of killings and physical attacks on journalists who criticize the military and state institutions, including—

(1) the repeated arrest of journalist Imran Riaz Khan, including his arbitrary detention in solitary confinement without due process for 142 days in 2023, according to Reporters Without Borders;

(2) the July 1, 2022 assault of Ayaz Amir, an employee of Dunya News, which occurred days after he had made comments criticizing former Prime Minister Imran Khan and the military, according to the Committee to Protect Journalists; and

(3) the February 2024 arrest of Pakistani journalist and video blogger Asad Ali Toor on charges of orchestrating a campaign against the state and its officials against them through his social media platforms, according to the Committee to Protect Journalists;

Whereas Afghanistan, under the control of the Taliban, remains one of the most repressive countries for journalists, who are subjected to arrest, beatings, and arbitrary restrictions on their work, including journalist

Sultan Ali Jawadi, who was sentenced to 1 year in prison by a Taliban court in December 2023, according to the Committee to Protect Journalists;

Whereas violations of press freedom are persistent in South Asia and Southeast Asia, where, according to the Committee to Protect Journalists—

(1) in Vietnam, journalist and writer Pham Doan Trang, in December 2021, following a year in pretrial detention, was sentenced to 9 years in prison for "anti-state propaganda" in a judicial proceeding, which imprisonment has been declared "arbitrary" by the United Nations Working Group on Arbitrary Detention;

(2) in Bangladesh, journalists are subjected to arbitrary arrests and suffer killings and physical attacks with near total impunity;

(3) in Sri Lanka, the enactment of the recent draconian Online Safety Act, which undermines freedom of speech, incentivizes self-censorship, and could be misused to suppress dissent;

Whereas Cuba remains a highly restricted environment for independent media, marked by internet restrictions and constant state-directed harassment of journalists and news outlets, and the preponderance of arbitrary arrests, threats, police summonses, and forced exile, which remain among the repressive suite of measures applied by the government against activists and journalists, with victims including Lázaro Yuri Valle Roca, a journalist who was sentenced to 5 years in prison for "enemy propaganda and resistance" in July 2022, according to the Committee to Protect Journalists, evidence the Government of Cuba continues to employ retaliatory tactics to silence and jail journalists or force them into exile to maintain its censorship regime;

Whereas assaults on press freedom in El Salvador, including verbal attacks on journalists by political leaders and the use of state power to intimidate and pressure independent media, imperil its fragile democracy, and, according to the Committee to Protect Journalists and the Knight First Amendment Institute, include—

(1) spyware attacks by the Government of El Salvador against journalists of the media outlet *El Faro*, who were subject to 226 infections between June 2020 and November 2021, many of which attacks occurred when the journalists were communicating with confidential sources and reporting on abuses by the Salvadoran Government, and which intensified around *El Faro*'s publication of major stories;

(2) the ongoing criminal investigation against *El Faro*, which was launched after *El Faro* reported damaging information about the Salvadoran Government, and the relentless harassment by Salvadoran law enforcement officials toward *El Faro* journalists, which led the media outlet to relocate most of its operations to Costa Rica following harassment by Salvadoran police;

(3) the online attacks and threats to journalists from the outlet *Revista Factum*, which has been banned from press conferences at the presidential residence; and

(4) the adoption of a new law that imposes prison sentences ranging from 10 to 15 years for certain reporting on criminal groups, such as gangs;

Whereas in Mexico, which continues to be one of the world's deadliest countries for journalists, 25 journalists are counted as missing, according to Mexico's National Human Rights Commission, and where the Committee to Protect Journalists has recorded 88 killings of journalists and media workers since 2012, of which 37 were murdered in response to their reportage, and where reporters covering stories concerning political corruption and organized crime are frequently assaulted and murdered;

Whereas Haiti is the second deadliest country in the Western Hemisphere for journalists, with 9 journalists killed since 2022, according to the Committee to Protect Journalists, following a steady uptick of violence in the country, including violence against the press, as the country's security situation continues to deteriorate following the 2021 assassination of President Jovenel Moïse, with violence claiming the lives of—

(1) Garry Tesse, a Haitian radio reporter who reported on political and government corruption and was believed to be tortured and killed in retaliation for his reporting; and

(2) Dumesky Kersaint, a journalist for an online news outlet who was killed while attempting to cover another killing in his community;

Whereas in Nicaragua, the persecution of journalists by the Ortega regime continues unabated, including through forced closures of independent media outlets, and journalists in the country are continually threatened, harassed, sued, surveilled, jailed, and forced into exile, according to the Committee to Protect Journalists, includes—

(1) Miguel Mendoza, who, along with 6 other journalists and media workers, was among the group of 222 political prisoners released by Nicaraguan authorities in February 2023, sent to the United States, and subsequently stripped of their Nicaraguan citizenship; and

(2) journalist Victor Ticay, who was arrested in April 2023, in connection to his April 5, 2023 reporting about a Catholic Easter celebration;

Whereas Honduras remains one of the Western Hemisphere's most dangerous countries for journalists, where those working for opposition media or who are outspoken critics of the government are subjected to harassment, intimidation, and death threats by the country's security forces and its affiliates;

Whereas in Peru, criminal defamation lawsuits, legislation, and restrictive accreditation schemes for journalists that undermine freedom of expression have been used to harass and silence investigative journalists who write about prominent political figures, and the unlawful state repression of protestors has also increased the risk to journalists covering ongoing social unrest in Peru, as corroborated by the wounding of several journalists by rubber pellets and tear gas canisters in police and military operations throughout 2022 and 2023, which have been condemned by international organizations as violating international standards on the use of force, according to the Committee to Protect Journalists and Amnesty International;

Whereas in Ecuador, a group of presumed gang members stormed a local news station in Guayaquil on January 9, 2024, during a live broadcast, which evinces the country's worsening security condition amid organized crime activity that, according to the Committee to Protect Journalists, forced at least 5 journalists to leave Ecuador between April and October 2023;

Whereas in Venezuela, the Maduro regime continues to target independent media outlets, to restrict the exercise of freedom of expression, and to severely limit access to accurate information, with local civil society organization Public Space (Espacio Público) registering 349 attacks on journalists and media workers between January and November 2023, including censorship, verbal attacks, and intimidation;

Whereas in Sudan, the United Nations Panel of Experts reported that at least 15,000 people died as a result of the Rapid Support Forces offensive in West Darfur in 2023, tens of thousands more people are believed to have been killed, and more than 8,000,000 peo-

ple have been displaced, and where freedom of the press and the safety of journalists has severely deteriorated, as evidenced by attacks on independent media and the killings, arrests, detentions, harassment, and beatings of journalists, which, according to the Committee to Protect Journalists, includes—

(1) the killing of Halima Idris Salim, a 29-year-old reporter for local independent online news outlet Sudan Bukra, on October 10, 2023, when Rapid Support Forces soldiers ran her over with their car while she was covering health conditions of a hospital's emergency wing in Omdurman;

(2) reports that the Rapid Support Forces has cut access to telecommunications and internet services since early February 2024, leaving civilians in a communications blackout and making reporting on the war nearly impossible; and

(3) the forced closure of all print media in the country, the banning of foreign news channels, and forcing journalists into exile;

Whereas press freedom continues to face challenges in sub-Saharan Africa, including—

(1) in Ethiopia, which, according to the Committee to Protect Journalists, is the second-worst jailer of journalists in sub-Saharan Africa, and where a crackdown on the press has included—

(A) an entrenched pattern of arbitrarily detaining journalists, with at least 8 journalists behind bars as of December 2023;

(B) significant due process and fair trial concerns in the cases of detained journalists, such as the May 2023 arrest of online journalist Gobeze Sisay in neighboring Djibouti and subsequent transfer to Ethiopia under unclear circumstances;

(C) the detention of journalists arrested under state of emergency provisions at a military camp in eastern Ethiopia without judicial oversight or access to family or legal counsel;

(D) the use of Internet disruptions during times of political tension or in restive parts of the country, including the Oromia and Amhara regions, making it difficult for journalists to report safely and freely;

(E) the failure to provide a credible accounting for the 2021 killings of journalists Dawit Kebede Araya and Sisay Fida;

(F) the consistent persecution of media trying to cover the conflict and violence in the Oromia and Amhara regions, including the detention of at least 6 journalists, as of March 27, 2024, who were reporting on events in Amhara, according to Reporters Without Borders; and

(G) the forced exile and deportation of independent journalists;

(2) in Nigeria, where journalists have been repeatedly detained and charged for their work, according to the Committee to Protect Journalists and PEN America, including—

(A) Luke Binniyat, who was arrested in November 2021, released on bail in February 2022, and is facing 3 years in prison if convicted of sending false information under the Cybercrimes Act;

(B) Agba Jalingo, publisher of the *CrossRiverWatch* news site, who was arrested on March 27, 2023, charged under the Cybercrimes Act for allegedly publishing false news, and released on bail on April 3, 2023;

(C) Haruna Mohammed Salisu, publisher of the *WikiTimes*, who was arrested while covering the February 25, 2023 Federal elections, charged under the penal code with inciting the public to disturb the Bauchi state governor, released on bail on March 1, 2023, and faces ongoing prosecution in that case and in several others; and

(D) Saint Mienpamo Onitsha, founder of the online broadcaster NAIJA Live TV, who

was arrested on October 10, 2023, at gunpoint at the home of a friend, charged under the Cybercrimes Act over a report about tensions in the southern Niger Delta region, and released on bail after nearly 4 months in jail;

(3) in Eritrea, which is one of the world's most censored nations, and where, according to the Committee to Protect Journalists, at least 16 journalists, including editors Dawit Isaak and Amanuel Asrat, are detained, with most of these detentions commencing during a 2001 crackdown on the independent press, according to the Committee to Protect Journalists;

(4) in Cameroon, where—

(A) 6 journalists were imprisoned as of December 2023;

(B) at least 2 journalists have died in government custody under suspicious circumstances since 2010;

(C) journalist Martinez Zogo was abducted, tortured, and killed in January 2023; and

(D) journalist Jean-Jacques Ola Bebe was killed in February 2023, with no police investigation into his murder;

(5) in Rwanda, where the media landscape is heavily restricted by censorship and authoritarianism, and where, according to the Committee to Protect Journalists—

(A) at least 4 journalists were imprisoned as of December 1, 2023, 2 of whom, YouTubers Aimable Karasira Uzaramba and Dieudonné Niyonsenga, have alleged torture while in state custody; and

(B) journalist John Williams Ntwali, who, after reporting on cases of torture, disappearances, and forced government evictions, was killed in January 2023 under suspicious circumstances, and whose death has never been credibly investigated;

(6) in Burundi, where journalist Floriane Irangabiye is serving a 10-year prison sentence, following a January 2023 conviction in connection to her critical commentary on governance issues in the country, according to the Committee to Protect Journalists;

(7) in Mali and in Burkina Faso, where foreign journalists have been expelled in the aftermath of the coup d'état in each country, French-language media outlets have been banned, and local journalists work under threat of reprisal for reporting on security issues, according to the Committee to Protect Journalists and PEN America;

(8) in Niger, where journalist Samira Sabou was detained for 11 days in October 2023, and charged with cybercrime and treason in connection with her reporting, according to the Committee to Protect Journalists;

(9) in Senegal, where journalists have been repeatedly arrested and prosecuted for their work, attacked by security forces, and struggled amid Internet shutdowns;

(10) in Togo, where journalists have faced arrests and prosecutions for their work and other forms of intimidation, including spyware surveillance, according to the Committee to Protect Journalists; and

(11) in Zimbabwe, where journalists have been banned from covering government meetings, and the legal framework for journalists remains harsh, according to the Committee to Protect Journalists;

Whereas, in December 2023, the Parliament of Hungary passed a Russian-inspired national sovereignty law that created the "Sovereignty Protection Authority" (the "Authority"), an institution with the publicly declared objectives of targeting journalists and identifying individuals and organizations that receive foreign funding and which the Authority suspects undermine the country's national sovereignty, objectives that local media outlets have warned will empower the Authority with the ability to stifle independent journalism supported by overseas donors;

Whereas in Serbia, journalists suffer regular online harassment, smear campaigns,

and physical attacks, and the 1999 killing of journalist Slavko Curuvija remains unpunished after those formerly convicted for his murder were acquitted, according to the Committee to Protect Journalists;

Whereas in Slovakia, according to the Committee to Protect Journalists, more than 6 years after the brutal killing of investigative reporter Ján Kuciak and his fiancée, Martina Kušnírová, and despite the hitmen and intermediaries receiving lengthy prison sentences, authorities have been unable to convict the alleged mastermind;

Whereas in Turkey, the Government of Recep Tayyip Erdogan maintains one of the world's most repressive environments for journalists and continues its revolving door policy on detaining journalists, with at least 13 journalists in jail in retaliation for their professional work at the time of the Committee to Protect Journalists' most recent prison census, which was published on December 1, 2023;

Whereas Hatice Duman, the longest imprisoned journalist in Turkey, who has been serving a life sentence on terrorism charges since April 9, 2003, told the Committee to Protect Journalists in November 2022 that she had little hope for freedom in her retrial, while her continuing retrial has not instigated any changes on the part of government authorities;

Whereas in Azerbaijan, the Government of Ilham Aliyev, who secured a fifth term in an uncompetitive early presidential election in February 2024, mounted a renewed assault on independent media in recent months by detaining 10 journalists, according to the Committee to Protect Journalists, from outlets Abzas Media, Kanal 13, and Toplum TV; namely Ulvi Hasanli, Sevinj Vagifgizi, Mohammad Kekalov, Hafiz Babali, Elnara Gasimova, Nargiz Absalamova, Aziz Orujov, Shamo Eminov, Alasgar Mammadli, and Mushfig Jabbar, constituting a crackdown on journalists that was in part retaliation for their reporting on official corruption;

Whereas, the Government of Tajikistan continued its systematic repression of the free press in 2022 and 23 by sentencing 7 journalists to lengthy prison terms on spurious charges in secretive, closed-door trials held in detention centers amid allegations of torture and forced confessions, according to the Committee to Protect Journalists, including—

(1) Ulfatkhonim Mamadshoeva, a 67-year-old ethnic Pamiri journalist and human rights defender, who was sentenced to 20 years in prison; and

(2) journalists Daler Imomali, Abdullo Ghurbati, Zavqibek Saidamini, and Abdusattor Pirmuhammadzoda, who were sentenced to terms of imprisonment ranging from 7 to 10 years on spurious charges of extremism;

Whereas the Government of Kyrgyzstan, since the beginning of 2022, has taken worrying steps to dismantle the country's previously vibrant press environment, including by—

(1) detaining 11 current and former staff of the investigative reporting outlet *Temirov Live*, who have reported on corruption allegations among high-level government officials, since January 2024, according to the Committee to Protect Journalists;

(2) imposing spurious charges of illegal drug manufacture on Kyrgyzstan-born investigative journalist Bolot Temirov and deporting him to the Russian Federation in retaliation for his reporting on corruption in the government's procurement processes, according to the Committee to Protect Journalists;

(3) shutting down and blocking investigative outlet *Kloop*, which is known for its reporting on high-level government corruption, ac-

cording to the Committee to Protect Journalists;

(4) enacting the so-called "Foreign Representatives" legislation, which will establish extensive state control over externally-funded press freedom groups and nongovernmental organizations that run prominent news sites; and

(5) raiding independent news agency *24.kg* on fabricated charges, according to the Committee to Protect Journalists;

Whereas in Algeria, press freedom continued to deteriorate at an alarming pace in 2023, with 3 journalists in jail as of December 2023, according to the Committee to Protect Journalists, 2 of whom are the country's most prominent journalists, including—

(1) Mustapha Bendjama, the editor-in-chief and director of local independent news website *Le Provincial*, who was arrested on February 8, 2023, on foreign funding charges and is currently serving a 6-month prison sentence for "committing an illegal immigration crime"; and

(2) Ihsane El Kadi, editor-in-chief of local independent news website *Maghreb Emergent* and *Radio M*, who was arrested in December 2022, and is serving a 7-year prison sentence on charges of receiving foreign funding for the news outlet he manages;

Whereas in Tunisia, press freedom has gravely deteriorated following President Kais Saied's dismissal of the prime minister on July 25, 2021, and his concomitant suspension of the Parliament of Tunisia, according to the Committee to Protect Journalists, in addition to the Tunisian Government's imprisonment of journalists in 2023, which evince a national context in which the government has broadly suppressed press freedom in the country, including by—

(1) raiding multiple local and foreign media outlets and news organizations, and security officers, in several cases, confiscating the organizations' broadcasting equipment and ordering their offices to close, notably the office of Al Jazeera; and

(2) approving a new constitution that is devoid of necessary protections for journalists to pursue their work without fear of censorship and repression;

Whereas United States journalists have been victimized while reporting abroad, including—

(1) Christopher Allen, who was killed while covering the conflict in South Sudan on August 26, 2017, and for whom there has been no credible investigation to pursue justice after nearly 7 years;

(2) Austin Tice, who was kidnapped in Syria and has been held in captivity since August 13, 2012;

(3) Brent Renaud, who was killed by Russian forces while covering the war in Ukraine on March 13, 2022;

(4) Evan Gershkovich, who was arrested in Russia on charges of espionage on March 29, 2023; and

(5) Alsu Kurmasheva, who holds dual United States-Russian citizenship, and who was arrested in Russia on October 18, 2023, on charges of failure to register as a foreign agent;

Whereas, under the auspices of the United States Agency for Global Media, the United States Government provides financial assistance to several editorially independent media outlets, including Voice of America, Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty, Radio Free Asia, the Office of Cuba Broadcasting, and the Middle East Broadcasting Networks—

(1) which report and broadcast news, information, and analysis in critical regions around the world; and

(2) whose journalists regularly face harassment, fines, and imprisonment for their work; and

Whereas press freedom—

(1) is a key component of democratic governance, activism in civil society, and socioeconomic development; and

(2) enhances public accountability, transparency, and participation in civil society and democratic governance: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) declares that a free press—

(A) is a central component of free societies and democratic governance;

(B) contributes to an informed civil society and government accountability;

(C) helps to expose corruption;

(D) enhances public accountability and transparency of governments at all levels; and

(E) disseminates information that is essential to improving public health and safety;

(2) expresses concerns about threats to the exercise of freedom of expression, including by the press, around the world;

(3) recognizes and commends journalism's role in providing trusted, accurate, and timely information and in holding governments and leaders accountable to citizens;

(4) recognizes the indispensable role of journalists and media outlets in informing voters and the international community about elections in multiple countries worldwide in 2024;

(5) pays tribute to journalists who made tremendous sacrifices, including the loss of their lives, in the pursuit of truth and justice;

(6) condemns all actions around the world that suppress press freedom and endanger the safety of journalists;

(7) calls for the unconditional and immediate release of all wrongfully detained journalists;

(8) reaffirms the centrality of press freedom to efforts of the United States Government to support democracy, mitigate conflict, and promote good governance domestically and around the world; and

(9) calls upon the President and the Secretary of State—

(A) to preserve and build upon the leadership of the United States on issues relating to press freedom, on the basis of the protections for freedom of the press afforded the American people under the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States;

(B) to transparently investigate and bring to justice the perpetrators of attacks against American journalists;

(C) to support transparent investigations and efforts to ensure accountability for attacks against journalists of other nationalities; and

(D) to promote the respect and protection of press freedom around the world.

SENATE RESOLUTION 689—SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND IDEALS OF NATIONAL HOSPITAL WEEK, TO BE OBSERVED FROM MAY 12 THROUGH MAY 18, 2024

Mr. BARRASSO (for himself, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mrs. BLACKBURN, and Mrs. CAPITO) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 689

Whereas, beginning in 1921, National Hospital Day was established by former President Warren G. Harding to be celebrated annually on May 12, the birthday of Florence Nightingale, the founder of modern nursing, as a way to honor her role in revolutionizing hospital care;

Whereas National Hospital Day was established following the Spanish Flu Outbreak of

1918 as a way to build community trust in hospitals;

Whereas, beginning in 1953, National Hospital Week was established and continues to coincide with the birthday of Florence Nightingale;

Whereas National Hospital Week is a time of year to reflect on the important contributions that hospitals make to provide safe, high-quality health care;

Whereas, in 2024, approximately 6,120 hospitals in the United States provide essential and life-saving health care every day in a variety of hospitals settings, including—

(1) 1,368 critical access hospitals, which serve as important health care hubs by bringing essential medical services closer to individuals who would otherwise have to travel long distances for health care, provide health care to $\frac{1}{5}$ of the United States population residing in rural areas;

(2) nearly 1,700 teaching hospitals, of which roughly 300 are major teaching hospitals, such as university hospitals or academic medical centers, that provide essential training to future medical providers;

(3) 659 non-Federal psychiatric hospitals that are essential partners in addressing mental health and substance abuse disorders across the United States; and

(4) 172 Veterans Affairs medical centers that are uniquely responsible for providing health care to more than 9,000,000 veterans;

Whereas, in 2023, hospitals in the United States provided health care to more than 33,000,000 admitted patients, provided emergency care to nearly 137,000,000 patients, and delivered more than 3,500,000 babies;

Whereas, in 2024, hospitals employed more than 5,486,000 individuals, including physicians, registered nurses, and allied health professionals;

Whereas 45 percent of individuals employed by hospitals are non-clinical staff, including sanitation workers, food service workers, and many others, who work to keep hospitals open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, in order to ensure hospitals are always available to individuals that need health care;

Whereas hospitals, through direct care and community outreach, can provide the expertise and resources needed to address the unique health care needs that exist in rural and urban areas of the United States; and

Whereas hospitals work collaboratively to uphold the health care system of the United States: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) supports the goals and ideals of National Hospital Week, to be observed from May 12 through May 18, 2024;

(2) recognizes the significant role that hospitals play in the delivery of health care in the United States; and

(3) encourages the people of the United States to observe National Hospital Week with appropriate recognition, ceremonies, activities, and programs to demonstrate the importance of hospitals to the everyday lives of patients and communities.

SENATE RESOLUTION 690—SUPPORTING THE DESIGNATION OF MAY 15, 2024, AS ‘NATIONAL SENIOR FRAUD AWARENESS DAY’ TO RAISE AWARENESS ABOUT THE INCREASING NUMBER OF FRAUDULENT SCAMS TARGETED AT SENIORS IN THE UNITED STATES, TO ENCOURAGE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF POLICIES TO PREVENT THOSE SCAMS FROM HAPPENING, AND TO IMPROVE PROTECTIONS FROM THOSE SCAMS FOR SENIORS

Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Ms. SINEMA, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. WICKER, Mr. RISCH, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. KING, Mr. CRAPO, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mr. HEINRICH, and Mr. CASSIDY) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 690

Whereas millions of individuals age 65 or older (referred to in this preamble as ‘seniors’) in the United States are targeted by scams each year, including vacation scams, Social Security impersonation scams and Internal Revenue Service impersonation scams, other government agency impersonation scams, veterans benefits scams, health and benefits scams, sweepstakes scams, romance scams, computer tech support scams, grandparent and person-in-need scams, debt collection scams, home improvement scams, fraudulent investment schemes, pet scams, job opportunity scams, timeshare exit scams, and identity theft;

Whereas other types of fraud perpetrated against seniors include Medicare impersonation fraud, health care fraud, health insurance fraud, counterfeit prescription drug fraud, funeral and cemetery fraud, ‘anti-aging’ product fraud, telemarketing fraud, charity and disaster scams, internet fraud, and cyberattacks;

Whereas the Government Accountability Office has estimated that seniors lose a staggering \$2,900,000,000 each year to an ever-growing array of financial exploitation schemes and scams;

Whereas, since 2013, the Fraud Hotline of the Special Committee on Aging of the Senate has received more than 10,000 complaints reporting possible scams from individuals in all 50 States, the District of Columbia, and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico;

Whereas the ease with which criminals contact seniors through the internet and telephone increases as more creative schemes emerge and scammers employ new technologies, such as artificial intelligence and ‘spoofing’ of caller ID information, to fraudulently gain the trust of seniors;

Whereas, according to the Consumer Sentinel Network Data Book 2023 released by the Federal Trade Commission, individuals age 60 or older reported losing almost \$2,000,000,000 to fraud in 2023, with a median loss for victims age 80 or older of \$1,450, more than 3 times the median amount lost by those victims between the ages of 50 and 59;

Whereas senior fraud is underreported by victims due to shame, stigma, and lack of information about where to report fraud; and

Whereas May 15, 2024, is an appropriate day to establish as ‘National Senior Fraud Awareness Day’: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) supports the designation of May 15, 2024, as ‘National Senior Fraud Awareness Day’;

(2) recognizes National Senior Fraud Awareness Day as an opportunity to raise awareness about the barrage of scams that

individuals age 65 or older (referred to in this resolution as ‘seniors’) in the United States face in person, by mail, on the phone, via text message, and online;

(3) recognizes that law enforcement agencies, consumer protection groups, area agencies on aging, and financial institutions all play vital roles in—

(A) preventing the proliferation of scams targeting seniors in the United States; and

(B) educating seniors about those scams;

(4) encourages—

(A) the implementation of policies to prevent scams targeting seniors; and

(B) the improvement of efforts to protect seniors from those scams; and

(5) honors the commitment and dedication of the individuals and organizations that work tirelessly to fight against scams targeting seniors.

SENATE RESOLUTION 691—EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE DESIGNATION OF MAY 17, 2024, AS ‘DIPG PEDIATRIC BRAIN CANCER AWARENESS DAY’ TO RAISE AWARENESS OF, AND ENCOURAGE RESEARCH ON, DIFFUSE INTRINSIC PONTINE GLIOMA TUMORS AND PEDIATRIC CANCERS IN GENERAL

Mr. RUBIO (for himself, Mr. REED, Mr. BRAUN, Mr. CASEY, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, and Mrs. FISCHER) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 691

Whereas diffuse intrinsic pontine glioma (referred to in this preamble as ‘DIPG’) tumors regularly affect 200 to 300 children in the United States each year;

Whereas brain tumors are the leading cause of cancer-related death among children;

Whereas DIPG tumors are the leading cause of pediatric brain cancer deaths;

Whereas, with respect to a child who is diagnosed with a DIPG tumor and receives treatment for a DIPG tumor, the median amount of time that the child survives after diagnosis is approximately 11 months;

Whereas, with respect to an individual who is diagnosed with a DIPG tumor, the rate of survival 5 years after diagnosis is approximately 2 percent;

Whereas the average age at which a child is diagnosed with a DIPG tumor is between 5 and 10 years, resulting in a life expectancy approximately 70 years shorter than the average life expectancy in the United States; and

Whereas the prognosis for children diagnosed with DIPG tumors has not meaningfully improved during the past 50 years: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) supports designating May 17, 2024, as ‘DIPG Pediatric Brain Cancer Awareness Day’;

(2) supports efforts—

(A) to better understand diffuse intrinsic pontine glioma (referred to in this resolution as ‘DIPG’) tumors;

(B) to develop effective treatments for DIPG tumors; and

(C) to provide comprehensive care for children with DIPG tumors and their families; and

(3) encourages all individuals in the United States to become more informed about—

(A) DIPG tumors;

(B) pediatric brain cancer in general; and

(C) challenges relating to research on pediatric cancers and ways to advance that research.

SENATE RESOLUTION 692—SUPPORTING THE MISSION AND GOALS OF NATIONAL FENTANYL AWARENESS DAY IN 2024, INCLUDING INCREASING INDIVIDUAL AND PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THE IMPACT OF FAKE OR COUNTERFEIT FENTANYL PILLS ON FAMILIES AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Ms. BUTLER, Mr. CRAMER, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. RUBIO, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mr. DAINES, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. HAGERTY, Mr. MORAN, Mr. BENNET, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. BROWN, Ms. ROSEN, Ms. SINEMA, Mr. CASEY, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. RISCH, Mr. MARKEY, Ms. WARREN, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. KELLY, Mr. KING, Mr. COONS, Mr. YOUNG, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. SCOTT of Florida, Mr. TESTER, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Ms. HASSAN, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. WARNOCK, Mrs. BRITT, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. MANCHIN, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. GRAHAM, and Ms. CANTWELL) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 692

Whereas drug traffickers are mass-producing fake or counterfeit pills and falsely marketing them as legitimate prescription pills to deceive the people of the United States;

Whereas many fake or counterfeit pills are made to look like prescription name-brand opioids, stimulants, or anxiety medications;

Whereas drug traffickers are using fake or counterfeit pills to exploit prescription drug misuse and the opioid crisis;

Whereas the Drug Enforcement Administration (referred to in this preamble as the “DEA”) has observed a dramatic rise in the number of counterfeit pills containing not less than 2 milligrams of fentanyl, which is considered a deadly dose;

Whereas 7 out of every 10 pills with fentanyl tested by the DEA contain a potentially lethal dose;

Whereas counterfeit pills may also contain fentanyl-related substances and methamphetamine;

Whereas the number of counterfeit pills with fentanyl seized by law enforcement agencies in 2023 was 79,500,000, up from 58,000,000 pills the year prior;

Whereas, including the nearly 12,000 pounds of fentanyl powder seized in 2023, total fentanyl seizures are equivalent to more than 376,700,000 lethal doses of fentanyl;

Whereas fake or counterfeit pills have been identified in all 50 States and the District of Columbia;

Whereas illicit fentanyl has also been detected in illicit drugs such as heroin, cocaine, MDMA (ecstasy and molly), and methamphetamine;

Whereas, for the 12-month period ending in November 2023, more than 109,000 individuals in the United States died of drug-induced deaths, and more than 76,000 of those deaths involved illicit fentanyl and other synthetic opioids;

Whereas, over the last 20 years, drug-induced deaths among individuals 15 to 35 years of age have increased 5-fold, largely driven by the increase in illicit fentanyl drugs;

Whereas, for the 12-month period ending in June 2023, illicit fentanyl was involved in more deaths of individuals 55 years of age and under than any single other cause;

Whereas fake counterfeit pills are easily accessible and often sold on social media and e-commerce platforms, making them accessible to teens and youth;

Whereas illicit fentanyl is involved in more deaths of youths than all other drug types combined;

Whereas, between 2019 and 2021, drug overdose and poisoning deaths for individuals 14 to 18 years of age increased by 128 percent, a rate of increase which was 77 percentage points higher than the national rate and higher than the rate for any other 5-year age group;

Whereas, between 2019 and 2021, the number of deaths involving illicit fentanyl in drug overdose and poisoning deaths for individuals 14 to 18 years of age increased by 236 percent, a rate of increase which was 141 percentage points higher than the national rate and higher than the rate for any other 5-year age group over the age of 15;

Whereas, since 2021, the annual number of drug overdose and poisoning deaths and those deaths involving illicit fentanyl in drug overdose and poisoning deaths for individuals 14 to 18 years of age has increased;

Whereas, in the 12-month period ending June 2023, illicit fentanyl was involved in 81 percent of drug-induced deaths of individuals between 14 and 23 years of age, compared to 70 percent of drug-induced deaths of individuals of all ages;

Whereas, at the end of 2022, only 48 percent of youth and 36 percent of teens in the United States were aware that fentanyl is being used to create counterfeit pills;

Whereas, at the end of 2022, only 40 percent of youth and 31 percent of teens considered themselves knowledgeable about fentanyl; and

Whereas, in 2022, there were 73,838 reported overdose deaths involving illicit fentanyl and other synthetic opioids: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) supports the recognition and goals of National Fentanyl Awareness Day, which include increasing individual and public awareness of the impact of fake or counterfeit fentanyl pills on families and young people;

(2) applauds the work of Federal, State, and local law enforcement agencies that work to combat the proliferation of counterfeit pills;

(3) encourages the use of existing authorities to proactively stop and prevent the spread of illicit counterfeit pills; and

(4) designates May 7, 2024, as “National Fentanyl Awareness Day”.

SENATE RESOLUTION 693—RECOGNIZING THE SIGNIFICANCE OF ASIAN AMERICAN, NATIVE HAWAIIAN, AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH AS AN IMPORTANT TIME TO CELEBRATE THE SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS OF ASIAN AMERICANS, NATIVE HAWAIIANS, AND PACIFIC ISLANDERS TO THE HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES

Ms. HIRONO (for herself, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Ms. COLLINS, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. BOOKER, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. CARPER, Mr. CASEY, Mr. COONS, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mr. FETTERMAN, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. Kaine, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MERKLEY, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. PADILLA, Ms. ROSEN, Mr. SCHATZ, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. REED, Mr. WARNOCK, Ms. BUTLER, Ms. STABENOW,

Ms. HASSAN, Ms. SMITH, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. CARDIN, and Mr. MENENDEZ) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 693

Whereas the people of the United States join together each May to pay tribute to the contributions of generations of Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders who have enriched the history of the United States;

Whereas the history of Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders in the United States is inextricably tied to the story of the United States;

Whereas the Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander community is an inherently diverse population, composed of more than 70 distinct ethnicities and speaking more than 100 language dialects;

Whereas, according to the Bureau of the Census, the Asian American population grew faster than any other racial or ethnic group over the last decade, growing by nearly 55.5 percent between 2010 and 2020, and during that same time period, the Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander population grew by 30.8 percent;

Whereas there are more than 24,000,000 residents of the United States who identify as Asian and approximately 1,600,000 residents of the United States who identify as Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander, making up more than 7 percent of the total population of the United States;

Whereas the month of May was selected for Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage Month because the first Japanese immigrants arrived in the United States on May 7, 1843, and the first transcontinental railroad was completed on May 10, 1869, with substantial contributions from Chinese immigrants;

Whereas section 102 of title 36, United States Code, officially designates May as Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month and requests the President to issue an annual proclamation calling on the people of the United States to observe the month with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities;

Whereas 2024 marks several anniversaries, including—

(1) the 30th anniversary of the establishment of the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus, a bicameral caucus of Members of Congress advocating on behalf of Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders;

(2) the 30th anniversary of the establishment of the Asian Pacific American Institute for Congressional Studies, which was founded alongside the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus by former Secretary of Commerce and Secretary of Transportation Norman Y. Mineta and former Delegate to the United States House of Representatives from Guam Robert Underwood;

(3) the 45th anniversary of the first Asian/Pacific American Heritage Week, designated in 1979 by President Jimmy Carter through Presidential Proclamation 4650 (93 Stat. 1504; relating to Asian/Pacific American Heritage Week);

(4) the 50th anniversary of *Lau v. Nichols*, 414 U.S. 563 (1974), in which the Supreme Court of the United States determined that inadequate supplemental language instruction for students of Chinese ancestry with limited English proficiency violated the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. 2000a et seq.), expanding equal educational opportunities and paving the way for bilingual programs and additional English language instruction in public schools;

(5) the 100th anniversary of the enactment of the Immigration Act of 1924 (commonly

known as the “Johnson-Reed Act” (43 Stat. 153, chapter 190), which imposed national origin quotas that limited the number of immigrants allowed entry into the United States and prohibited the entry of Asian immigrants; and

(6) the 155th anniversary of the completion of the first transcontinental railroad, which—

(A) in 1869, connected the Central Pacific Railroad and the Union Pacific Railroad at Promontory Summit, Utah; and

(B) involved more than 12,000 Chinese laborers who faced racial and wage discrimination despite being entrusted with the most laborious tasks;

Whereas Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders have made significant contributions to the United States at all levels of the Federal Government and in the Armed Forces, including—

(1) Dalip Singh Saund, the first Asian American elected to Congress;

(2) Daniel K. Inouye, a Medal of Honor and Presidential Medal of Freedom recipient who, as President pro tempore of the Senate, was the then-highest-ranking Asian American government official in the history of the United States;

(3) Hiram L. Fong, the first Asian American Senator;

(4) Patsy T. Mink, the first woman of color and Asian American woman elected to Congress;

(5) Herbert Y.C. Choy, the first Asian American to serve as a Federal judge;

(6) Daniel K. Akaka, the first Senator of Native Hawaiian ancestry;

(7) Norman Y. Mineta, the first Asian American member of a Presidential cabinet;

(8) Elaine L. Chao, the first Asian American woman member of a Presidential cabinet; and

(9) Kamala D. Harris, the first woman and the first Asian American to hold the Office of the Vice President;

Whereas the 118th Congress includes 21 Members of Asian and Pacific Islander descent;

Whereas, in 2024, the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus is composed of 76 Members, and other congressional caucuses work on Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander issues also;

Whereas, in 2024, Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders are serving in State and Territorial legislatures across the United States in record numbers, including—

(1) the States of Alaska, Arizona, California, Connecticut, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, and Wyoming; and

(2) the Territories of American Samoa, Guam, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands;

Whereas Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders represent more than 7 percent of Federal judges and nearly 7 percent of Federal employees, including hundreds of staffers of Asian, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander descent who serve as staff in the Senate and the House of Representatives;

Whereas, since March 2020, there has been a dramatic increase in reports of anti-Asian hate crimes and incidents, including those related to the COVID-19 pandemic, including—

(1) a 339-percent increase in anti-Asian hate crimes in 2021, and a 124-percent increase in 2020;

(2) according to Stop AAPI Hate, over 11,500 hate incidents reported since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic through March 2022, and countless others that have not been reported;

(3) on March 16, 2021, the murder of 8 people, including 6 Asian women, at 3 separate Asian-owned businesses in the Atlanta, Georgia, region; and

(4) on May 15, 2022, the shooting of 5 people in Laguna Hills, California, in which the Taiwanese congregation at Geneva Presbyterian Church was targeted;

Whereas the incidence of hate crimes against Asian Americans continues to be above levels observed before the COVID-19 pandemic;

Whereas discrimination against Asian Americans, especially in moments of crisis, is not a new phenomenon, and violence against Asian Americans has occurred throughout United States history, including—

(1) the enactment of the Act entitled “An Act supplementary to the Acts in relation to Immigration”, approved March 3, 1875 (commonly referred to as the “Page Act of 1875”) (18 Stat. 477, chapter 141), which restricted entry of Chinese, Japanese, and other Asian women to the United States and effectively prohibited the immigration of Chinese women, preventing the formation of Chinese families in the United States and limiting the number of native-born Chinese citizens;

(2) the enactment of the Act entitled “An Act to execute certain treaty stipulations relating to Chinese”, approved May 6, 1882 (commonly known as the “Chinese Exclusion Act of 1882”) (22 Stat. 58, chapter 126), which was the first law to explicitly exclude an entire ethnic group from immigrating to the United States;

(3) the issuance of Executive Order 9066 in 1942 (7 Fed. Reg. 1407; relating to authorizing the Secretary of War to prescribe military areas), which authorized the forced relocation and incarceration of approximately 120,000 individuals of Japanese ancestry during World War II, the majority of whom were citizens of the United States;

(4) on June 23, 1982, the murder of Vincent Chin;

(5) on January 17, 1989, the Cleveland Elementary School shooting in which a gunman used an AK-47 to kill 5 children, 4 of whom were of Southeast Asian descent;

(6) the rise in discrimination and violence against Muslim, Sikh, Arab, Middle Eastern, and South Asian Americans following the attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon on September 11, 2001; and

(7) on August 5, 2012, the mass shooting at a Sikh temple in Oak Creek, Wisconsin, in which a white supremacist fatally shot 6 people and wounded 4 others;

Whereas, in response to the uptick in anti-Asian hate crimes throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, Congress passed the COVID-19 Hate Crimes Act (Public Law 117-13; 135 Stat. 265), which was signed into law by President Joseph R. Biden on May 20, 2021;

Whereas, in celebration of the contributions of Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders in the United States, Congress passed the Commission To Study the Potential Creation of a National Museum of Asian Pacific American History and Culture Act (Public Law 117-140; 136 Stat. 1259) to establish a commission to study the creation of a National Museum of Asian Pacific American History and Culture, which was signed into law by President Biden on June 13, 2022;

Whereas, as part of the American Women Quarters Program, the United States Mint has issued, or will issue, commemorative quarters honoring the contributions of—

(1) Chinese American film star Anna May Wong;

(2) Native Hawaiian composer and cultural advocate Edith Kanaka’ole;

(3) Japanese American Congresswoman Patsy Mink; and

(4) Korean American disability justice advocate Stacey Park Milbern;

Whereas there remains much to be done to ensure that Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders have access to resources and a voice in the Federal Government and continue to advance in the political landscape of the United States; and

Whereas celebrating Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage Month provides the people of the United States with an opportunity to recognize the achievements, contributions, and history of, and to understand the challenges faced by, Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) recognizes the significance of Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage Month as an important time to celebrate the significant contributions of Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders to the history of the United States; and

(2) recognizes that Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander communities enhance the rich diversity of and strengthen the United States.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, I have eight requests for committees to meet during today’s session of the Senate. They have the approval of the Majority and Minority Leaders.

Pursuant to rule XXVI, paragraph 5(a), of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the following committees are authorized to meet during today’s session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, May 15, 2024, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing.

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

The Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, May 15, 2024, at 10:30 a.m., to conduct a business meeting.

COMMITTEE ON RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

The Committee on Rules and Administration is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, May 15, 2024, at 10 a.m., to conduct a business meeting.

COMMITTEE ON VETERANS’ AFFAIRS

The Committee on Veterans’ Affairs is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, May 15, 2024, at 3:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, May 15, 2024, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct an open hearing.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON AIRLAND

The Subcommittee on Airland of the Committee on Armed Services is authorized to meet during the session of

the Senate on Wednesday, May 15, 2024, at 4 p.m., to conduct a hearing.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON EMERGING THREATS AND SPENDING OVERSIGHT

The Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Spending Oversight of the Committee on Homeland Security and

Governmental Affairs is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, May 15, 2024, at 2:45 p.m., to conduct a hearing.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON NATIONAL PARKS

The Subcommittee on National Parks of the Committee on Energy and

Natural Resources is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Wednesday, May 15, 2024, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing.

FOREIGN TRAVEL FINANCIAL REPORTS

In accordance with the appropriate provisions of law, the Secretary of the Senate herewith submits the following reports for standing committees of the Senate, certain joint committees of the Congress, delegations and groups, and select and special committees of the Senate, relating to expenses incurred in the performance of authorized foreign travel:

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR FOREIGN TRAVEL BY MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE U.S. SENATE, UNDER AUTHORITY OF SEC. 22, P.L. 95-384—22 U.S.C. 1754(b), COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION AND FORESTRY FOR TRAVEL FROM JAN. 1 TO MAR. 31, 2024

Name and country	Name of currency	Per diem	Transportation	Miscellaneous	Total
		U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency			
Veronica Duron:					
Kenya	Kenyan Shilling	967.78	.....	.....	967.78
Tanzania	Tanzanian Shilling	2,681.46	.....	.....	2,681.46
United States	US Dollar .....	.....	14,062.02	.....	14,062.02
Delegation Expenses:*					
Kenya	Kenyan Shilling .....	.....	.....	326.82	326.82
Tanzania	Tanzanian Shilling .....	.....	.....	3,184.19	3,184.19
Total .....	.....	3,649.24	14,062.02	3,511.01	21,222.27

* Delegation expenses include payments and reimbursements to the Department of State under authority of Sec. 502(b) of the Mutual Security Act of 1954, as amended by Section 22 of P.L. 95-384, and S. Res. 179 agreed to May 25, 1977.

SENATOR DEBBIE STABENOW,
Chairman, Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry, Apr. 25, 2024.

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR FOREIGN TRAVEL BY MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE U.S. SENATE, UNDER AUTHORITY OF SEC. 22, P.L. 95-384—22 U.S.C. 1754(b), COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS FOR TRAVEL FROM JAN. 1 TO MAR. 31, 2024

Name and country	Name of currency	Per diem	Transportation	Miscellaneous	Total
		U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency			
Margaret Flynn Sapia:					
Iraq	Iraqi Dinar	52.00	.....	.....	52.00
Israel	New Israeli Sheqel	342.00	.....	.....	342.00
Jordan	Jordanian Dinar	357.39	.....	.....	357.39
Lebanon	Lebanese Pound	273.00	.....	.....	273.00
Oman	Rial Omani	230.00	.....	.....	230.00
United States	US Dollar .....	.....	17,679.60	.....	17,679.60
Delegation Expenses:*					
Iraq	Iraqi Dinar .....	.....	.....	1,158.00	1,158.00
Israel	New Israeli Sheqel .....	.....	.....	433.98	433.98
Jordan	Jordanian Dinar .....	.....	.....	1,684.13	1,684.13
Lebanon	Lebanese Pound .....	.....	.....	85.49	85.49
Oman	Rial Omani .....	.....	.....	704.35	704.35
Senator Lindsey Graham:					
Israel	New Israeli Sheqel	1,083.38	.....	.....	1,083.38
Saudi Arabia	Saudi Riyal	751.46	.....	.....	751.46
United States	US Dollar .....	.....	9,424.34	.....	9,424.34
Ryan Geary:					
Israel	New Israeli Sheqel	1,054.50	.....	.....	1,054.50
Saudi Arabia	Saudi Riyal	915.00	.....	.....	915.00
United States	US Dollar .....	.....	13,176.43	.....	13,176.43
Delegation Expenses:*					
Israel	New Israeli Sheqel .....	.....	.....	324.88	324.88
Saudi Arabia	Saudi Riyal .....	.....	.....	1,335.90	1,335.90
Senator Lindsey Graham:					
Israel	New Israeli Sheqel	1,045.59	.....	.....	1,045.59
Saudi Arabia	Saudi Riyal	1,267.47	.....	.....	1,267.47
United States	US Dollar .....	.....	24,024.41	.....	24,024.41
Ryan Geary:					
Israel	New Israeli Sheqel	1,034.32	.....	.....	1,034.32
Saudi Arabia	Saudi Riyal	1,356.21	.....	.....	1,356.21
United States	US Dollar .....	.....	24,009.81	.....	24,009.81
Delegation Expenses:*					
Israel	New Israeli Sheqel .....	.....	.....	7,743.81	7,743.81
Saudi Arabia	Saudi Riyal .....	.....	.....	1,453.31	1,453.31
United Arab Emirates	UAE Dirham .....	.....	.....	425.86	425.86
United Kingdom	Pound Sterling .....	.....	.....	55.96	55.96
Senator Lindsey Graham:					
Poland	Zloty	431.82	.....	.....	431.82
Ukraine	Hryvnia	201.82	.....	.....	201.82
United States	US Dollar .....	.....	13,790.90	.....	13,790.90
Aaron Strickland:					
Poland	Zloty	327.04	.....	.....	327.04
Ukraine	Hryvnia	201.83	.....	.....	201.83
United States	US Dollar .....	.....	12,590.00	.....	12,590.00
Delegation Expenses:*					
Germany	Euro .....	.....	.....	1,908.56	1,908.56
Poland	Zloty .....	.....	.....	2,568.30	2,568.30
Ukraine	Hryvnia .....	.....	.....	2,617.14	2,617.14
Senator Kyrsten Sinema:					
Italy	Euro	1,222.56	.....	.....	1,222.56
United States	US Dollar .....	.....	13,581.70	.....	13,581.70
Michael Brownlie:					
Italy	Euro	1,222.56	.....	.....	1,222.56
United States	US Dollar	9,528.50	9,528.50
Delegation Expenses:*					
Italy	Euro	1,274.15	1,274.15

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Name and country	Name of currency	Per diem	Transportation	Miscellaneous	Total
		U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency
Senator Jeff Merkley:					
Egypt	Egyptian Pound	819.00			819.00
Jordan	Jordanian Dinar	607.39			607.39
United States	US Dollar		6,895.88		6,895.88
Senator Chris Van Hollen:					
Egypt	Egyptian Pound	819.00			819.00
Jordan	Jordanian Dinar	607.39			607.39
United States	US Dollar		6,895.88		6,895.88
Ausan Al-Eryani:					
Egypt	Egyptian Pound	819.00			819.00
Jordan	Jordanian Dinar	607.39			607.39
United States	US Dollar		6,392.19		6,392.19
Molly Cole:					
Egypt	Egyptian Pound	819.00			819.00
Jordan	Jordanian Dinar	607.39			607.39
United States	US Dollar		6,895.88		6,895.88
Delegation Expenses:*					
Egypt	Egyptian Pound			8,136.00	8,136.00
Jordan	Jordanian Dinar			156.71	156.71
Molly Cole:					
Germany	Euro	252.00			252.00
Hungary	Forint	450.00			450.00
Turkey	Turkish Lira	856.28			856.28
United States	US Dollar		16,921.20		16,921.20
Senator Chris Van Hollen:					
Germany	Euro		1,968.67		1,968.67
United States	US Dollar		8,797.60		8,797.60
Delegation Expenses:*					
Germany	Euro			12,842.98	12,842.98
Hungary	Forint			1,214.80	1,214.80
Moldova	Moldovan Leu			158.19	158.19
Turkey	Turkish Lira			763.96	763.96
Total		22,602.46	190,604.32	47,046.46	260,253.24

* Delegation expenses include payments and reimbursements to the Department of State under authority of Sec. 502(b) of the Mutual Security Act of 1954, as amended by Section 22 of P.L. 95-384, and S. Res. 179 agreed to May 25, 1977.

SENATOR PATTY MURRAY,
Chairman, Committee on Appropriations, Apr. 26, 2024.

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR FOREIGN TRAVEL BY MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE U.S. SENATE, UNDER AUTHORITY OF SEC. 22, P.L. 95-384—22 U.S.C. 1754(b), COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES FOR TRAVEL FROM JAN. 1 TO MAR. 31, 2024

Name and country	Name of currency	Per diem	Transportation	Miscellaneous	Total
		U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency			
Senator Tammy Duckworth:					
Netherlands	US Dollar	793.95			793.95
Sweden	US Dollar	519.35			519.35
United States	US Dollar		13,918.20		13,918.20
Alex Behle:					
Netherlands	US Dollar	793.95			793.95
Sweden	US Dollar	519.35			519.35
United States	US Dollar		13,918.20		13,918.20
Grace Cason:					
Netherlands	US Dollar	807.23			807.23
Sweden	US Dollar	615.98			615.98
United States	US Dollar		13,958.96		13,958.96
Jonathan Epstein:					
United Kingdom	US Dollar	591.00			591.00
United States	US Dollar		10,936.00		10,936.00
Adam Trull:					
United Kingdom	US Dollar	591.00			591.00
United States	US Dollar		11,521.00		11,521.00
Delegation Expenses:*					
United Kingdom	Pound Sterling			1,298.57	1,298.57
Senator Theodore Budd:					
Bahrain	US Dollar	428.38			428.38
Egypt	US Dollar	645.99			645.99
Israel	US Dollar	714.00			714.00
Qatar	US Dollar	663.30			663.30
United States	US Dollar		7,179.59		7,179.59
Senator Joni Ernst:					
Bahrain	US Dollar	176.00			176.00
Egypt	US Dollar	296.00			296.00
Israel	US Dollar	204.00		49.63	253.63
Qatar	US Dollar	210.00			210.00
United States	US Dollar		7,169.59		7,169.59
Ryan Alban:					
Bahrain	US Dollar	428.38			428.38
Egypt	US Dollar	645.99			645.99
Israel	US Dollar	714.00			714.00
Qatar	US Dollar	663.30			663.30
United States	US Dollar		7,179.59		7,179.59
Lisa Goexas:					
Bahrain	US Dollar	176.00			176.00
Egypt	US Dollar	296.00			296.00
Israel	US Dollar	204.00		49.63	253.63
Qatar	US Dollar	210.00			210.00
United States	US Dollar		2,834.40		2,834.40
Adam Kozliski:					
Egypt	US Dollar	296.00			296.00
Israel	US Dollar	204.00		49.63	253.63
Qatar	US Dollar	210.00			210.00
United States	US Dollar		7,179.38		7,179.38
Eric Trager:					
Bahrain	US Dollar	176.00			176.00
Egypt	US Dollar	296.00			296.00
Israel	US Dollar	204.00			204.00
Qatar	US Dollar	210.00			210.00

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U.S.C. 1754(b), COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES FOR TRAVEL FROM JAN. 1 TO MAR. 31, 2024—Continued

			Per diem	Transportation	Miscellaneous	Total
	Name and country	Name of currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency
United States		US Dollar	7,179.59			7,179.59
Delegation Expenses:*						
Israel		New Israeli Sheqel			1,965.26	1,965.26
Jordan		Jordanian Dinar			414.28	414.28
James Mazo:						
Japan		US Dollar	796.57			796.57
Philippines		US Dollar	1,108.00			1,108.00
United States		US Dollar		12,724.00		12,724.00
Delegation Expenses:*						
Philippines		Philippine Peso			582.13	582.13
James Mazo:						
Germany		US Dollar	776.98			776.98
United States		US Dollar		7,774.88		7,774.88
Pat Thompson:						
Germany		US Dollar	772.82			772.82
United States		US Dollar		7,672.51		7,672.51
Colby Kuhns:						
United Kingdom		US Dollar	1,013.27		117.80	1,131.07
United States		US Dollar		1,356.09		1,356.09
Brad Patout:						
South Korea		US Dollar	1,132.00			1,132.00
United States		US Dollar		20,536.30		20,536.30
Senator Jack Reed:						
Germany		US Dollar	858.86			858.86
United States		US Dollar		3,067.30		3,067.30
Maggie Cooper:						
Germany		US Dollar	858.86			858.86
United States		US Dollar		6,223.60		6,223.60
Jenny Davis:						
Germany		US Dollar	781.00			781.00
United States		US Dollar		6,223.60		6,223.60
Delegation Expenses:*						
Germany		Euro			2,844.32	2,844.32
Delegation Expenses:*						
Poland		Zloty			1,847.13	1,847.13
Isaac Jalkanen:						
Japan		US Dollar	1,572.00			1,572.00
South Korea		US Dollar	1,152.00			1,152.00
United States		US Dollar		11,763.00		11,763.00
Katie Magnus:						
Japan		US Dollar	1,575.92			1,575.92
South Korea		US Dollar	1,052.27			1,052.27
United States		US Dollar		11,763.99		11,763.99
Sean O'Keefe:						
Japan		US Dollar	1,575.92			1,575.92
South Korea		US Dollar	1,152.27			1,152.27
United States		US Dollar		11,763.99	140.00	11,903.99
Andy Scott:						
Guam		US Dollar	288.13			288.13
Japan		US Dollar	1,575.92			1,575.92
South Korea		US Dollar	1,152.27			1,152.27
United States		US Dollar		11,903.99		11,903.99
Delegation Expenses:*						
South Korea		Won			1,247.00	1,247.00
Olivia Trusty:						
Singapore		US Dollar	187.00			187.00
United States		US Dollar		9,394.40		9,394.40
Eric Trager:						
Mexico		US Dollar	793.10			793.10
United States		US Dollar		2,623.44		2,623.44
Total			33,678.31	227,765.59	10,605.38	272,049.28

* Delegation expenses include payments and reimbursements to the Department of State under authority of Sec. 502(b) of the Mutual Security Act of 1954, as amended by Section 22 of P.L. 95-384, and S. Res. 179 agreed to May 25, 1977.

SENATOR JACK REED,
Chairman, Committee on Armed Services, Apr. 26, 2024.

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U.S.C. 1754(b), COMMITTEE ON BANKING, HOUSING AND URBAN AFFAIRS FOR TRAVEL FROM JAN. 1 TO MAR. 31, 2024

			Per diem	Transportation	Miscellaneous	Total
	Name and country	Name of currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency			
Adam Farris:						
Switzerland		US Dollar	1,244.39			1,244.39
United Kingdom		US Dollar	1,127.73	65.00		1,192.73
Rachel Kaldahl:						
Switzerland		US Dollar	1,244.39			1,244.39
United Kingdom		US Dollar	1,127.73	65.00		1,192.73
Senator Raphael Warnock:						
Germany		US Dollar	1,920.67			1,920.67
Total			6,664.91	130.00	0.00	6,794.91

SENATOR SHERROD BROWN,
Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs, Apr. 16, 2024.

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U.S.C. 1754(b), COMMITTEE ON THE BUDGET FOR TRAVEL FROM JAN. 1 TO MAR. 31, 2024

			Per diem	Transportation	Miscellaneous	Total
	Name and country	Name of currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency			
Senator Sheldon Whitehouse:						
Germany		Euro	2,118.67			2,118.67

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Name and country	Name of currency	Per diem	Transportation	Miscellaneous	Total
		U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency
Clark Gascoigne: Germany	US Dollar	2,082.27	.....	.....	2,082.27
Meaghan McCabe: Germany	US Dollar	1,931.64	.....	.....	1,931.64
Delegation Expenses:*	Euro .....	.....	.....	25,685.96	25,685.96
Germany	US Dollar	4,090.25	.....	.....	4,090.25
Nick Greene: Germany	US Dollar .....	.....	1,539.30	.....	1,539.30
United States	US Dollar .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total .....	.....	10,222.83	1,539.30	25,685.96	37,448.09

* Delegation expenses include payments and reimbursements to the Department of State under authority of Sec. 502(b) of the Mutual Security Act of 1954, as amended by Section 22 of P.L. 95-384, and S. Res. 179 agreed to May 25, 1977.

SENATOR SHELDON WHITEHOUSE,
Chairman, Committee on the Budget, Apr. 15, 2024.

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR FOREIGN TRAVEL BY MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE U.S. SENATE, UNDER AUTHORITY OF SEC. 22, P.L. 95-384—22
U.S.C. 1754(b), COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE AND TRANSPORTATION FOR TRAVEL FROM JAN. 1 TO MAR. 31, 2024

Name and country	Name of currency	Per diem	Transportation	Miscellaneous	Total
		U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency
Senator Peter Welch: Botswana	US Dollar	1,078.56	.....	.....	1,078.56
Cape Verde	US Dollar	400.08	.....	.....	400.08
Malawi	US Dollar	528.00	.....	.....	528.00
Zambia	US Dollar	1,307.00	.....	.....	1,307.00
Amanda Thorpe: Botswana	US Dollar	768.60	.....	.....	768.60
Cape Verde	US Dollar	286.54	.....	.....	286.54
Malawi	US Dollar	528.00	.....	.....	528.00
Zambia	US Dollar	1,307.00	.....	.....	1,307.00
Delegation Expenses:*	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Angola	Kwanza .....	.....	.....	20.28	20.28
Botswana	Pula .....	.....	.....	839.69	839.69
Cape Verde	Cabo Verde Escudo .....	.....	.....	278.55	278.55
Malawi	Malawi Kwacha .....	.....	.....	335.92	335.92
Zambia	Zambian Kwacha .....	.....	.....	535.78	535.78
John Connell: Singapore	US Dollar	1,296.00	.....	.....	1,296.00
United States	US Dollar .....	.....	27,090.50	.....	27,090.50
Vietnam	US Dollar	1,209.00	.....	.....	1,209.00
Delegation Expenses:*	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Singapore	Singapore Dollar	284.00	284.00
Vietnam	Dong	79.33	79.33
Total	8,708.78	27,090.50	2,373.55	38,172.83

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SENATOR MARIA CANTWELL,
Chairman, Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation,
May 8, 2024.

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U.S.C. 1754(b), COMMITTEE ON FINANCE FOR TRAVEL FROM JAN. 1 TO MAR. 31, 2024

Name and country	Name of currency	Per diem	Transportation	Miscellaneous	Total
		U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency
Senator Michael F. Bennett: Israel	New Israeli Sheqel	1,060.24	.....	.....	1,060.24
Jordan	Jordanian Dinar	457.40	.....	.....	457.40
United States	US Dollar .....	.....	23,352.65	.....	23,352.65
Charles Dunsford: Israel	New Israeli Sheqel	1,120.00	.....	.....	1,120.00
Jordan	Jordanian Dinar	484.42	.....	.....	484.42
United States	US Dollar .....	.....	11,418.65	.....	11,418.65
Delegation Expenses:*	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Israel	New Israeli Sheqel .....	.....	.....	899.77	899.77
Jordan	Jordanian Dinar .....	.....	.....	418.99	418.99
Senator Ron Wyden: Fiji	Fiji Dollar	1,388.00	.....	.....	1,388.00
New Zealand	New Zealand Dollar	2,097.00	.....	.....	2,097.00
United States	US Dollar .....	.....	19,444.90	.....	19,444.90
Isaiah Akin: Fiji	Fiji Dollar	1,195.00	.....	.....	1,195.00
New Zealand	New Zealand Dollar	2,097.00	.....	.....	2,097.00
United States	US Dollar .....	.....	19,509.90	.....	19,509.90
Sally Laing: Fiji	Fiji Dollar	1,083.00	.....	.....	1,083.00
New Zealand	New Zealand Dollar	945.00	.....	.....	945.00
United States	US Dollar .....	.....	32,732.10	.....	32,732.10
Lavanya Mohan: Fiji	Fiji Dollar	759.92	.....	.....	759.92
New Zealand	New Zealand Dollar	1,577.54	.....	.....	1,577.54
United States	US Dollar .....	.....	19,524.89	.....	19,524.89
Delegation Expenses:*	.....	.....	.....	1,575.00	1,575.00
Fiji	Fiji Dollar .....	.....	.....	8,797.00	8,797.00
New Zealand	New Zealand Dollar .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Rachel Lang: Kenya	Kenyan Shilling	606.00	606.00
United States	US Dollar	21,613.50	21,613.50

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Name and country	Name of currency	Per diem U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Transportation U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Miscellaneous U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Total U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency
Nomcebisi Ndlovu:					
Kenya	Kenyan Shilling	1,477.29			1,477.29
United States	US Dollar		15,338.50		15,338.50
Molly Newell:					
Kenya	Kenyan Shilling	945.25			945.25
United States	US Dollar		14,922.00		14,922.00
Mayur Patel:					
Kenya	Kenyan Shilling	1,509.00			1,509.00
United States	US Dollar		15,338.50		15,338.50
Delegation Expenses:*					
Kenya	Kenyan Shilling			1,732.90	1,732.90
Joseph Johnson:					
United Arab Emirates	UAE Dirham	3,509.90			3,509.90
United States	US Dollar		15,087.20		15,087.20
Virginia Lenahan:					
United Arab Emirates	UAE Dirham	3,504.90			3,504.90
United States	US Dollar		15,087.30		15,087.30
Molly Newell:					
United Arab Emirates	UAE Dirham	3,497.90			3,497.90
United States	US Dollar		15,087.20		15,087.20
Mayur Patel:					
United Arab Emirates	UAE Dirham	3,569.90			3,569.90
United States	US Dollar		15,087.20		15,087.20
Delegation Expenses:*					
United Arab Emirates	UAE Dirham			1,020.05	1,020.05
Total		32,884.66	253,544.49	14,443.71	300,872.86

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SENATOR RON WYDEN,
Chairman, Committee on Finance, Apr. 24 2024.

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U.S.C. 1754(b), COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS FOR TRAVEL FROM JAN. 1 TO MAR. 31, 2024

Name and country	Name of currency	Per diem U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Transportation U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Miscellaneous U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Total U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency
Sarah Arkin:					
Argentina	Argentine Peso	651.30			651.30
Mexico	Mexican Peso	871.00			871.00
United States	US Dollar		4,174.24		4,174.24
Delegation Expenses:*					
Mexico	Mexican Peso			3,972.00	3,972.00
Senator John Barrasso:					
United States	US Dollar		18,519.70		18,519.70
Charles Ziegler:					
United States	US Dollar		18,814.50		18,814.50
Delegation Expenses:*					
United Kingdom	Pound Sterling			989.43	989.43
Senator Cory Booker:					
Kenya	US Dollar	840.30			840.30
Tanzania	US Dollar	2,437.88			2,437.88
United States	US Dollar		13,824.92		13,824.92
Samantha Schirfri:					
Kenya	US Dollar	763.56			763.56
Tanzania	US Dollar	2,504.23			2,504.23
United States	US Dollar		14,013.02		14,013.02
Delegation Expenses:*					
Kenya	Kenyan Shilling			653.63	653.63
Tanzania	Tanzanian Shilling			4,087.90	4,087.90
Tyler Brace:					
Angola	US Dollar	1,295.00			1,295.00
Congo-Kinshasa	US Dollar	534.00			534.00
Gabon	CFA Franc BEAC	1,110.00			1,110.00
United States	US Dollar		8,347.98		8,347.98
Delegation Expenses:*					
Angola	Kwanza			61.33	61.33
Congo-Kinshasa	Congolese Franc			55.00	55.00
Gabon	CFA Franc BEAC			755.16	755.16
Senator Benjamin Cardin:					
France	US Dollar	1,028.00			1,028.00
Germany	US Dollar	2,119.00			2,119.00
United States	US Dollar		12,859.00		12,859.00
Eric Harris:					
France	US Dollar	1,028.00			1,028.00
Germany	US Dollar	1,068.93			1,068.93
United States	US Dollar		14,712.70		14,712.70
Tom Melia:					
France	Euro	1,028.00			1,028.00
Germany	US Dollar	1,232.00			1,232.00
United States	US Dollar		6,063.70		6,063.70
Damian Murphy:					
Germany	Euro	1,709.67			1,709.67
United States	US Dollar		17,067.60		17,067.60
Debbie Yamada:					
France	US Dollar	1,028.00			1,028.00
Germany	US Dollar	1,232.00			1,232.00
United States	US Dollar		15,122.00		15,122.00
Delegation Expenses:*					
France	Euro			5,374.00	5,374.00
Germany	Euro			12,873.46	12,873.46
Katie Chaudoin:					
Belgium	US Dollar	858.63			858.63
Germany	US Dollar	1,171.50			1,171.50
United Kingdom	US Dollar	911.86			911.86
United States	US Dollar		7,148.30		7,148.30
Kelsey Kelleher:					
Belgium	US Dollar	858.63			858.63

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Name and country	Name of currency	Per diem	Transportation	Miscellaneous	Total
		U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency
Germany	US Dollar	1,171.50			1,171.50
United Kingdom	US Dollar	911.86			911.86
United States	US Dollar		5,688.00		5,688.00
Matthew Sullivan:					
Belgium	US Dollar	858.63			858.63
Germany	US Dollar	1,171.50			1,171.50
United Kingdom	US Dollar	911.86			911.86
United States	US Dollar		7,148.30		7,148.30
Delegation Expenses:*					
United Kingdom	Pound Sterling			221.74	221.74
Senator Christopher Coons:					
Germany	US Dollar	2,118.67			2,118.67
Iraq	US Dollar	52.00			52.00
Israel	US Dollar	620.00			620.00
Jordan	US Dollar	707.39			707.39
Lebanon	US Dollar	103.00			103.00
Oman	US Dollar	205.00			205.00
United States	US Dollar		20,504.30		20,504.30
Elizabeth O'Bryan:					
Germany	US Dollar	2,002.00			2,002.00
Iraq	US Dollar	52.00			52.00
Israel	US Dollar	542.00			542.00
Jordan	US Dollar	659.39			659.39
Lebanon	US Dollar	248.00			248.00
Oman	US Dollar	205.00			205.00
United States	US Dollar		16,155.20		16,155.20
Delegation Expenses:*					
Germany	Euro			12,842.98	12,842.98
Iraq	Irqi Dinar			2,316.00	2,316.00
Israel	New Israeli Sheqel			867.96	867.96
Jordan	Jordanian Dinar			170.98	170.98
Lebanon	Lebanese Pound			3,368.24	3,368.24
Oman	Rial Omani			469.56	469.56
Joan Condon:					
India	US Dollar	1,511.69			1,511.69
United States	US Dollar		6,999.33		6,999.33
Brian Cullen:					
India	US Dollar	1,699.23			1,699.23
United States	US Dollar		6,999.30		6,999.30
Claire Fiegel:					
India	US Dollar	1,699.23			1,699.23
United States	US Dollar		7,097.13		7,097.13
Delegation Expenses:*					
India	Indian Rupee			1,695.09	1,695.09
Margaret Dougherty:					
Denmark	US Dollar	1,185.92			1,185.92
France	US Dollar	1,127.74			1,127.74
Germany	US Dollar	1,576.63			1,576.63
United States	US Dollar		7,566.70		7,566.70
Delegation Expenses:*					
Denmark	Danish Krone			1,499.78	1,499.78
France	Euro			877.00	877.00
Germany	Euro			2,844.39	2,844.39
Brian Cullen:					
Philippines	US Dollar	848.00			848.00
Solomon Islands	US Dollar	895.24			895.24
United States	US Dollar		8,436.90		8,436.90
Delegation Expenses:*					
Philippines	Philippine Peso			186.95	186.95
Solomon Islands	Solomon Islands Dollar			18.00	18.00
Lizzy Olsen:					
Netherlands	US Dollar	1,008.17			1,008.17
Sweden	US Dollar	722.00			722.00
United States	US Dollar		13,970.83		13,970.83
Delegation Expenses:*					
Netherlands	Euro			429.86	429.86
Sweden	Swedish Krona			4,227.25	4,227.25
Christopher Barr:					
Bahrain	US Dollar	802.79			802.79
Egypt	US Dollar	894.00			894.00
United States	US Dollar		8,009.28		8,009.28
Megan Bartley:					
Bahrain	US Dollar	672.79			672.79
Egypt	US Dollar	764.00			764.00
United States	US Dollar		7,988.28		7,988.28
Delegation Expenses:*					
Bahrain	Bahraini Dinar			396.00	396.00
Egypt	Egyptian Pound			548.29	548.29
Tom Melia:					
Cyprus	US Dollar	1,174.58			1,174.58
United States	US Dollar		6,063.70		6,063.70
Delegation Expenses:*					
Cyprus	Euro			278.90	278.90
Senator Pete Ricketts:					
Germany	US Dollar	2,045.03			2,045.03
Andrew Pantino:					
Germany	US Dollar	1,350.94			1,350.94
United States	US Dollar		6,322.03		6,322.03
Delegation Expenses:*					
Germany	Euro			5,688.78	5,688.78
Senator James E. Risch:					
Germany	Euro	2,319.67			2,319.67
Italy	US Dollar	625.03			625.03
United States	US Dollar		13,090.00		13,090.00
Anna Devanny:					
Germany	US Dollar	1,882.00			1,882.00
Italy	US Dollar	625.02			625.02
United States	US Dollar		14,305.30		14,305.30
Christopher Socha:					
Germany	Euro	2,188.56			2,188.56
Italy	US Dollar	625.02			625.02
United States	US Dollar		14,500.40		14,500.40
Hannah Thoburn:					
Germany	US Dollar	1,777.50			1,777.50
Italy	US Dollar	591.14			591.14

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Name and country	Name of currency	Per diem	Transportation	Miscellaneous	Total
		U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency
United States	US Dollar	10,209.80			10,209.80
Delegation Expenses:*					
Germany	Euro			14,221.95	14,221.95
Italy	Euro			4,844.31	4,844.31
Senator Brian Schatz:					
Germany	US Dollar	2,073.58			2,073.58
Delegation Expenses:*					
Germany	Euro			6,421.49	6,421.49
Senator Christopher Murphy:					
Germany	US Dollar	1,954.67			1,954.67
Hungary	US Dollar	450.00			450.00
Turkey	US Dollar	856.28			856.28
United States	US Dollar		12,973.80		12,973.80
Senator Jeanne Shaheen:					
Germany	Euro	1,801.72			1,801.72
Hungary	Forint	321.36			321.36
Turkey	Turkish Lira	719.65			719.65
United States	US Dollar		11,390.50		11,390.50
Jessica Eledge:					
Germany	US Dollar	2,002.00			2,002.00
Hungary	US Dollar	450.00			450.00
Turkey	US Dollar	856.28			856.28
United States	US Dollar		16,521.00		16,521.00
Amy English:					
Germany	Euro	1,114.36			1,114.36
Hungary	US Dollar	386.25			386.25
Turkey	Turkish Lira	775.85			775.85
United States	US Dollar		16,913.90		16,913.90
Delegation Expenses:*					
Germany	Euro			18,531.76	18,531.76
Hungary	Forint			4,859.20	4,859.20
Turkey	Turkish Lira			3,055.82	3,055.82
John Tomaszewski:					
Djibouti	US Dollar	795.60			795.60
Ethiopia	US Dollar	6,169.50			6,169.50
Kenya	US Dollar	566.34			566.34
Somalia	US Dollar	405.50			405.50
United States	US Dollar		14,340.20		14,340.20
Delegation Expenses:*					
Djibouti	Djibouti Franc			690.18	690.18
Ethiopia	Ethiopian Birr			494.00	494.00
Kenya	Kenyan Shilling			586.00	586.00
Francesca Amodeo:					
Egypt	US Dollar	819.00			819.00
Jordan	US Dollar	607.39			607.39
United States	US Dollar		6,124.48		6,124.48
Delegation Expenses:*					
Egypt	Egyptian Pound			2,034.00	2,034.00
Jordan	Jordanian Dinar			39.17	39.17
Jennifer Hendrixson White:					
Maldives	US Dollar	923.34			923.34
Sri Lanka	US Dollar	1,093.12			1,093.12
United States	US Dollar		12,464.03		12,464.03
Delegation Expenses:*					
Maldives	Rufiyaa			3,888.14	3,888.14
Sri Lanka	Sri Lanka Rupee			2,682.27	2,682.27
United Kingdom	Pound Sterling			41.93	41.93
Senator Todd Young:					
Singapore	US Dollar	1,111.35			1,111.35
United States	US Dollar		8,945.60		8,945.60
Vietnam	US Dollar	921.76			921.76
John Pinegar:					
Singapore	US Dollar	1,140.13			1,140.13
United States	US Dollar		9,074.70		9,074.70
Vietnam	US Dollar	845.51			845.51
Delegation Expenses:*					
Singapore	Singapore Dollar			568.00	568.00
Vietnam	Dong			158.66	158.66
Total		98,593.75	440,470.65	130,886.54	669,950.94

* Delegation expenses include payments and reimbursements to the Department of State under authority of Sec. 502(b) of the Mutual Security Act of 1954, as amended by Section 22 of P.L. 95-384, and S. Res. 179 agreed to May 25, 1977.

SENATOR BENJAMIN CARDIN,
Chairman, Committee on Foreign Relations, Apr. 25, 2024.

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR FOREIGN TRAVEL BY MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE U.S. SENATE, UNDER AUTHORITY OF SEC. 22, P.L. 95-384—22
U.S.C. 1754(b), COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS FOR TRAVEL FROM JAN. 1 TO MAR. 31, 2024

Name and country	Name of currency	Per diem	Transportation	Miscellaneous	Total
		U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency			
Senator Roger Marshall:					
Japan	US Dollar	232.33			232.33
Philippines	US Dollar	343.31			343.31
South Korea	US Dollar	538.71			538.71
Vietnam	US Dollar	672.87			672.87
Charyssa Parent:					
Japan	US Dollar	377.14			377.14
Philippines	US Dollar	313.32			313.32
South Korea	US Dollar	781.91			781.91
Vietnam	US Dollar	664.23			664.23
Delegation Expenses:*					
Japan	Yen			753.71	753.71
Philippines	Philippine Peso			43.01	43.01
South Korea	Won			2,355.29	2,355.29
Vietnam	Dong			520.14	520.14
Matthew Harmon:					
Israel	US Dollar	1,452.92			1,452.92
United States	US Dollar		10,860.14		10,860.14

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Name and country	Name of currency	Per diem	Transportation	Miscellaneous	Total
		U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency
Delegation Expenses:*					
Israel	New Israeli Sheqel			1,025.39	1,025.39
Daniel Winkler:					
Italy	Euro	1,132.65			1,132.65
United States	US Dollar		11,151.20		11,151.20
Delegation Expenses:*					
Italy	Euro			637.07	637.07
Delegation Expenses:*					
Mexico	Mexican Peso			156.00	156.00
Total		6,509.39	22,011.34	5,490.61	34,011.34

* Delegation expenses include payments and reimbursements to the Department of State under authority of Sec. 502(b) of the Mutual Security Act of 1954, as amended by Section 22 of P.L. 95-384, and S. Res. 179 agreed to May 25, 1977.

SENATOR GARY PETERS,
Chairman, Committee on Homeland Security and Government Affairs,
Apr. 24 2024.

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR FOREIGN TRAVEL BY MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE U.S. SENATE, UNDER AUTHORITY OF SEC. 22, P.L. 95-384—22 U.S.C. 1754(b), COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY FOR TRAVEL FROM JAN. 1 TO MAR. 31, 2024

Name and country	Name of currency	Per diem	Transportation	Miscellaneous	Total
		U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency			
Senator Lindsey Graham:					
Israel	US Dollar	642.64			642.64
Saudi Arabia	US Dollar	1,079.66			1,079.66
United States	US Dollar		24,229.03		24,229.03
Ryan Geary:					
Israel	US Dollar	579.50			579.50
Saudi Arabia	US Dollar	983.46			983.46
United States	US Dollar		24,229.03		24,229.03
Katherine Nikes:					
Israel	US Dollar	694.68			694.68
Saudi Arabia	US Dollar	935.64			935.64
United States	US Dollar		24,229.03		24,229.03
Delegation Expenses:*					
Israel	New Israeli Sheqel			4,124.69	4,124.69
Saudi Arabia	Saudi Riyal			708.09	708.09
United Kingdom	Pound Sterling			19.29	19.29
Craig Abele:					
United States	US Dollar		1,913.30		1,913.30
Taylor Stephens:					
Germany	US Dollar	4,497.55			4,497.55
United States	US Dollar		2,358.50		2,358.50
Delegation Expenses:*					
Germany	Euro			5,389.92	5,389.92
Senator Thom Tillis:					
Germany	US Dollar	267.72			267.72
Delegation Expenses:*					
Germany	Euro			1,452.66	1,452.66
Senator Cory Booker:					
Israel	US Dollar	1,188.18			1,188.18
Jordan	US Dollar	560.34			560.34
United States	US Dollar		23,387.65		23,387.65
Samantha Schirin:					
Israel	US Dollar	1,186.16			1,186.16
Jordan	US Dollar	207.15			207.15
United States	US Dollar		14,934.63		14,934.63
Delegation Expenses:*					
Israel	New Israeli Sheqel			889.78	889.78
Jordan	Jordanian Dinar			419.00	419.00
Corey Becker:					
Poland	US Dollar	559.26			559.26
Ukraine	US Dollar	201.83	429.49		631.32
United States	US Dollar		8,643.40		8,643.40
Delegation Expenses:*					
Germany	Euro			954.28	954.28
Poland	Zloty			1,284.15	1,284.15
Ukraine	Hryvnia			1,308.57	1,308.57
Taylor Reidy:					
Israel	US Dollar	981.57			981.57
Saudi Arabia	US Dollar	875.99			875.99
United States	US Dollar		12,980.33		12,980.33
Delegation Expenses:*					
Israel	New Israeli Sheqel			162.44	162.44
Saudi Arabia	Saudi Riyal			667.95	667.95
Total		15,441.33	137,334.39	17,380.82	170,156.54

* Delegation expenses include payments and reimbursements to the Department of State under authority of Sec. 502(b) of the Mutual Security Act of 1954, as amended by Section 22 of P.L. 95-384, and S. Res. 179 agreed to May 25, 1977.

SENATOR RICHARD DURBIN,
Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary, May 2, 2024.

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR FOREIGN TRAVEL BY MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE U.S. SENATE, UNDER AUTHORITY OF SEC. 22, P.L. 95-384—22 U.S.C. 1754(b), COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY FOR TRAVEL FROM JULY 1 TO SEPT. 30, 2023

Name and country	Name of currency	Per diem	Transportation	Miscellaneous	Total
		U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency			
Senator Richard Durbin:					
Lithuania	Euro	938.49			938.49
Senator Thom Tillis:					
Lithuania	Euro	939.49			939.49

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Name and country	Name of currency	Per diem	Transportation	Miscellaneous	Total
		U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency
Chris Homan:					
Lithuania	Euro	762.34	.....	.....	762.34
Martin Martinez:					
Lithuania	Euro	762.68	.....	.....	762.68
Delegation Expenses:*					
Lithuania	Euro .....	.....	.....	1,828.31	1,828.31
Katherine Nikas:					
Croatia	Kuna	1,017.71	.....	.....	1,017.71
Montenegro	Euro	305.21	.....	.....	305.21
United States	US Dollar .....	.....	5,358.55	.....	5,358.55
Nicholas Myers:					
Croatia	Kuna	982.68	.....	.....	982.68
Montenegro	Euro	305.21	.....	.....	305.21
United States	US Dollar .....	.....	5,358.25	.....	5,358.25
Corey Becker:					
Croatia	Kuna	1,195.61	.....	.....	1,195.61
Montenegro	Euro	305.21	.....	.....	305.21
United States	US Dollar .....	.....	5,358.25	.....	5,358.25
Chastidy Burns:					
United States	US Dollar .....	.....	35.00	.....	35.00
Madilyn Reno:					
Croatia	Kuna	972.09	.....	.....	972.09
Montenegro	Euro	305.21	.....	.....	305.21
United States	US Dollar .....	.....	5,358.35	.....	5,358.35
Delegation Expenses:*					
Croatia	Kuna .....	.....	.....	12,081.51	12,081.51
Montenegro	Euro .....	.....	.....	1,666.63	1,666.63
Joshua Altman:					
United Kingdom	US Dollar	2,188.59	.....	.....	2,188.59
United States	US Dollar .....	.....	842.35	.....	842.35
Delegation Expenses:*					
United Kingdom	Pound Sterling .....	.....	.....	3,977.95	3,977.95
Senator Lindsey Graham:					
Egypt	US Dollar	969.00	.....	.....	969.00
Ireland	US Dollar	818.01	.....	.....	818.01
Italy	US Dollar	3,093.08	.....	.....	3,093.08
Slovenia	US Dollar	303.50	.....	.....	303.50
Alice James:					
Egypt	US Dollar	937.02	.....	.....	937.02
Ireland	US Dollar	818.01	.....	.....	818.01
Italy	US Dollar	2,112.97	.....	.....	2,112.97
Slovenia	US Dollar	303.50	.....	.....	303.50
Taylor Stephens:					
Egypt	US Dollar	823.11	.....	.....	823.11
Ireland	US Dollar	818.01	.....	.....	818.01
Italy	US Dollar	2,112.97	.....	.....	2,112.97
Slovenia	US Dollar	303.50	.....	.....	303.50
Delegation Expenses:*					
Egypt	Egyptian Pound .....	.....	.....	1,249.34	1,249.34
Ireland	Euro .....	.....	.....	2,053.22	2,053.22
Italy	Euro .....	.....	.....	6,938.00	6,938.00
Slovenia	Euro .....	.....	.....	2,334.72	2,334.72
Chris Homan:					
Malawi	Malawi Kwacha	540.00	.....	.....	540.00
United States	US Dollar .....	.....	10,683.97	.....	10,683.97
Delegation Expenses:*					
Malawi	Malawi Kwacha	676.40	676.40
Total	24,933.20	32,994.92	32,806.08	90,734.20

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SENATOR RICHARD DURBIN,
Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary, Apr. 25, 2024.

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Name and country	Name of currency	Per diem	Transportation	Miscellaneous	Total
		U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency
Senator Peter Welch:					
Bosnia	US Dollar	220.07	.....	.....	220.07
Montenegro	US Dollar	273.75	.....	.....	273.75
North Macedonia	US Dollar	507.34	.....	.....	507.34
United States	US Dollar .....	.....	10,366.20	.....	10,366.20
Amanda Thorpe:					
Bosnia	US Dollar	220.06	.....	.....	220.06
Montenegro	US Dollar	273.75	.....	.....	273.75
North Macedonia	US Dollar	758.00	.....	.....	758.00
United States	US Dollar .....	.....	6,220.80	.....	6,220.80
Delegation Expenses:*					
Bosnia	Convertible Mark .....	.....	.....	2,903.68	2,903.68
Germany	Euro .....	.....	.....	2,250.85	2,250.85
Montenegro	Euro .....	.....	.....	999.67	999.67
North Macedonia	Denar .....	.....	.....	1,127.00	1,127.00
Senator Lindsey Graham:					
Egypt	US Dollar	405.83	.....	.....	405.83
Saudi Arabia	US Dollar	1,464.87	.....	.....	1,464.87
Ryan Geary:					
Egypt	US Dollar	405.83	.....	.....	405.83
Saudi Arabia	US Dollar	1,438.23	.....	.....	1,438.23
Katherine Nikas:					
Egypt	US Dollar	292.75	.....	.....	292.75
Saudi Arabia	US Dollar	1,513.20	.....	.....	1,513.20
Delegation Expenses:*					
Egypt	Egyptian Pound .....	.....	.....	601.10	601.10
Israel	New Israeli Sheqel .....	.....	.....	1,061.21	1,061.21
Saudi Arabia	Saudi Riyal	2,747.22	2,747.22
Senator Richard Durbin:					
Guatemala	US Dollar	346.10	346.10

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Name and country	Name of currency	Per diem	Transportation	Miscellaneous	Total
		U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency
Honduras	US Dollar	230.00	.....	.....	230.00
Senator Laphonza Butler:					
Guatemala	US Dollar	347.15	.....	.....	347.15
Honduras	US Dollar	246.05	.....	.....	246.05
Senator Peter Welch:					
Guatemala	US Dollar	347.15	.....	.....	347.15
Honduras	US Dollar	231.05	.....	.....	231.05
Chris Homan:					
Guatemala	US Dollar	447.10	.....	.....	447.10
United States	US Dollar .....	.....	349.30	.....	349.30
Marvin Figueroa:					
Guatemala	US Dollar	349.47	.....	.....	349.47
Honduras	US Dollar	233.37	.....	.....	233.37
Samir Sheth:					
Guatemala	US Dollar	373.15	.....	.....	373.15
Honduras	US Dollar	257.05	.....	.....	257.05
Delegation Expenses:*					
Guatemala	Quetzal .....	.....	.....	3,237.80	3,237.80
Honduras	Lempira .....	.....	.....	2,897.15	2,897.15
Senator Lindsey Graham:					
Qatar	US Dollar	970.50	.....	.....	970.50
United States	US Dollar .....	.....	16,661.90	.....	16,661.90
Craig Able:					
Qatar	US Dollar	1,086.94	.....	.....	1,086.94
United States	US Dollar .....	.....	16,661.90	.....	16,661.90
Taylor Stephens:					
Qatar	US Dollar	1,198.82	.....	.....	1,198.82
United States	US Dollar .....	.....	17,423.90	.....	17,423.90
Delegation Expenses:*					
Qatar	Qatari Rial	4,089.48	4,089.48
Total	14,437.58	67,684.00	21,915.16	104,036.74

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SENATOR RICHARD DURBIN,
Chairman, Committee on the Judiciary, Apr. 25, 2024.

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Name and country	Name of currency	Per diem	Transportation	Miscellaneous	Total
		U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency
Leah Hill:					
Kenya	US Dollar	236.53	.....	.....	236.53
Tanzania	US Dollar	274.10	.....	.....	274.10
United States	US Dollar .....	.....	15,301.24	.....	15,301.24
Delegation Expenses:*					
Kenya	Kenyan Shilling .....	.....	.....	1,275.53	1,275.53
Tanzania	Tanzanian Shilling	2,043.95	2,043.95
Total	510.63	15,301.24	3,319.48	19,131.35

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SENATOR JEANNE SHAHEEN,
Chairman, Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship,
Apr. 19, 2024.

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR FOREIGN TRAVEL BY MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE U.S. SENATE, UNDER AUTHORITY OF SEC. 22, P.L. 95-384—22 U.S.C. 1754(b), COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE FOR TRAVEL FROM JAN. 1 TO MAR. 31, 2024

Name and country	Name of currency	Per diem	Transportation	Miscellaneous	Total
		U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency			
Peter Metzger:					
Country 1	628.23	.....	.....	628.23
Country 2	369.22	.....	.....	369.22
Country 3	387.36	.....	.....	387.36
Country 4	9,520.70	.....	9,520.70
Steve Smith:					
Country 1	628.23	.....	.....	628.23
Country 2	369.22	.....	.....	369.22
Country 3	490.08	.....	.....	490.08
Country 4	9,520.70	.....	9,520.70
Delegation Expenses:*					
Country 1	96.94	96.94
Maria Maher-Haug:					
Country 1	230.00	.....	.....	230.00
Country 2	707.39	.....	.....	707.39
Country 3	7,331.60	.....	7,331.60
Tommy Nguyen:					
Country 1	230.00	.....	.....	230.00
Country 2	909.08	.....	.....	909.08
Country 3	7,331.60	.....	7,331.60
Delegation Expenses:*					
Country 2	157.77	157.77
Andrew Polesovsky:					
Country 1	1,623.00	.....	.....	1,623.00
Country 2	3,180.61	3,180.61
Valli Sammugalingam:					
Country 1	1,310.00	1,310.00
Country 2	2,210.61	2,210.61

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Name and country	Name of currency	Per diem U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Transportation U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Miscellaneous U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	Total U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency
Caroline Wadhams:					
Country 1		1,623.00	2,405.61		1,623.00
Country 2					2,405.61
Delegation Expenses:*					
Country 1				22.00	22.00
Sarah Ister:					
Country 1		785.02			785.02
Country 2		897.52			897.52
Country 3			15,188.83		15,188.83
Arjun Ravindra:					
Country 1		785.02			785.02
Country 2		897.52			897.52
Country 3			15,179.13		15,179.13
Shannon Richter:					
Country 1		785.02			785.02
Country 2		897.52			897.52
Country 3			15,188.83		15,188.83
Delegation Expenses:*					
Country 1				77.00	77.00
Country 2				625.06	625.06
Nathan Heiman:					
Country 1		620.25			620.25
Country 2			3,570.76		3,570.76
Arjun Ravindra:					
Country 1		784.00			784.00
Country 2			3,570.76		3,570.76
Samantha Roberts:					
Country 1		682.10			682.10
Country 2			3,570.76		3,570.76
Valli Sammugalingam:					
Country 1		542.04			542.04
Country 2			3,570.76		3,570.76
Senator Marco Rubio:					
Country 1		873.50			873.50
Country 3			12,880.30		12,880.30
Bethany Poulos:					
Country 1		942.37			942.37
Country 3			11,646.90		11,646.90
Samantha Roberts:					
Country 1		899.29			899.29
Country 3			11,671.90		11,671.90
Delegation Expenses:*					
Country 1				4,381.98	4,381.98
Country 2				551.52	551.52
Eric Losick:					
Country 1		1,060.02			1,060.02
Country 2		623.00			623.00
Country 3			15,091.70		15,091.70
Brian Walsh:					
Country 1		1,207.00			1,207.00
Country 2		623.00			623.00
Country 3			12,875.00		12,875.00
Delegation Expenses:*					
Country 1				209.00	209.00
Senator John Cornyn:					
Country 1		232.00			232.00
Country 2		707.39			707.39
Country 3		333.47			333.47
Country 4			21,406.31		21,406.31
Senator Kirsten E. Gillibrand:					
Country 1		232.00			232.00
Country 2		707.39			707.39
Country 3		1,213.47			1,213.47
Country 4			26,079.16		26,079.16
Senator Mark Kelly:					
Country 1		232.00			232.00
Country 2		707.39			707.39
Country 3		327.94			327.94
Country 4			15,135.41		15,135.41
Senator Angus King, Jr.:					
Country 1		232.00			232.00
Country 2		707.39			707.39
Country 3		331.37			331.37
Country 4			15,986.41		15,986.41
Senator Jon Ossoff:					
Country 1		232.00			232.00
Country 2		707.39			707.39
Country 3		647.47			647.47
Country 4			13,813.61		13,813.61
Senator Mark Warner:					
Country 1		232.00			232.00
Country 2		707.39			707.39
Country 3		1,213.47			1,213.47
Country 4			20,614.41		20,614.41
Nicolas Adams:					
Country 1		232.00			232.00
Country 2		707.39			707.39
Country 3		546.47			546.47
Country 4			19,285.68		19,285.68
Benjamin Loewy:					
Country 1		232.00			232.00
Country 2		707.39			707.39
Country 3		1,088.47			1,088.47
Country 4			21,849.01		21,849.01
Heather Melancon:					
Country 1		232.00			232.00
Country 2		707.39			707.39
Country 3		500.28			500.28
Country 4			32,347.18		32,347.18
Michael Pevzner:					
Country 1		232.00			232.00
Country 2		707.39			707.39
Country 3		1,213.47			1,213.47
Country 4			12,411.68		12,411.68
Steve Smith:					
Country 1		232.00			232.00

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Name and country	Name of currency	Per diem	Transportation	Miscellaneous	Total
		U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency	U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency
Country 2		707.39			707.39
Country 3		555.37			555.37
Country 4			12,411.68		12,411.68
Delegation Expenses:*					
Country 1				1,512.19	1,512.19
Country 2				403.39	403.39
Country 3				4,635.41	4,635.41
Courtney Fellows:					
Country 1		824.15			824.15
Country 2		531.00			531.00
Country 3		329.57			329.57
Country 4			10,312.40		10,312.40
Russell Willig:					
Country 1		824.15			824.15
Country 2		531.00			531.00
Country 3		907.57			907.57
Country 4			10,382.40		10,382.40
Delegation Expenses:*					
Country 1				1,732.02	1,732.02
Country 2				794.00	794.00
Sarah Isterl:					
Country 1		1,122.85			1,122.85
Country 2			6,329.10		6,329.10
Andrew Polesovsky:					
Country 1		1,122.85			1,122.85
Country 2			6,224.10		6,224.10
Caroline Wadham:					
Country 1		1,122.85			1,122.85
Country 2			6,223.90		6,223.90
Russell Willig:					
Country 1		1,122.85			1,122.85
Country 2			6,294.10		6,294.10
Dennis Wischmeier:					
Country 1		1,122.85			1,122.85
Country 2			6,224.10		6,224.10
Delegation Expenses:*					
Country 1				1,520.16	1,520.16
Elnigar Itibar:					
Country 1		764.70			764.70
Country 2		809.00			809.00
Country 3			16,504.30		16,504.30
Rafi Martina:					
Country 1		916.71			916.71
Country 2		809.00			809.00
Country 3			16,504.30		16,504.30
Arjun Ravindra:					
Country 1		916.72			916.72
Country 2		809.00			809.00
Country 3			16,504.30		16,504.30
Dennis Wischmeier:					
Country 1		916.72			916.72
Country 2		809.00			809.00
Country 3			16,504.30		16,504.30
Delegation Expenses:*					
Country 1				1,335.10	1,335.10
Country 2				1,097.00	1,097.00
Total		58,026.06	494,854.90	19,150.54	572,031.50

* Delegation expenses include payments and reimbursements to the Department of State under authority of Sec. 502(b) of the Mutual Security Act of 1954, as amended by Section 22 of P.L. 95-384, and S. Res. 179 agreed to May 25, 1977.

SENATOR MARK WARNER,
Chairman, Committee on Intelligence, Apr. 26, 2024.

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR FOREIGN TRAVEL BY MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE U.S. SENATE, UNDER AUTHORITY OF SEC. 22, P.L. 95-384—22
U.S.C. 1754(b), COMMITTEE ON CONGRESSIONAL-EXECUTIVE COMMISSION ON CHINA FOR TRAVEL FROM JAN. 1 TO MAR. 30, 2024

Name and country	Name of currency	Per diem	Transportation	Miscellaneous	Total
		U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency			
Piero Tozzi:					
United States	Dollars				
Republic of Korea	Won	1,900.05	6,440.70		6,440.70
Scott Flipse:					
United States	Dollars				
Republic of Korea	Won	1,897.00	12,887.70		12,887.70
Delegation Expenses:*					
Republic of Korea			1,762.00	3,803.00	5,565.00
Total		3,797.05	21,090.40	3,803.00	28,690.45

* Delegation expenses include official expenses reimbursed to the Department of State, under the authority of Sec. 502(b) of the Mutual Security Act of 1954, as amended by Sec. 22 of P.L. 95-384, and may include S. Res. 179 funds agreed to May 25, 1977.

HON. CHRISTOPHER H. SMITH,
Chairman, Committee on Congressional-Executive Commission on China,
Apr. 12, 2024.

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR FOREIGN TRAVEL BY MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE U.S. SENATE, UNDER AUTHORITY OF SEC. 22, P.L. 95-384—22
U.S.C. 1754(b), REPUBLICAN LEADER FOR TRAVEL FROM JAN. 1 TO MAR. 31, 2024

Name and country	Name of currency	Per diem	Transportation	Miscellaneous	Total
		U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency			
Robert Karem:					
Belgium	Euro	1,246.33			1,246.33

CONSOLIDATED REPORT OF EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR FOREIGN TRAVEL BY MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE U.S. SENATE, UNDER AUTHORITY OF SEC. 22, P.L. 95-384—22 U.S.C. 1754(b), REPUBLICAN LEADER FOR TRAVEL FROM JAN. 1 TO MAR. 31, 2024—Continued

Name and country	Name of currency	Per diem	Transportation	Miscellaneous	Total
		U.S. dollar equivalent or U.S. currency			
United Kingdom	Pound Sterling	1,598.64	1,598.64
United States	US Dollar	7,996.80	7,996.80
Delegation Expenses.*					
United Kingdom	Pound Sterling	393.46	393.46
Total	2,844.97	7,996.80	393.46	11,235.23

* Delegation expenses include payments and reimbursements to the Department of State under authority of Sec. 502(b) of the Mutual Security Act of 1954, as amended by Section 22 of P.L. 95-384, and S. Res. 179 agreed to May 25, 1977.

SENATOR MITCH MCCONNELL,
Republican Leader, Apr. 15, 2024.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY OF THE SENATE

U.S. SENATE,
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,
May 15, 2024.

Hon. KAMALA HARRIS,
President of the U.S. Senate,
Washington, DC.

MADAM: I have the honor to submit a full and complete statement of the receipts and expenditures of the Senate, showing in detail the items of expense under proper appropriations, the aggregate thereof, and exhibiting the exact condition of all public moneys received, paid out, and remaining in my possession from October 1, 2023 to March 31, 2024, in compliance with Section 105 of Public Law 88-454, approved August 20, 1964, as amended.

Sincerely,

SONCERIA A. BERRY,
Secretary of the Senate.

BORDER ACT

Mr. MURPHY. Madam President, it has been 98 days—almost 100 days—since Senate Republicans killed the toughest border security bill, the toughest bipartisan border security bill that has been before the Senate in nearly a generation.

We are proud that our Nation is a nation with a robust history of immigration. We know that our future involves inviting people to come to this country to seek a better life, to be part of our growing economy, to start their own businesses, and to flee violence or terror or torture. We are proud of our history of immigration. We know that America only thrives in the future by committing ourselves to a future of robust immigration.

But what has been happening at the border over the past several years is unsustainable. We want people to come to this country, but we cannot handle 5-, 6-, 7-, 8-, 9-, 10,000 people arriving on a daily basis.

Our system of legal immigration is broken. People come to the United States; they apply for asylum; and they often don't get their chance to make their case for 10 years. That is not fair to those individuals, but it is also not fair to others who have been waiting outside of the United States to apply to come here.

Our immigration system is outdated. It is in need of reform. Our border is underresourced, with statutes that are equally outdated.

Right now, there is only one party—the Democratic Party—that is serious about adding resources to the border, about updating our outdated laws because it has been 98 days since a bipartisan border security bill—negotiated by Senate Republicans, including Senate Republican leadership, and Senate Democrats—came to this floor and was defeated because Republicans would not vote for it.

Republicans would not vote for the bipartisan border security bill not because it was an ineffective bill—in fact, it is quite the opposite. Senate Republicans defeated the bill because it would be effective.

Now, that doesn't make sense, right? Why would that be? Why would Senate Republicans vote against a bipartisan border security bill that would have been effective at bringing order to the southwest border?

The reason is this: Republicans have decided that they don't want to solve the problem at the border. Republicans have decided that they want this issue to be outstanding. They want the border to be chaotic. They want the border to be a mess because it helps their political purposes. It helps win an election. If the border was under control, if there were less people presented, if it was more orderly, that would be good for the country, but that might not be good for electoral prospects.

Therein lies the reason that we have not had action on the bipartisan border bill—because Democrats want to get something done; Republicans want to keep this issue open. They want to keep the border a mess for political purposes.

You don't have to listen to me. Senator MCCONNELL said it out loud. Senator LANKFORD said it out loud. The reason that this bill was defeated 98 days ago was because Donald Trump told Republicans that it is better for Republicans to keep this issue alive and to not change the law to secure the country.

Tomorrow, I am going to reintroduce the bipartisan border bill. My hope is that we will bring that bill to the floor for a vote to give my Republican colleagues another chance to do the right thing, another chance to choose the safety and security of this country over the political prospects of their candidate for President.

Americans want us to come together to pass border and immigration reform. They support compromise between the two parties. That is exactly what the bipartisan border bill represented.

Senator LANKFORD and I do not share views on the border. Senator MCCONNELL and Senator SCHUMER do not share views on the border. But we all sat in a room for 4½ months, along with Senator SINEMA, in order to find a compromise that would better secure our border and create a more humane, more efficient mechanism to bring people into this country legally.

Let me just briefly talk about what this bill does. This will make sense to Americans when you hear it. There is nothing radical in this bill. These are commonsense changes to our laws.

First, it gives the President new authority to better control the border. Listen, we can't handle 10,000 people crossing a day. So what this bill does is it says that at periods of time when there are unusually high numbers of people crossing the southwest border, the President can close portions of the border, stop accepting asylum applications until the numbers are reduced to the point where our resources at the border meet the number of people who are arriving.

This is a bold new power, a bold new authority for President Biden, but it is necessary because there are simply some times, some days, some weeks when the numbers are too high.

The second thing this bill does is significantly reform our asylum application system. As I mentioned, you come to the southwest border; you present an application for asylum; and we are so backed up in that system that it often takes people 5 to 10 years before their claim is heard. That is not right for that individual or for the country at large. So this bill shortens that timeframe with new laws and new resources so that instead of it taking 10 years for a migrant to have their asylum claim heard, it could now take 10 days or a few months. That is the right thing to do.

But it also has the effect of dramatically changing the calculus for people who are thinking about paying a trafficker \$5,000, \$10,000 to come to the United States. If they know that they have an illegitimate claim and it is

going to be judged as illegitimate within weeks, they won't pay the \$5,000 to come to the United States. Today, they might be willing to pay it because even if they have an illegitimate claim, they may get to stay in the United States for 5 or 10 years. This fundamentally changes the calculus and decreases the amount of risk that people are willing to take.

This bill also understands that we should have more legal pathways to come to the United States, and when people come to the United States and are waiting to have their claims heard, they shouldn't be living in the shadows. So this bill also increases the number of work and family visas by 250,000 over the course of 5 years to allow more legal, planned pathways for people to come to the United States.

The bill also allows for individuals who arrive at the border to get immediate work authorizations in most cases so that while their application is pending, they can work so that you don't have a situation we have today, where people are being warehoused in homeless shelters and in hotels without the ability to work while they are waiting for their claim to be processed.

And this bill does create some pathways for individuals who are here today to become citizens. In particular, our Afghan partners who fought with us, who stood with us in Afghanistan, under this bill, get the opportunity to become American citizens. And the children of high-tech workers who are here on temporary visas who might have been born outside of the United States but were raised here in the United States, they get a chance to stay here as well.

That is just a handful of the changes in the bill that enhance protections and benefits for individuals who are awaiting for the determination of their claim to be processed.

But the combination of these changes—the new authorities at the border, the emergency authority, the new asylum system, combined with some new protections for individuals who are coming to the United States—it represents a true compromise between Republicans and Democrats, between right and left. It is exactly what the American people want.

My hope is that our Republican colleagues have had the chance to rethink their vote from several months ago. My hope is that Republicans will decide to do the right thing for the country, the right thing for the border.

We negotiated this bill at the request of Republicans. The chief Republican negotiator, Senator LANKFORD, was chosen by the Republican conference. Senator MCCONNELL and his staff were in the room for all of those negotiations. The Republicans voted against it—with the exception of four of our colleagues—for one reason and one reason only: President Trump said it would be better for Republicans to keep this issue open, to keep the border a mess, better for Republican Presi-

dential and congressional campaign prospects.

So, tomorrow, I will reintroduce this legislation. I don't expect it will get every single Democratic vote because it is a true compromise, but I expect it will get enough Democratic votes that if half of the Senate Republican caucus votes for it, it will pass, and we will be a step closer to doing what America wants: continuing our tradition of robust legal immigration, building upon our tradition as a country founded upon immigration but doing it in a legal way and creating a much more orderly system at the border. That is what America wants: Keep our system of legal immigration; get the border under control. The bipartisan border bill does both of those things, and my hope is that we can come together and Republicans will choose this country and border security over the political prospects of their Presidential candidate, Donald Trump.

I am glad to be joined on the floor by a number of my Democratic colleagues today to talk about the importance of this measure, the chance the Senate has to act in a bipartisan way on border security.

With that, I yield the floor.

THE PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority leader.

MR. SCHUMER. Madam President, I thank my colleagues. I will be brief.

I want to thank my friend Senator MURPHY for bringing us to the floor this evening to talk about the need to fix our southern border with bipartisan—bipartisan—action.

Senator MURPHY did outstanding work earlier this year, along with Senators SINEMA and LANKFORD and others, by doing what many thought impossible: producing a real, necessary, and bipartisan border bill.

When our bill was first released, a lot of our Republican colleagues were surprised with how strong it was. But then, as we all know, Donald Trump came barging in and told his MAGA supporters to kill the bill.

Democrats have not walked away from this issue. We believe, if you are going to call something an emergency, then we cannot wait to act. We hope, despite Republicans' opposition a few months ago, that our colleagues are willing to join us to secure the border, as they said they wanted to do. After all, how many times have we heard from our Republican colleagues through speeches, press conferences, letters that fixing the border cannot wait? They said it cannot wait. Well, we don't want to wait any longer.

Just listen to the words from the other side going back years about the need to act.

This crisis requires swift, serious, and substantive action.

That was what my colleague from Wyoming said recently.

How about this:

[T]he time to act on it is yesterday.

That is what Speaker MIKE JOHNSON said, standing at the border at the beginning of this year.

How about the words of Donald Trump:

Tonight, I am asking you to defend our very dangerous southern border out of love and devotion to our fellow citizens and to our country.

That is what Donald Trump said in his 2019 State of the Union Address.

And, you know what, Democrats agree Congress should act. We believe the status quo cannot continue. But here is the thing: The only real, long-term solution to the southern border is bipartisan legislation. That is the only way you get things done around here—bipartisan—bipartisan legislation like the bill we had here in the Senate 3 months ago, bipartisan legislation like the one we wrote to hire thousands more border agents and thousands more asylum officers and invest billions to stop the flow of fentanyl and other drugs.

The conservative Wall Street Journal editorial board—hardly a friend of this side of the aisle—here is what they said:

A Border . . . Bill Worth Passing.

The head of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce called it “a commonsense measure.”

Maybe most importantly, the president of the National Border Patrol Council—a union, extremely conservative, very close with President Trump—called it “far better than the status quo.”

I ask my Republican colleagues: If a border security bill was good enough to win the support of actual border agents, shouldn't it have been good enough to win the support of the Republican Senate?

If we want to fix asylum and stop fentanyl and hire more agents, shouldn't we pass a bill that actually fixes asylum, stops fentanyl, and hires more agents? That is precisely what our border bill would have done. That is precisely why we made such a strong push to pass it in the Senate 3 months ago. And that is precisely the bill that Donald Trump killed in a vain attempt to gain an edge on the campaign trail. He was clear about what he did. He said, “Please, blame it on me,” as if it were all a game to Donald Trump.

I am used to Donald Trump saying it. Speaker PELOSI and I were at the White House when he was thinking about shutting down the government, and he said: Blame it on me. It didn't work out so well for him. It is not going to work out so well for him this time either.

The American people do not have the luxury of playing partisan blame games. They want bipartisan action to secure our border. Democrats stand ready to work with Republicans to pass bipartisan border security. We hope our Republican colleagues stand ready to take action too.

Madam President, I want to thank my colleagues for being here. Democrats are going to continue to pursue this issue. We believe the public agrees with us.

Passing a bipartisan bill is a lot better than making a lot of speeches, doing a lot of finger-pointing, and getting nothing done on the border.

I again thank my colleagues. I thank Senator MURPHY for his great leadership. We have a number of our colleagues here tonight. I thank them for coming. It shows the importance we give to this issue.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Arizona.

Mr. KELLY. Madam President, as my colleague from Connecticut said, it has been nearly 100 days since my Republican colleagues walked away from a bipartisan border security agreement. That is nearly 100 days that my State of Arizona and other border States have had to live with the consequences of that failure.

We could have been on our way to hiring more than 1,000 additional Border Patrol agents and paying them better. We could have new technology to detect fentanyl and more personnel to seize those drugs, keeping them from getting into our communities and killing people. We could have new authorities to prevent the border from being overwhelmed—authorities that the President committed to using. That includes an updated asylum system with more officers to quickly screen claims. All of these things are things that my Republican colleagues have wanted for years. Arizona, today, has none of it, and I think the Presiding Officer knows why.

The Federal Government has failed Arizona on the border for decades. Sadly, it is almost expected at this point. But no past failure is as baffling and as cynical as this one because for once we all agreed that the business-as-usual approach wasn't working; that our immigration process and infrastructure can't handle the new realities at the border—because for once there was a real plan, worked on and agreed to by Republicans and Democrats, ready to be signed into law by the President.

We had an opportunity to defy the low expectations that the American people have for Congress and actually do something in a bipartisan way to start fixing the border, but that is not what happened. Senate Republicans walked away. Well, actually, they ran away from this agreement because too many politicians would just prefer to keep talking about a problem than actually solve it.

This failure isn't theoretical in my State. Over the past 3 months, the Tucson Sector has remained the busiest for illegal crossings in the country. Our communities and nonprofits have been stretched to the breaking point to prevent mass releases of migrants onto the streets. Border Patrol and local law enforcement—they are strained. So are ports of entry, where long wait times impact families and businesses.

Did I mention that we could have had 1,000 more Border Patrol agents—1,000?

It is a difficult situation that would be more manageable if the Senate had

done its job 3 months ago. That is not just me saying this. That is what you will hear from anyone who lives or works on the border, including the Border Patrol union. It is what I assume my colleagues are hearing from mayors and law enforcement when they do their factfinding missions, tours, and field hearings on the border.

So why don't we just listen to the folks who are most affected by the crisis at the border and actually do something about it. Let's pass this bipartisan border agreement. The only thing that has changed from 3 months ago is that we have wasted more time. The problem still exists. The solutions are the same ones we negotiated together.

If you aren't convinced by every piece of it, let's debate it. If you think it needs something added or taken away, let's vote on amendments. We just need some—some—of our Republican colleagues to join us, and we can open up the debate on this legislation. Think about it. We can be the Senate that finally breaks through the gridlock and does something meaningful on the border.

Madam President, let's defy those low expectations the American people have for us. That is what they deserve from us.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Michigan.

Ms. STABENOW. Madam President, what a wonderful thought the Senator from Arizona said: Defy expectations, and actually get something done.

You know, we have attempted so many times to do immigration reform and border security reform, and somehow it has always gotten stuck, unfortunately, over politics.

And this is the moment. I was so excited when Senator MURPHY and Senator SINEMA and Senator LANKFORD came together and everyone was focused on actually negotiating a strong, bipartisan bill. Unfortunately, because of politics again, it has not yet happened.

On April 2, Donald Trump came to Grand Rapids, MI, lamenting what is happening at the border and using the tragic death of a young woman, who was a domestic violence victim, to politicize what has happened. While he lied and said he met with the woman's family—and the family indicated he did not—he was more willing to exploit her death for his own politics than to support the passage of our strong, bipartisan border bill.

As we know, Republicans like to portray themselves as being the party of national security. If you want your family to be safe, then Republicans say you should vote for Republicans. Well, 98 days ago, they had a chance to boost our national security by voting for a strong border security bill written by Republicans and Democrats together, and 98 days ago, they killed the bill. And we all know why.

Unfortunately and, honestly, amazingly to me, after all that incredible

work to get this done, they end up voting no. They killed the bill because Donald Trump told them to. As he was calling around, he shockingly said just tell them—"Please, blame it on me." Well, in fact, we are blaming it on him at his request because he is the one who stepped in because of politics and said: No, I don't want to solve this. I don't want to solve this. I want chaos at the border. I don't want to solve this. This will help the President or will help somebody else other than him. And he convinced Republicans to vote no.

Madam President, Democrats want to address the challenges at the border. We know they are real. We know they are serious. We want to do the things that will make a difference. We want to give the Biden administration additional tools to solve them. And that is exactly what this legislation does.

I want to, again, say this was legislation—strongly bipartisan—negotiated by Senator MURPHY and Senator LANKFORD and Senator SINEMA and a group of our colleagues coming together on both sides of the aisle in good faith for months—months—of work. And it is clear that this legislation would significantly improve our Nation's security in a number of important ways.

It would fix the broken asylum system we keep hearing about. It needs to be fixed. It would stop the flow of deadly fentanyl. And as I know the Presiding Officer knows, this is serious. It is not just at the southern border. It is in New Hampshire; it is in Michigan; it is across the country. This bill is an effective tool providing resources and technology to protect our kids, to protect people from fentanyl overdoses.

It gives the President tools to manage the border. It invests in border agents and security. The border security unions, Border Patrol unions, said: Yes, this will make a difference. Please support this bill. And this union supported former President Trump, but they said: We want to fix the border. We support this bill.

It is incredibly important that the tools be put in place for the President and the resources be put in place to address the issues. It is also important to know that this importantly expands legal pathways to citizenship and increases access to work authorizations. And those immigrants who serve in our military would gain quicker access to citizenship, something I think we can all agree that they have earned. It is important that this get done.

I would just emphasize again, it is not just about the southern border. As a northern border State in Michigan, this bill would provide up to \$100 million in grants to my State, to northern States, to local and Tribal law enforcement Agencies to secure our country's northern border.

And there is so much more in here that solves a series of problems while treating people with dignity and creating opportunity. We stand ready to

pass this legislation. We are committed to border security. This is no joke. This is something that we all should come together about. And we want to keep our communities safe. That is what this monthslong process was all about—the serious negotiations, people working hard to come together on really tough issues. And they did. We did.

And just before we were going to vote—just before we were going to vote—Donald Trump appeared and said: Wait, stop, stop. You are not seriously going to solve this, are you? No, no, no. I want the pictures of chaos at the border. I don't want you actually governing and solving the problem. I don't want people coming together, Republicans and Democrats, and actually getting something done.

But that is what we were poised to do. And 98 days ago—98 days ago—Republican colleagues killed the toughest border security bill in decades. We are not done. We are not giving up. We are not giving up. This is so important. We are not giving up. Our message is: It is time to stop the politics. It is time to put the earplugs on when it comes to Donald Trump and focus on what really needs to get done, what is the right thing to do. It is time to fix the problems at the border. And we remain ready, willing, and able to get this done.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Connecticut.

Mr. BLUMENTHAL. Madam President, I am honored to follow my colleagues who have spoken so powerfully on this issue and grateful to my colleague from Connecticut for his leadership, as well to Leader SCHUMER.

We are a Nation of immigrants, proudly and gratefully. Immigrants have made this Nation the greatest in the world, and yet we have a broken immigration system.

Fortunately for our Nation, people want to come here. Every week, I try to go to the immigration and naturalization ceremonies in my State of Connecticut. They are held in the courthouses. And I tell new citizens on those occasions that they are to be thanked for wanting to become United States citizens. They will never take it for granted. They pass the test that most Americans couldn't pass, and they smile or laugh because they know it is true. They have already contributed to their communities. Some have served in uniform.

I look at them, and I say: This is what America looks like. This is what my dad looked like in 1935 when he came to this country speaking no English, knowing no one, having not much more than the shirt on his back.

My immigrant story is not unlike many in this Chamber—certainly in this Nation. And this broken immigration system is unworthy of our great Nation. We need to fix it. We tried with comprehensive immigration reform in 2013. I was part of that effort and helped to write the bill that was passed

overwhelmingly in the U.S. Senate on a bipartisan basis with support on both sides of the aisle and never was given a vote in the House.

We can do bipartisan immigration reform. And we know how to do it. In fact, Democrats and Republicans came together about 100 days ago and arrived at some solutions that put us on a path to fixing our broken border. It is not the 2013 bill because it is not comprehensive. That bill provided a path to earn citizenship for undocumented people in this country—millions of them. It provided a path for Dreamers. It provided for border security—literally, tens of millions of dollars—and for more visas.

The bill that was negotiated 100 days ago and that should have passed 100 days ago would have begun the painstaking, laborious, difficult, complex task of immigration reform. We often hear Republicans talk about the need to secure the border. At almost every Judiciary Committee meeting that I attend, Republicans talk about the border. And they want to talk about the border so much that they actually sent us contrived Articles of Impeachment against a Cabinet Secretary for the first time in 150 years, knowing that it would go nowhere.

They are making border security a political weapon. Really, it is a political stunt. And that is why they refused to vote for the negotiated compromise that will be before us beginning tomorrow again and next week.

The conversation on the floor tonight is a prelude to the battle that we will have again tomorrow and, I hope, next week when we will all be given a chance to go on record. All we are asking of our Republican colleagues is that they put their votes where their mouths are.

America is angry—and America should be angry—about the lack of border security and about the lack of serious purpose on the part of my Republican colleagues and on their failing to do their job simply because of the political directive of one Donald Trump. It is another example of how the cult of Donald Trump has infected our political process to the grave damage and detriment of all America.

Democrats spent months negotiating with Republicans and developed that compromised border bill, the strongest bill in a generation, endorsed by the National Border Patrol Council, and the union of Border Patrol agents. And it would have reformed our asylum system, as you have heard, and empowered the President to help manage challenges at the border. But it also would have expanded work opportunities and some legal pathways to enter the United States, including Afghan nationals who assisted our Armed Forces and our diplomats, stood by them at grave risk to themselves. It was a tough compromise. And it limited asylum claims in ways that many Democrats and I were wary of, because it was a compromise.

As soon as the bill was released and after it was agreed to by Republicans' chosen negotiator, the Republicans torpedoed it. And they torpedoed it for one reason: Because they wanted it as a political issue. They killed the bill because Donald Trump demanded it. As we have heard tonight, Donald Trump said: "Please, blame it on me." And we are here tonight to do it, because the blame is well-deserved.

So Trump and his allies have repeatedly shown that they prefer talk over action, that they prefer political gamesmanship over the hard work of bipartisanship on this issue. But we are not giving up. We are not going away. We are not abandoning this effort. It will continue to be our work, my life's work as the son of an immigrant, dedicated to sensible and responsible immigration reform—comprehensive reform.

This bill is not the last word, but it is a start. And we will pursue bipartisan action over political gamesmanship. Republicans need to decide if they want to take action or just continue to talk.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Minnesota.

Ms. KLOBUCHAR. Madam President, I want to join the Senator from Connecticut in thanking Senator MURPHY for his leadership, not only in bringing this group together today but also of this very important bill and effort to take on the issues on the border.

As we face global and domestic threats, including a surge at the border, securing our borders and points of entry could not be more important. We had this opportunity to move forward in a bipartisan manner on a broad reform bill that Senators Murphy, Lankford, and Sinema spent months negotiating. For those of us who had bills that were part of that effort, including the Afghan Adjustment Act, I saw firsthand the detailed work they did, the work that they did—that hard work of coming together for what is best for our country.

We have seen these efforts before with immigration every time we have gotten so close. When I first got to the Senate, Senator GRAHAM and Senator KENNEDY invited me to be in the group that negotiated legislation supported by President Bush.

We came so close to getting that done in comprehensive reform which, of course, included funding for order at the border.

After that failed, we moved into President Obama's time. Again, this time, it was the Senate Judiciary Committee, on which I served, that came together with Senator GRASSLEY's support and Senator Leahy's, and reached an agreement, passed it through the Senate, and then it failed over in the House of Representatives.

Time three was when Senator ROUNDS, Senator Kaine, and many of us came together. I remember Senator COLLINS' office was the place of the meeting. I believe the Presiding Officer

was part of that, too, and we reached an agreement. We had enough votes. And then, unfortunately, President Trump gut punched the people in his own party and came out against the bill—again, significant funding for order at the border, significant work that would have been done to allow people to seek citizenship who had been here for years, many of whom know no other country, like the Dreamers.

This bill that was negotiated came with incredible headwinds that they were up against. It would have fixed the asylum system. It would have given the President emergency powers to shut the border down when needed. It also would have invested in hiring more Border Patrol agents and immigration judges, while giving law enforcement the tools and technology they need to secure our borders.

As the Presiding Officer knows, strengthening our border security means investing in both our southern and our northern borders, and I note that Senator STABENOW of Michigan also touched on this very important issue.

America shares the longest border in the world with the country of Canada. It stretches over 5,500 miles, and more than 400,000 people and \$2 billion in goods and services cross it every day. A strong northern border is critical for maintaining our trade relationships with Canada and the world.

As I like to say, in Minnesota, we can see Canada from our porch, and they are our closest trading partner. I just met with a number of leaders from the Canadian Parliament today. But that border is also critical for our national security.

We know that more people on the Terrorist Screening Database attempt to enter the United States from Canada than through Mexico, and we have witnessed terrible instances of drug smuggling and human trafficking across this border.

Like so many others, I was horrified and heartbroken when a family of four froze to death in a blizzard at the Minnesota-Canada border, just 2 years ago, in an incident related to human smuggling. That is why we must ensure that Federal, State, and local officials have the information and resources they need to protect our northern border.

And when there are issues at the southern border, they often rely on Customs, as the Presiding Officer knows, and others to come down from northern border offices, and that creates its own set of issues.

That is why these negotiations that Senators Murphy and Lankford and Senator SINEMA, with strong support from Senator SCHUMER, engaged in and this product of a bill were so important, and that is why I supported it.

Beyond addressing the situations at both the northern and southern border, the Border Act would expand legal pathways by including 250,000 new family and employment visas over the next 5 years. These visas would go a long

way toward filling worker shortages in my State—and I know in the Presiding Officer's State—that are impacting businesses in my home State, impacting farmers, hospitality, hospitals, clinics, and the like.

This bill also included the Afghan Adjustment Act, with some changes that had been suggested by a number of Republican Senators, which we included. That bill would have been a savior. There are 80,000 Afghans here, so many of whom helped our troops—a major priority for the American Legion, a major priority for the VFW—and they now have a trapdoor under them. They don't know whenever they could be sent back to the Taliban. Yet these are people we made a covenant to. And just like after the Vietnam war, we kept that covenant—we kept that covenant with those that stood with us—we must keep that covenant again.

That is why Senators like Senator GRAHAM was the lead sponsor of that bill with me, along with Senator MORAN, the ranking member of Veterans' Affairs. Senator RISCH is on the bill from Foreign Relations. We have support from Senator MULLIN on that bill. Senator WICKER is on that bill. It is an incredible group of Republican and Democratic cosponsors, and I thank Senator MURPHY, Senator LANKFORD, and Senator SINEMA for their work to incorporate it into the bill. It is strongly supported by the Chamber of Commerce as well.

So the bill not only included the work that I just mentioned on the border and on some of these other very important issues; the bill also would have made a major effort in taking on fentanyl by strengthening our borders.

We did make progress on border security legislation that was signed into law last month as part of the national security package, the FEND Off Fentanyl Act. This critical legislation, championed by our colleagues Senators SHERROD BROWN and TIM SCOTT, declares fentanyl trafficking a national emergency and imposes tough new sanctions on fentanyl traffickers, from the chemical suppliers in China to the Mexican cartels that traffic the drugs into our country.

We also recently provided funding for Customs and Border Protection to detect and seize fentanyl and other narcotics at our ports of entry.

These are important steps in the right direction, but there is so much more to do. Law enforcement officers across my State and our country must be very concerned about this every day. One seizure, actually, of fentanyl was enough to kill every single person in Hennepin County, our most populous county.

In Minnesota alone, fentanyl is involved in 92 percent of opioid deaths. Just last month, police in my husband's hometown of Mankato arrested six suspected drug dealers and seized almost 6,000 pills laced with fentanyl. And earlier this year, Minnesota's U.S.

attorney, Andy Luger, announced that law enforcement busted a Twin Cities drug ring and seized over 30,000 grams of fentanyl pills. That is enough to kill everyone in our State with over 5 million people more than two times over.

These aren't just numbers. Each of those pills could kill one of our friends and neighbors, mothers and fathers, sons and daughters.

I am thinking about Devin Norring from Hastings, MN. Devin was struggling with dental pain and migraines. So he bought what he thought was Percocet over Snapchat to deal with the pain. But it wasn't really Percocet. It was laced with fentanyl, and it immediately killed him. He was only 19. One pill can kill, and every pill we keep out of our country represents a potential life saved.

That is why we have to pass this legislation. But I join my colleagues and will continue to advocate for the bipartisan Border Act. Why? More funding for cutting-edge technology to intercept fentanyl, more secured border, more order at the border. We need this at the southern border, as well as the northern border.

Next week, I hope we will have an opportunity to take action on this bill. We have worked on this bill for months, making changes from multiple Senators from both parties. At this point, there shouldn't be any controversy about what is in the bill. People have had plenty of time to read it. They have had plenty of time to see the support from groups like the conservative union of the border agents at the border. They have had plenty of time to see the support that the bill has from so many groups across the country.

They have had plenty of time to hear about the horror stories, like the one I just mentioned on fentanyl, and they have had plenty of time to get to the place: That is enough about politics, enough about finger pointing. Let us pass this bipartisan border bill to make our country safer.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Connecticut.

Mr. MURPHY. Madam President, let me thank my colleagues for coming to the floor tonight to reinforce the opportunity that we have. I think we have gotten used to immigration being a perpetual political football in this country. It almost feels and seems unsolvable—that it is just the subject for campaign ads, for cable news shows, for fundraising emails.

It doesn't have to be that way. We could choose to make progress. We could choose to pass legislation that treats migrants a little bit more humanely, that gives a pathway for individuals like those Afghan partners to be able to become U.S. citizens and gives the President updated powers at the border to make sure that we are doing immigration at the southwest border in a humane, orderly way.

That is not impossible. In fact, it is more possible than ever before because

a group of Senators sat in a room for 4 months, in good faith, and hashed out a compromise that involves a lot of Republican priorities, a lot of Democratic priorities; that is endorsed by the progressive-leaning immigration lawyers group and the conservative-leaning Border Patrol union; that is endorsed by the Washington Post and the Wall Street Journal.

I know we are not used to finding common ground on immigration. It seems to happen only once a decade. But we found it. We found it. And I am going to be reintroducing this bill because I believe that there is a chance Republicans will choose to do the right thing.

I get it. The border being a mess is good politics for Republicans. I get it. Keeping this problem unsolved might provide an advantage for Republicans in this next election. But we don't go into this business to win elections, to just put our name on the door.

Senator LANKFORD said it on this floor. He said every one of us is given a pen. Every one of us has a unique ability to make law, to make the country better. What is the point, Senator LANKFORD said, of having this job if you are just going to do press conferences, if you are not going to actually engage in the hard work of compromise to make this country better and safer? That is what we did.

Senator LANKFORD, Senator SINEMA, myself, Senator SCHUMER, Senator McCONNELL—we sat in a room for 4½ months. We forged a compromise that unquestionably—unquestionably—will bring order to the southwest border. And, because of that, Donald Trump is telling Republicans: Ditch it. Vote no. We don't want there to be order at the southwest border because that would be bad politics for us.

What is the point of having this job if you aren't willing to make tough compromises that make this country better?

And so I understand there may be long odds to convincing Republicans to change their vote. I understand that, because the bill is a compromise, there will be some Democrats who will vote against it.

But I think this is so important. I take Republicans at their word that it is an emergency to make sense of what is happening at the border, that it is worth it to bring this bill back before the floor. I hope our leadership will decide to schedule a vote on this bill.

I will introduce the bill imminently, I think, with many of my colleagues supporting it. And I am deeply grateful to many of my friends in the Democratic caucus for underscoring the importance of bringing order to the southwest border, investing in border security, and supporting our migrant communities, as the bipartisan border security bill does.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Minnesota.

Ms. KLOBUCHAR. I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGREEMENT—S.J. RES. 58

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that notwithstanding rule XXII and 5 USC 802 and at a time to be determined by the majority leader in consultation with the Republican leader, no later than May 24, 2024, if S.J. Res. 58 is discharged from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, it be in order for Senator CRUZ or his designee to move to proceed to the consideration of S.J. Res. 58; further, that if the motion is agreed to, there be 10 hours of debate, equally divided, between proponents and opponents of the joint resolution; further, upon the use or yielding back of that time, the joint resolution be read a third time and the Senate vote on passage of the joint resolution; and, finally, that all other provisions under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, remain in effect except the 60-session-day clock.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGREEMENT—H.J. RES. 109

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that notwithstanding 5 USC 802, that upon the conclusion of morning business on Thursday, May 16, the Senate proceed to the consideration of H.J. Res. 109, which was received from the House and is at the desk; further, at 11:30 a.m., the joint resolution be considered read a third time and the Senate vote on passage of the joint resolution, with all other provisions under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, remaining in effect except the 60-session-day clock; further, that following the disposition of the joint resolution, the Senate proceed to executive session and execute the order of May 7, 2024, with respect to the Theeler nomination; finally, that upon disposition of the Theeler nomination, the Senate resume consideration of the Aframe nomination.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, for the information of the Senate, as a result of this agreement, Senators should expect two rollcall votes tomorrow beginning at 11:30 a.m. and one rollcall vote at 1:45 p.m.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. So noted.

APPOINTMENT

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, upon the recommendation of the Republican Leader, pursuant to Public Law 105-292, as amended by Public Law 106-55, Public Law 107-228, and Public Law 112-75, reappoints the following individual to the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom: the Honorable Eric M. Ueland of Oregon.

RESOLUTIONS SUBMITTED TODAY

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent the Senate proceed to the en bloc consideration of the following Senate Resolutions: S. Res. 689, S. Res. 690, S. Res. 691, S. Res. 692, and S. Res. 693.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolutions en bloc.

Mr. SCHUMER. I ask unanimous consent that the resolutions be agreed to, the preambles be agreed to, and that the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table, all en bloc.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolutions were agreed to.

The preambles were agreed to.

(The resolutions, with their preambles, are printed in today's RECORD under "Submitted Resolutions.")

ORDERS FOR THURSDAY, MAY 16, 2024

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate complete its business today, it stand adjourned until 10 a.m. on Thursday, May 16; that following the prayer and pledge, the morning hour be deemed expired, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and morning business be closed.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. SCHUMER. Madam President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask that it stand adjourned under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 8:04 p.m., adjourned until Thursday, May 16, 2024, at 10 a.m.

CONFIRMATIONS

Executive nominations confirmed by the Senate May 15, 2024:

THE JUDICIARY

SANKET JAYSHUKH BULSARA, OF NEW YORK, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK.

ERIC C. SCHULTE, OF SOUTH DAKOTA, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE DISTRICT OF SOUTH DAKOTA.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

COURTNEY DIESEL O'DONNELL, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE
UNITED STATES PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE TO THE

UNITED NATIONS EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC, AND CUL-
TURAL ORGANIZATION, WITH THE RANK OF AMBAS-
SADOR.

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING MACKENZI DURANT

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 2024

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mackenzi Durant for earning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

Mackenzi has overcome many challenges along her journey to success, demonstrating perseverance at every step. Students who strive to make the most of their education, like Mackenzi, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Mackenzi's hard work, determination, and perseverance at Oberon Middle School and is clearly just the beginning of a bright and promising future.

It is my honor to congratulate Mackenzi Durant on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

RECOGNIZING CONGRESSIONAL PATRIOT AWARD RECIPIENT SHANNAN SORRELL

HON. PAT FALLON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 2024

Mr. FALLON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mrs. Shannan Sorrell of Highland Village, Texas, and present her with the Congressional Patriot Award. Shannan served as my Chief of Staff, and she has dedicated herself to faithfully serving our community.

Shannan was born in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and grew up in San Diego, California. She graduated from Washington State University with a bachelor's degree in public relations, where she played college volleyball. Shannan later earned her master's degree in public policy from San Diego State University. She began her professional career as a staff assistant for her local health and human services department and worked her way up to become the Chief of Staff for the County of San Diego. In July 1996, Shannan married the love of her life, Greg. Together, they raised two wonderful kids, Haley and Cade.

For over 25 years, Shannan worked in politics and helped fundraise for campaigns, elect candidates, and encourage community members to be more involved in the political process. She served as the Executive Director for the Denton County Republican Party while teaching American Government at North Central Texas College. From 2014 to 2021, Shannan served as my Chief of Staff during my tenure in the Texas House and Senate. I witnessed firsthand her hard work and commitment to serve all Texans. As such, I asked Shannan to continue her public service under my leadership when I was first elected to Congress. Thankfully, she accepted, and I couldn't

have made a better decision. Shannan has been a fantastic leader who is passionate about civic engagement, community service, and delivering results for the people of Texas's 4th congressional district. In her free time, she enjoys long distance running and traveling to Cabo San Lucas and Catalina Island. I know Shannan will continue to make a positive impact on the world around us, and I wish her all the best.

It is an honor to bestow Shannan with the Patriot Award for her exceptional service to the people of North Texas.

TRIBUTE TO FRED DAVIS

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 2024

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to my friend, colleague, and former student, the gentleman Fred Davis. I have known Fred since he was a teenager at the school where both my wife and I taught and where Fred attended. Fred was a gentleman then and remained a gentleman until a few days ago when the Lord came and called him home to be at peace and at rest.

Coming into contact with Fred after many years, I was delighted to know he was a church-going businessman, a doting father, a loving son who visited with his mother almost every day, and one who was always advocating for something or trying to help somebody with a problem.

Fred, along with a group of retired individuals, adopted Wallace's Catfish Restaurant as their meeting place, and it became their social center where they ate lunch, talked politics, and gossiped. Harry Reese, who had worked with me forever, decided to quit, retire, or no longer work. He was certainly old enough. Fred approached me and stated that Reese was retiring, and Fred would like to have his job. I said OK, and Fred worked with me since.

Fred was as solid as a rock—never late, always ready to roll. Rain or shine, sleet or snow, Fred was already ready to go. Sometimes, Fred would get a telephone call as we pulled off. He would say, "that's Momma. She wants to know how you're doing." I'd respond, "Tell her that I am doing fine." Then we'd be on our way together.

Good day to Fred. We're still on our way.

SECURING GROWTH AND ROBUST LEADERSHIP IN AMERICAN AVIATION ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 14, 2024

Ms. LOFGREN. Mr. Speaker, I will vote in favor of the Senate Amendment to H.R.

3935—the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2024—because in addition to creating a safer, cleaner, greener, and more accessible U.S. aviation system, it addresses our country's dire air traffic controller staffing situation and still allows a ban on the sale of harmful leaded aviation fuel (avgas) to remain in effect for Santa Clara County-owned airports.

I have been working with local leaders to protect East San Jose families from lead poisoning and, at times, we have run into obstacles. For example, in prior years and iterations of the FAA reauthorization legislation, more stringent requirements to sell leaded avgas have unfortunately been included in bill text. I am pleased this year is different. Additionally, this year's bill directs the FAA to plan for the safe elimination of leaded avgas by 2030 in the continental United States and gives airports throughout the country an opportunity to begin their transitions to an unleaded fuel future. While I would prefer a full national leaded avgas ban, I can in good conscience vote for this reauthorization bill because it takes steps in the right direction when it comes to the dangerous pollutant impacting children and families living near small airports.

RECOGNIZING ELISABETH EVANS

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 2024

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Elisabeth Evans for earning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

Elisabeth has overcome many challenges along her journey to success, demonstrating perseverance at every step. Students who strive to make the most of their education, like Elisabeth, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Elisabeth's hard work, determination, and perseverance at Oberon Middle School and is clearly just the beginning of a bright and promising future.

It is my honor to congratulate Elisabeth Evans on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

THE 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF BROWN V. BOARD OF EDUCATION

SPEECH OF

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 14, 2024

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, today marks a significant milestone in our Nation's history as we gather to commemorate the 70th Anniversary of Brown v. Board of Education. This historic Supreme Court decision was the first step towards ending segregation in our education system, opening doors long closed to Black Americans.

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In my hometown of Bolton, Mississippi, I witnessed firsthand the transformative impact of desegregation. Yet, our journey toward equality did not end there. Cases like *Norwood v. Harrison* in 1973 highlighted the ongoing struggle for equal access to quality education, underscoring the disparities that persisted even after legal segregation was supposedly outlawed.

As we reflect on this anniversary, let us not forget the continuing effort towards true integration and equality. Despite the Court's ruling, many southern schools stubbornly resisted desegregation. To push for change, we had to push for changes in the law, and legal battles still had to be fought. I will never forget the courageous acts around the country, like from the students of Leland High School in Leland, Mississippi.

Even today, the fight for equal education continues. In 2017, the battle for equality in Mississippi was exemplified by the struggles of East Side High School, formally known as Cleveland Colored Consolidated High and Cleveland Central High School, illustrating that the journey toward educational equity is far from over.

Mr. Speaker, as we reflect on the 70th anniversary of *Brown v. Board of Education*, let us recommit ourselves to the pursuit of justice and equality in education. Let's work together to build a future where every child, regardless of race or background, has the opportunity to fulfill their potential through education.

HONORING CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER LEE R. BOWDEN

HON. GREGORY F. MURPHY

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 2024

Mr. MURPHY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an incredible warfighter and patriot, Chief Warrant Officer Lee R. Bowden of Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, who recently was recognized as the 2023 Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Technician of the Year. Officer Bowden has been a faithful servant to the Marine Corps and this Nation for nearly 20 years since enlisting as a recruit in 2004 at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot in Parris Island, South Carolina.

Officer Bowden has had a distinguished military career that is second to none. He achieved the distinction of being the honor graduate in many of his military education courses, including Maintenance Management, EOD Basic School, EOD Supervisor Course, EOD Officer Course, and Warrant Officer Basic Course. In 2011, Officer Bowden was deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and helped protect our warfighters from improvised explosive devices, unexploded explosive ordnance, and other war relics. He was also deployed to Mihail Kogalniceanu Air Base in Romania to provide EOD force protection to the 2nd Battalion, 2nd Marines, and partner nations during warfighting exercises.

After a few deployments, Officer Bowden used his talents and expertise to teach young soldiers about the importance of EOD. In June 2015, Officer Bowden reported to the Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center in 29 Palms, California, and served as the primary instruc-

tor for the EOD Supervisors Course. He was recognized as the 2016 Air Control Training Squadron Basic Instructor of the Year. Officer Bowden, in his last deployment in 2021 to Hamid Karzai International Airport in Kabul, Afghanistan, helped protect American citizens and innocent Afghan civilians from the harmful remnants of war.

Officer Bowden has received many awards for his excellent service, including the Meritorious Service Medal, Master EOD Breast Insignia, Combat Action Ribbon, and the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal. I have no doubt that his dedication to the EOD field has saved countless lives here and around the world. In an increasingly bellicose and belligerent world, we desperately need leaders like Officer Bowden, who are experts in their fields. I am confident that the next generation of EOD technicians and warfighters will be well prepared with Officer Bowden at the helm. I am honored to have the opportunity to extend this chamber's recognition of this admirable defender of our great Nation.

RECOGNIZING WILLIAM KREIDER

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 2024

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize William Kreider for earning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

William has overcome many challenges along his journey to success, demonstrating perseverance at every step. Students who strive to make the most of their education, like William, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to William's hard work, determination, and perseverance at Oberon Middle School and is clearly just the beginning of a bright and promising future.

It is my honor to congratulate William Kreider on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

HONORING CBP'S FALLEN AGENTS, OFFICERS, AND EMPLOYEES

HON. MARK E. GREEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 2024

Mr. GREEN of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the personnel of U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP). CBP's mission is broad and diverse. The more than 60,000 men and women of CBP protect our borders at and between the ports of entry. They protect Americans against terrorists and the instruments of terror. They enforce our laws and help boost our economic security and prosperity by facilitating trade and travel. While the roles they play each day may differ, the men and women of CBP share one common goal: to keep our country a safe, secure, and resilient place where the American way of life can thrive. In this role, CBP employees provide selfless service to our country, and they do so with honor and distinction. They put their uniforms on every day and kiss their

families goodbye, not sure of what the next shift will bring. Sadly, some do not return home. Today, I wish to pay tribute to the agents, officers, and employees who have given the ultimate sacrifice in the service of our nation. Today, we commemorate these brave men and women, celebrate their lives, and offer their families and loved ones our continued support. They have earned the respect and appreciation of a grateful Nation. I include in the RECORD a list of fallen agents, officers, and employees:

James P. Epling, Border Patrol Agent, End of Watch: 12/16/2003.

Travis W. Attaway, Border Patrol Agent, End of Watch: 9/19/2004.

Jeremy M. Wilson, Border Patrol Agent, End of Watch: 9/19/2004.

George B. DeBates, Border Patrol Agent, End of Watch: 12/19/2004.

Nicholas D. Greenig, Border Patrol Agent, End of Watch: 3/14/2006.

David N. Webb, Border Patrol Agent, End of Watch: 11/3/2006.

Ramon Nevarez, Jr., Border Patrol Agent, End of Watch: 3/15/2007.

David J. Tourscher, Border Patrol Agent Trainee, End of Watch: 3/16/2007.

Clinton B. Thrasher, Air Interdiction Agent, End of Watch: 4/25/2007.

Richard M. Goldstein, Border Patrol Agent, End of Watch: 5/11/2007.

Robert F. Smith, Air Interdiction Agent, End of Watch: 5/22/2007.

Eric N. Cabral, Border Patrol Agent, End of Watch: 7/26/2007.

Julio E. Baray, Air Interdiction Agent, End of Watch: 9/24/2007.

Luis A. Aguilar, Border Patrol Agent, End of Watch: 1/19/2008.

Jarod C. Dittman, Border Patrol Agent, End of Watch: 3/30/2008.

Nathaniel A. Afolayan, Border Patrol Agent Intern, End of Watch: 5/1/2009.

Cruz C. McGuire, Border Patrol Agent, End of Watch: 5/21/2009.

Robert W. Rosas, Jr., Border Patrol Agent, End of Watch: 7/23/2009.

Mark F. Van Doren, Border Patrol Agent, End of Watch: 5/24/2010.

Charles F. Collins, II, CBP Officer, End of Watch: 8/15/2010.

Michael V. Gallagher, Border Patrol Agent, End of Watch: 9/2/2010.

John R. Zykas, CBP Officer, End of Watch: 9/8/2010.

Brian A. Terry, Border Patrol Agent, End of Watch: 12/15/2010.

Hector R. Clark, Border Patrol Agent, End of Watch: 5/12/2011.

Eduardo Rojas, Jr., Lead Border Patrol Agent, End of Watch: 5/12/2011.

Leopoldo Cavazos, Jr., Border Patrol Agent, End of Watch: 7/6/2012.

James R. Dominguez, Border Patrol Agent, End of Watch: 7/19/2012.

James S. Litz, Air Interdiction Agent, End of Watch: 9/7/2012.

Jeffrey Ramirez, Border Patrol Agent, End of Watch: 9/15/2012.

Nicholas J. Ivie, Border Patrol Agent, End of Watch: 10/2/2012.

David R. Delaney, Border Patrol Agent, End of Watch: 11/2/2012.

Darrell J. Windhaus, CBP Officer, End of Watch: 12/29/2013.

Alexander I. Giannini, Border Patrol Agent, End of Watch: 5/28/2014.

Javier Vega, Jr., Border Patrol Agent, End of Watch: 8/3/2014.

Tyler R. Robledo, Border Patrol Agent, End of Watch: 9/12/2014.

Jose D. Barraza, Border Patrol Agent, End of Watch: 4/18/2016.

Manuel A. Alvarez, Border Patrol Agent, End of Watch: 8/11/2016.

David Gomez, Border Patrol Agent, End of Watch: 11/16/2016.

Edgard Garcia, CBP Officer, End of Watch: 5/5/2017.

Isaac Morales, Border Patrol Agent, End of Watch: 5/24/2017.

Rogelio Martinez, Border Patrol Agent, End of Watch: 11/19/2017.

Christopher T. Bacon, Collections Operations Manager, End of Watch: 6/7/2018.

Donna M. Doss, Border Patrol Resident Agent, End of Watch: 2/2/2019.

Robert M. Hotten, Border Patrol Agent, End of Watch: 10/6/2019.

Wolf Valmond, CBP Officer Trainee, End of Watch: 12/15/2019.

Luis O. Peña, Jr., Border Patrol Agent, End of Watch: 12/23/2019.

Van M. Dong, CBP Technician, End of Watch: 4/1/2020.

Richard G. McCoy, CBP Officer, End of Watch: 5/2/2020.

Omar E. Palmer, CBP Officer, End of Watch: 5/4/2020.

James Taylor, CBP Field Technology Officer, End of Watch: 5/8/2020.

Ching Kok Yan, CBP Officer, End of Watch: 5/16/2020.

Johan S. Mordan, Border Patrol Agent, End of Watch: 6/12/2020.

Alfonso Murrieta, CBP Officer, End of Watch: 7/9/2020.

Enrique J. Rositas, Jr., Border Patrol Agent, End of Watch: 7/11/2020.

Roel De La Fuente, CBP Officer, End of Watch: 7/13/2020.

Agustin Aguilar, Jr., Border Patrol Agent, End of Watch: 7/25/2020.

Marco A. Gonzales, Border Patrol Agent, End of Watch: 8/5/2020.

Lucas Saucedo, CBP Officer, End of Watch: 8/21/2020.

Carlo Cayabyab, CBP Officer, End of Watch: 9/16/2020.

Domingo Jasso, III, CBP Officer, End of Watch: 11/5/2020.

Christopher D. Carney, Air Interdiction Agent, End of Watch: 11/16/2020.

Richard Rios, CBP Officer, End of Watch: 12/2/2020.

Jose A. Santana, CBP Officer, End of Watch: 12/2/2020.

Juan Ollervidez, III, CBP Agriculture Specialist, End of Watch: 12/16/2020.

Denis Jasper Wells, Facility Operations Specialist, End of Watch: 12/17/2020.

Andrew R. Bouchard, CBP Officer, End of Watch: 12/19/2020.

Troy A. Adkins, CBP Canine Enforcement Officer, End of Watch: 12/31/2020.

Byron D. Shields, Supervisory CBP Officer, End of Watch: 1/20/2021.

Beverly Good, Director of Field Operations, End of Watch: 1/28/2021.

Robert Allan Mayer, Jr., Special Agent, End of Watch: 1/30/2021.

Rodolfo Morales, Jr., Maintenance Mechanic, End of Watch: 2/5/2021.

Cesar Sibonga, CBP Officer, End of Watch: 2/7/2021.

Genato Guerrero, CBP Officer, End of Watch: 2/15/2021.

Carlos C. Mendoza, CBP Officer, End of Watch: 2/24/2021.

Crispin San Jose, CBP Officer, End of Watch: 3/9/2021.

Alejandro Flores-Bañuelos, Border Patrol Agent, End of Watch: 3/15/2021.

Christopher Shane Simpkins, Border Patrol Agent, End of Watch: 4/12/2021.

Mario C. Di Chiara, CBP Officer, End of Watch: 4/28/2021.

Freddie Vasquez, Border Patrol Agent, End of Watch: 5/8/2021.

Juan M. Urrutia, Border Patrol Agent, End of Watch: 5/28/2021.

Ruben Facio, CBP Officer, End of Watch: 7/17/2021.

Daniel P. Cox, Supervisory Border Patrol Agent, End of Watch: 7/31/2021.

Edgardo Acosta-Feliciano, Border Patrol Agent, End of Watch: 7/31/2021.

Ricardo Zarate, Border Patrol Agent, End of Watch: 8/16/2021.

Yokemia L. Conyers, CBP Officer, End of Watch: 8/18/2021.

Monica J. Riola, CBP Officer, End of Watch: 8/20/2021.

Erik J. Skelton, CBP Officer, End of Watch: 8/24/2021.

Chad E. McBroom, Border Patrol Agent, End of Watch: 8/29/2021.

Francisco V. Tomas, CBP Technician, End of Watch: 9/1/2021.

David B. Saavedra, CBP Officer, End of Watch: 9/2/2021.

Luis H. Dominguez, Border Patrol Agent, End of Watch: 9/23/2021.

David B. Ramirez, Border Patrol Agent—Intelligence, End of Watch: 9/26/2021.

Alfredo M. Ibarra, Border Patrol Agent, End of Watch: 9/27/2021.

Victor J. Donate, CBP Officer, End of Watch: 10/7/2021.

David H. Gray, Enforcement Analysis Specialist, End of Watch: 10/8/2021.

Scott D. Ritchey, Deputy Director, Air Operations, End of Watch: 10/9/2021.

Rafael G. Sanchez, Supervisory Border Patrol Agent, End of Watch: 10/24/2021.

Matthew L. Lyons, Port Director, End of Watch: 10/28/2021.

Anibal A. Perez, Supervisory Border Patrol Agent, End of Watch: 11/5/2021.

Kenneth MacCallum, CBP Officer, End of Watch: 11/26/2021.

Martin Barrios, Supervisory Border Patrol Agent, End of Watch: 11/29/2021.

Salvador Martinez Jr., Border Patrol Agent, End of Watch: 11/30/2021.

Jeffrey P. DeLa Cruz, CBP Officer, End of Watch: 12/23/2021.

Brian L. Vogel, CBP Officer, End of Watch: 12/30/2021.

Bruce R. Eckhoff, CBP Officer, End of Watch: 1/5/2022.

Daniel H. Salazar, Border Patrol Agent, End of Watch: 5/13/2022.

Cody A. Olafson, CBP Officer Trainee, End of Watch: 5/20/2022.

Jorge A. Arias, CBP Officer, End of Watch: 10/19/2022.

Michel O. Maceda, Marine Interdiction Agent, End of Watch: 11/17/2022.

Raul H. Gonzalez Jr., Border Patrol Agent, End of Watch: 12/7/2022.

Jacqueline M. Montanaro, Supervisory CBP Officer, End of Watch: 1/14/2023.

Esteban G. Peña, Aviation Enforcement Agent, End of Watch: 4/15/2023.

Anna M. Burakowski, CBP Agriculture Specialist, End of Watch: 7/24/2023.

Freddy Ortiz, Border Patrol Agent, End of Watch: 11/14/2023.

RECOGNIZING MR. RAY MISH

HON. DAVID G. VALADAO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 2024

Mr. VALADAO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Mr. Ray Mish, who passed away on April 3, 2024. Mr. Mish was born in Okmulgee, Oklahoma on April 24, 1924. He was raised by his grandmother and two aunts, who became his caregivers after being separated from his parents. He received his first ten years of education in a parochial school and finished high school in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Mr. Mish's passion for the funeral industry started at a young age, when he worked as a sidewalk sweeper for a funeral home. At the age of 15, Mr. Mish began working for the funeral home until he enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1941, when he was 17. He served in World War II and was later honorably discharged in Fort Devens, Massachusetts, due to an injury he sustained during his service.

After his service, Mr. Mish moved to California to further his education. He earned a business degree with a minor in advertising, and later obtained a degree in Mortuary Science from the California Mortuary Science College in Los Angeles. After receiving his degree, he became a Licensed Funeral Director in the state of California. In 1947, Mr. Mish settled in Bakersfield and began working for two local mortuaries. He married Betty, his high school sweetheart, in 1951, and together they raised two children. In 1960, Mr. Mish and his family purchased a vacant building in Oildale. They used this space to open their own funeral business, Mish Funeral Home—Oildale. His mission was to ensure that every family who visited the funeral home was treated with compassion, respect, and honesty—making sure that financial constraints did not hinder a family's ability to honor their loved ones. Today, Mish Funeral Home—Oildale remains dedicated to this mission.

In addition to managing the family funeral home, Mr. Mish made many significant contributions to the Kern County community. As a veteran of World War II, Mr. Mish helped form an Honor Guard through the American Legion, which he was also a proud member of. He led the first volunteer Veterans Honor Guard in Kern County along with the Legion Secretary and twelve other legion members. Additionally, Mr. Mish was a member of the St. Francis of Assisi Church, as well as numerous clubs including Kiwanis Club of Oildale, Lions Club of Bakersfield, Elks No. 266, and North Bakersfield Rotary. Mr. Mish's service to our country and commitment to the Kern County community will always be remembered.

Mr. Speaker, I ask all my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in honoring the incredible life of Mr. Ray Mish.

RECOGNIZING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF 2024 BROWARD LEAGUE OF CITIES SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT MAYA GORDON

HON. JARED MOSKOWITZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 2024

Mr. MOSKOWITZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Maya Gordon, a recipient of the prestigious 2024 Broward League of Cities Scholarship. This honor is awarded to Broward County's most ambitious and accoladed students who aspire to attain a career contributing to municipal government.

Maya plans to attend Florida State University to pursue a degree in political science after she graduates from Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School. She has worked diligently to serve her community, completing over 2,190 documented service hours. She served as Vice Chair of the Broward County Public Schools Human Relations Committee, and her dedication to her community can also be seen through her nomination for the Miami Herald Silver Knight Award, an honor reserved for high school seniors who are not only academically adept but also notable contributors towards their community.

Maya's intellectual prowess has been demonstrated through her achievements, including being a National Speech and Debate Association Academic All-American qualifier and receiving the AP Scholar Award. Her dedication to the field of science is evident from her title as an Experimental Science Honors Student of Excellence. Maya's future plans are equally impressive. She aspires to a career in public office, where she can use her talents and energy to implement policies and programs that promote equity and justice.

Mr. Speaker, I urge you to join me in acknowledging Ms. Maya Gordon's outstanding achievements and significant contributions to her community.

RECOGNIZING ZACHARY COCHRAN

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 2024

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Zachary Cochran for earning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

Zachary has overcome many challenges along his journey to success, demonstrating perseverance at every step. Students who strive to make the most of their education, like Zachary, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Zachary's hard work, determination, and perseverance at Oberon Middle School and is clearly just the beginning of a bright and promising future.

It is my honor to congratulate Zachary Cochran on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

HONORING NORA KHALIL'S SERVICE TO AMERICA

HON. CHARLES J. "CHUCK" FLEISCHMANN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 2024

Mr. FLEISCHMANN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Nora Khalil, who is retiring from government service, having served our country in both the public and private sectors for more than 30 years.

Nora's departure from the House Energy and Water Appropriations Subcommittee is a bittersweet one. Although I have only had the privilege to work with Nora for a little over a year, I can confidently say we would not have been as successful, particularly on civil nuclear and the nuclear weapons program, without the expertise and determination Nora brought to the team every day.

Nora's extensive career started in the House where she worked her way up to serve as Legislative Director to former Chairman Ron Packard of the Energy and Water Subcommittee as well as the Chairwoman Emeritus KAY GRANGER. After nearly a decade in the House, Nora transitioned to the private sector before working on the Executive Branch side. Over the course of a decade, Nora worked on nearly every nuclear-related function in government, including Naval Reactors, the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, and the National Nuclear Security Administration. In 2020, Nora returned to Congress, this time serving on Senate Energy and Water Appropriations, where she rose to become its clerk. Then last year, Nora brought her deep expertise and experience to my subcommittee. She was an incredible asset to the team and an essential contributor to the Energy and Water Appropriations bill that was passed just a couple of months ago.

I feel very lucky to have been able to work with Nora and I am proud of what we accomplished together. I am happy Nora will be rewarded with some much-deserved free time with her family.

I know I am speaking for myself, the House and Senate Appropriations Committees, and the entire nuclear enterprise when I express my utmost appreciation for Nora's dedicated service to the American people.

RECOGNIZING MARIE SILVESTRI'S 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 2024

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Marie Silvestri, a remarkable person who is about to celebrate her 100th birthday. Marie was born on May 17, 1924, in Brooklyn, New York, to Maria and Leonardo Restivo, immigrants from Sicily, Italy.

Marie met her husband, Maurice, who was best friends with her brother, in her mother's kitchen. Maurice served in Europe during World War II, and he joined the NYPD upon his return. Marie and Maurice were married in 1949 until he passed away in 2009, just short of their 60th anniversary. They had 3 daughters.

In 1962, Marie and Maurice moved their family from Brooklyn to Mahopac, New York, where, together, they opened a successful real estate and insurance brokerage firm, Fawn Agency, serving Putnam and Westchester counties in New York. She went on to serve as a sales director for Robert Martin Corporation, a large land and housing developer, in White Plains, New York. After retirement in the 1970s, they resided in New York, Pennsylvania, Georgia, and Englewood, Florida.

In addition to her 3 daughters, Marie is the proud grandmother of 8 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. They are the light of her life, and they adore her. Marie also likes to read and play cards, and she lives an independent lifestyle despite her age. She is an inspiration to all who know her.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my esteemed colleagues in the U.S. House of Representatives to please join me in extending our heartfelt congratulations, sincere well-wishes, and all of God's Blessings to Marie Silvestri on the celebration of her 100th birthday.

HONORING THE NATIONAL NURSES HONOR GUARD COALITION AND ITS FOUNDER MS. JULIA GODBY-MURRAY

HON. ELISSA SLOTKIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 2024

Ms. SLOTKIN. Mr. Speaker, today I pay tribute to the National Nurses Honor Guard Coalition and its visionary founder and president, Julia Godby-Murray, RN.

Since its inception in 2011, the Coalition has emerged as a pillar of compassion, dedicated to honoring the memory of nurses who have passed away and providing solace to grieving families in Michigan and across the country.

The organization takes its inspiration from the military honor guards that pay respects at funerals for military members and veterans, police officers or firefighters. In traditional white nursing uniforms with blue and red capes, they attend funerals of their nursing colleagues, pay homage and offer comfort to families in their time of deepest sorrow.

Julia, a native of East Lansing, Michigan, who now lives in nearby Dimondale, was inspired by groups in Kansas and the Detroit area that attended the funerals of nurses, and saw the need to bring the idea to the entire country. Under her leadership, the Coalition has flourished, growing to over 250 groups nationwide. With each ceremony, they reaffirm a profession defined by kindness and empathy, and acknowledge those who have devoted their lives to caring for others.

These ceremonies also serve as a restorative experience for the members of Nurses Honor Guard themselves. In the face of the immense challenges and demands of their profession, particularly since the COVID-19 pandemic when nurses risked their lives to continue caring for their patients, these services remind nurses and their communities of their courage and determination.

As we reflect on the profound impact of the National Nurses Honor Guard Coalition, let us commit to honoring the memory of fallen nurses, supporting grieving families, and protecting the pride and dignity of the nursing

profession. With abiding gratitude, it is my honor to recognize Ms. Godby-Murray's leadership and the exemplary service of the Coalition and its members here in the United States House of Representatives.

RECOGNIZING SABRINA JENNINGS

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 2024

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sabrina Jennings for earning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

Sabrina has overcome many challenges along her journey to success, demonstrating perseverance at every step. Students who strive to make the most of their education, like Sabrina, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Sabrina's hard work, determination, and perseverance at Oberon Middle School and is clearly just the beginning of a bright and promising future.

It is my honor to congratulate Sabrina Jennings on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

ISRAEL AT 76

HON. JENNIFER A. KIGGANS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 2024

Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD remarks submitted at the request of a Virginia Beach constituent, Rabbi Dr. Israel Zoberman of Temple Lev Tikvah, and are a reflection of his views:

At its 76th anniversary, the State of Israel, the Middle East's only democracy and America's staunch ally, has been plunged into a national trauma given the unfathomable October 7th massacres by Hamas, Iran's radical proxy, rivaling Nazis, al-Qaeda, ISIS and the likes' inhuman conduct with revolting sexual violence aimed at enraged and destabilizing Israel's psychological well-being. In 2006 Gaza's population callously elected terrorist Hamas, America's avowed adversary, rejecting international norms and Judeo-Christian values. Those were the last elections held in Gaza. Hamas triggered the current Gaza War bringing much suffering on their own oppressed Palestinians as well as the Israeli neighbors who benefitted them. Incredulously, majority of Palestinians yet uphold Hamas and the October 7th vile assaults.

The ensuing existential threats to Israel's very security and essential deterrence, followed years of rockets' bombardments that no nation would have tolerated. The world's only Jewish entity and ironically a nuclear power, experienced a described 9/11 tragedy, the darkest day since its 1948 establishment, a second Independence War, and a page taken from the Holocaust's unsettling lexicon. Israel was forced to mobilize 350,000 civilian reservists while handling the trying dislocation of thousands of Israelis from the country's invaded south as well as the heated up north where Hezbollah, the other Iranian and even more toxic proxy, disallows normal living with its constant shelling from Lebanon.

Uprooting unrelenting Hamas from ruling Gaza which Israel is rightfully insisting

upon, is exacerbated by dense urban terrain and a system of unparalleled tunnels, all shielding an enemy with hellish treatment of torturing and murdering hostages of all ages, including American citizens, with many still captive without Red Cross visitation. The terrorists use hospitals, schools and mosques as launching pads with shocking impunity and a duplicitous United Nations. This mega eruption affecting the entire region and beyond is directly tied to the growing relationship between Israel and the Sunni Arab world with the near historic alliance between Israel and Saudi Arabia that belligerent Iran is seeking to forestall. A game changer is the April 14th massive air onslaught including over 100 ballistic missiles, though thwarted, exposing Iran's intent to destroy the Jewish state. Israel's limited response did however send a powerful message of penetrating so close to Iran's threatening nuclear facilities. The essential American support for Israel benefits both allies, protecting the entire world.

The provoked Gaza War increased Israel's familial bonding with American Jewry, the largest Jewish diaspora, which Jews at large have faced since October 7th an alarming rise of antisemitism, repugnantly visible on American campuses. Dr. Rabbi Daniel Gordis' recent book, *Impossible Takes Longer* (New York: HarperCollins Publishers 2023), written for Israel's 75th anniversary, lays bare Israel's astonishing progress along with challenges in light of promises and premises of Israel's May 14, 1948, Declaration of Independence.

The author asserts, "Today, one needs to exert considerable effort to recall the world as it was only recently precisely because Israel's mere existence not only has fulfilled the promise to afford Jews security and an end to heartbreak but has been successful far beyond what Herzl (Israel's founding visionary) and his compatriots could have dared imagine." Thus, reflecting Israel's foremost asset as a safe haven to a long-suffering people at the mercy of others, finally seizing an historic opportunity to radically alter as treacherous trajectory. Notwithstanding October 7th shaking aberration catching Israel so agonizingly off guard, just as the 1973 Yom Kippur War did fifty years earlier.

Gordis ponders since a "new Jew" arose with Israel's establishment, will Israeli society be one "based on freedom, justice and peace as envisaged by the prophets of Israel," so stated its Declaration of Independence. I believe that Israel's under duress remarkable accomplishments, along with world's leader in non-profits, are admirable though lofty Jewish aspirations face a regressive Middle East, and an Israel with unresolved core issues of Judaism's intersection with democracy, calling for a needed guiding constitution. Clearly, Israel spearheads the indispensable defense of the West and its civilization which the Jewish people mightily gifted.

Rabbi Dr. Israel Zoberman is founder of Temple Lev Tikvah in Virginia Beach, and son of Polish Holocaust survivors. He is Kazakhstan's only born Rabbi (1945) and grew up in Haifa, Israel.

HONORING THE VIETNAM AND KOREAN WAR VETERANS OF ILLINOIS

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 2024

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the Vietnam and Korean War veterans who

traveled to Washington, D.C. on May 15, 2024, with Honor Flight Chicago, a program that provides WWII, Vietnam, and Korean War veterans the opportunity to visit their memorials on The National Mall in Washington, D.C. These memorials were built to honor their courage and service to their country.

The American Veteran is one of our greatest treasures. The Soldiers, Airmen, Sailors, Marines, and Coast Guardsmen who traveled here on May 15 answered our Nation's call to service during one of its greatest times of need. From the Pacific Asian Theatre to the Korean Theater, these brave Americans risked life and limb, gave service, and sacrificed much, all while embodying what it is to be a hero. We owe them more gratitude than can ever be expressed.

I welcome these brave veterans to Washington and to their memorials. I am proud to include in the RECORD the names of these men and women for all to see, hear, and recognize, and I call on my colleagues to rise and join me in expressing gratitude:

Vincent M. Alcala, John J. Alongi, Richard G. Barberio, Michael I. Barbour, Francis J. Bomher, Robert L. Booker, William J. Campbell, Robert Carnagey, Louis A. Cella, George R. Clifton, Frank R. Coleman, Jerome P. Cooney, Larry Cowherd, Billy M. Crowe, Thomas J. Cushing, Thomas W. Davidson, Willie J. Davis, Robert P. Dean, Donald A. DeFrance, John DeMarte, Gregory J. Dittmore, Lawrence R. Dittoe, Michael F. Donovan, David A. Downey, Robert R. Doyle, James R. Duhig, Glenn J. Dunkel, Jack L. Gallaway, Edward W.P. Garner, Robert W. Gatenby, Rodney R. Gatenby, Joseph Hanek, Steven F. Hardenbergh, Ronald R. Hartman, John A. Heatley, John W. Hodgson, William J. Holic, Jr., Joseph M. Hook, Richard A. Howes, James J. Ervin, Edward S. Janka, John E. Janssen, Robert C. Jensen, Gregory L. Johns, Terrance L. Kauffman, James H. Kelley, Paul E. Kincaid, Paul J. Kraskiewicz, Donald F. Kraus, Frank S. Kresica, Lawrence S. Kuzlik, Francis J. Labayen, Alex J. Labelle, Martin L. Labelle, Gilberto Lassus, Bobby Ray Lathan, Sr., Joseph L. Legenza, David R. LeVally, Robert J. Lindsay, Stephen W. MacCabe, Charles A. Major, Thomas M. Malec, Timothy K. McNulty, Robert A. Mika, Dennis J. Mitzner, Roger D. Morrison, Richard B. Narug, William I. Naughton, Donald Neri, Thomas P. O'Keefe, Jose E. Olvera, Candelaro G. Olvera, Donald L. Packard, John V. Palmisano, Diana L. Payne, Vincenzo Picciola, Lawrence E. Pike, Thomas E. Pinner, Adam R. Plunge, Joseph D. Porcelli, Lynn R. Powell, Robert L. Pryde, Robert W. Reichert, Richard J. Rickey, John R. Ryan, Jr., James W. Sandstrom, Thomas M. Santoro, James R. Schafer, Bradley A. Schroeder, David W. Senneke, Richard J. Shannon, Thomas R. Sieloff, John T. Sillitti, Paul W. Soukup, Harold D. Stacy, Kenneth H. Stahl, Dennis K. Sullivan, Dwayne A. Sullivan, Arthur C. Talbot, Donald R. Tenclinger, Mark D. Teune, Charles E. Toberman, Robert T. Toth, Stephen A. Triplett, Sr., Kenneth A. Tucker, James J. Vertucci, Ronald E. Vlcek, Andrew J. Vlietstra, Terry L. Vogt, Jeffery A. Waldrop, Michael D. Washington, Joseph D. West, David R. Wilson III, Richard S. Zidrich, Thomas J. Zito.

HONORING FRANK SETNICKY'S 40
YEARS OF SERVICE

HON. THOMAS H. KEAN, Jr.
OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 2024

Mr. KEAN of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Frank Setnick's 40 years of service.

Frank Setnick is a well-respected professional who has dedicated his life to serving his community and educating peers in patient care for decades. Frank has been a volunteer with the South Branch Emergency Services as an emergency medical technician for 40 years, and as a chief for more than 30 of those years. In the fall of 2021, Frank retired from his full-time position, but continued his volunteer service in Clinton.

Congratulations to Frank. I thank him for serving the Clinton community and wish him continued success.

**RECOGNIZING DEVANZO "DE"
BAILEY**

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 2024

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Devanzo "De" Bailey for earning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

De has overcome many challenges along his journey to success, demonstrating perseverance at every step. Students who strive to make the most of their education, like De, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to De's hard work, determination, and perseverance at Oberon Middle School and is clearly just the beginning of a bright and promising future.

It is my honor to congratulate Devanzo "De" Bailey on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JENNIFER WEXTON

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 2024

Ms. WEXTON. Mr. Speaker, I regret that I was not able to be present to vote on May 14, 2024. Had I been present, I would have voted: YES on Roll Call No. 196, and YES on Roll Call No. 197.

**RECOGNIZING IGA NEPHROPATHY
AWARENESS DAY**

HON. MICHELLE STEEL

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 2024

Mrs. STEEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize IgA Nephropathy Awareness Day.

IgA Nephropathy is a condition in which an abnormal build-up of a protein called

immunoglobulin A (IgA) causes the immune system to attack the kidneys, often leading to kidney damage and failure. The deposits of IgA cause a breakdown of the normal filtering mechanisms in the kidney, known as the glomeruli. Genetic factors play a role in this condition, and unfortunately it usually affects people in their 20s and 30s—often right when they want to make decisions on starting a family.

Tragically, according to the IgA Nephropathy Foundation, as many as half of those affected by IgA Nephropathy will develop end-stage kidney disease and eventually require dialysis or a kidney transplant. Sadly, IgA Nephropathy can recur in the transplanted kidney, and after a period of increased quality of life, families find themselves in yet another familiar battle.

IgAN is the most common form of glomerulonephritis, which is the leading cause of kidney disease after diabetes and hypertension. Unfortunately, there are usually little or no immediate signs and symptoms of IgAN and patients are often not diagnosed until their kidneys are already damaged, or they "crash into dialysis" in an emergency room. About half of those affected by IgAN will go on to develop end-stage kidney disease (ESKD) which leads to dialysis, transplant, or death.

In the U.S. there are about 150,000 people living with IgAN, and almost 40–50 percent of those cases affect Asian Americans. Last year, a Congressional briefing took place among Asian American members and staff regarding the impact of IgAN. At that time, Dr. Fahmeeda Kamal from Stanford Medicine, Holly Bode from the American Kidney Fund, and Dr. Eric Sid from the National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences (NCATS) briefed about 30 staff on the current and future new era of kidney health. It is my understanding that a broad cross-section of stakeholders recently urged the Biden Administration to take action on rare kidney diseases, including IgAN, to raise awareness and improve outcomes. I look forward to hearing their plans, as to date, I have not seen any.

Current treatments, even one which is non-immunosuppressive, are having an enormous impact on patients who can get access to them and given new hope patients are taking new approaches to their health. We saw one study which shows one novel therapy could delay the time from diagnosis to dialysis by almost 11 years. Imagine a couple trying to start a family which has 11 more years of improved quality of life, rather than slowing sliding into dialysis or transplant. With over 60 new therapies under development for a range of rare kidney diseases, including more IgAN treatments, the future is bright for families which are facing this challenge.

I once again want to thank the IgA Nephropathy Foundation for all their work and note that 2024 marks their 20th anniversary. It all began, like so many rare disease patients' groups, when a mom (Bonnie Schneider) wanted to make sure her son (Eddie) had a better life than the one she was told he would have.

Congratulations to Bonnie, Eddie, and everyone at the IgAN Foundation on this special occasion during a celebratory year. That is why we honor all families facing this challenging rare kidney disease and recognize IgA Nephropathy Awareness Day.

**RECOGNIZING MS. MARLENE
MITCHELL**

HON. RALPH NORMAN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 2024

Mr. NORMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a remarkable individual, Marlene Mitchell, whose dedication to her family, her work, and to our great Nation continues to inspire and impact our community. Marlene was born in a small town in southern Illinois, raised by her grandmother, who instilled honesty, hard work, perseverance, and love of God, family, and country in her. Her commitment to these values can be seen in her own life, and the lives of those around her, still today.

Marlene married the love of her life, Gary Mitchell in January 1969. They moved throughout the East Coast while Gary served in the Navy. I want to thank both Marlene and Gary for their sacrifice in service to this Nation. She is also the loving mother to two daughters, Stephanie and Stacy, and grandmother to three grandchildren, Victoria, Alexandria, and Mitchell. Reverend Billy Graham said, "only God Himself fully appreciates the influence of a Christian mother in the molding of her children. Most of the noble characters and fine leaders of history have had good, God-fearing mothers. The influence of a mother upon the lives of children cannot be measured." Marlene is a living example of the value of having a strong, God-fearing mother. The power of her influence can be seen in the success of her children and grandchildren.

Marlene started out her career as a receptionist in an insurance agency and soon after discovered that she had a strong passion for insurance. In 1982, she opened an independent agency before opening her own independent agency in a partnership, and then became the sole owner in November of 1986. She retired in October of 2016 after years of successful, award-winning years of service. Marlene was regarded by her clients as one of the most honest and knowledgeable agents around.

Marlene has also served as the President of the York County South Carolina Republican Women's Party. Over the years, she has chaired and advocated for many important fundraisers, projects, and charities. Marlene has displayed great perseverance and courage in her work for what is right and beneficial to all Americans.

RECOGNIZING CARMEN GONZALEZ

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 2024

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Carmen Gonzalez for earning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

Carmen has overcome many challenges along her journey to success, demonstrating perseverance at every step. Students who strive to make the most of their education, like Carmen, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Carmen's

hard work, determination, and perseverance at Oberon Middle School and is clearly just the beginning of a bright and promising future.

It is my honor to congratulate Carmen Gonzalez on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BLAKE D. MOORE

OF UTAH

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 2024

Mr. MOORE of Utah. Mr. Speaker, due to flight delays, I was unable to vote on May 14, 2024. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 196.

RECOGNIZING THE SACRIFICE OF
DEPUTY ELTON C. STOVER

HON. BILL HUIZENGA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 2024

Mr. HUIZENGA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service and sacrifice of Berrien County Sheriff Deputy Elton C. Stover. Deputy Stover was born November 21, 1910, in Berrien County and pursued a career in law enforcement, serving in the Berrien Springs Police Department, Comstock Police Department, and served as the Constable of Lincoln Township.

On December 3, 1965, armed gunmen targeted the Farmers & Merchants National Bank in Benton Township. Berrien County Sheriff Deputies Elton Stover and Gary Mitchell responded to the call for help. Upon arrival to the scene, Deputies Stover and Mitchell were immediately met with an array of gunfire with both men being struck.

As Deputy Stover laid on the bank floor he was hit with two bullets, smashing through his chest and right leg. He and Deputy Mitchell were rushed to Mercy Hospital in Benton Harbor, where he underwent what was thought to be a successful surgery. Unfortunately, Deputy Stover's condition deteriorated, and he passed away during surgery at 2:55 p.m. on December 10, 1965, making the ultimate sacrifice in service to the people of Berrien County. To this day, Deputy Elton C. Stover remains the only Deputy in the history of the Benton County Sheriff's Department to be killed in the line of duty.

Mr. Speaker, each day, law enforcement officials like Deputy Stover help to keep our communities safe, rush into dangerous situations, and lay down their lives to protect their fellow citizens. It is my solemn honor to remember Deputy Elton Stover and all fallen law enforcement officers from Michigan's 4th Congressional District, the state, and throughout the country.

SUPPORT OF HOUSE AMENDMENT
TO S. 870

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 2024

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, the Assistance to Fire Grants (AFG) and Staffing for

Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grants provide essential resources to fire departments around the country. Since their authorization in 2000, these grant programs have provided more than \$15 billion in funding nationwide to community fire departments, ensuring that they are prepared for whatever challenges they might face. It is essential Congress fund these programs as local governments often lack the resources to invest in new firefighting equipment and to cover the costs of hiring and training new firefighters.

I voted in support of the House Amendment to S. 870, the Fire Grants and Safety Act of 2023 because we must continue to deliver these vital funds to our communities. However, I am disappointed that House Republicans amended this legislation to add an unrelated bill, S. 1111—the Accelerating Deployment of Versatile, Advanced Nuclear for Clean Energy (ADVANCE) Act. The reauthorization of the AFG and SAFER grants should not have been packaged with a bill to accelerate nuclear energy deployment, which is a complex issue that deserves its own debate and vote. I would have preferred to vote on these two unrelated issues separately.

I will continue to support our local fire departments and ensure that they have access to the federal resources they need to keep our communities safe.

RECOGNIZING ADAHLYA ATENCIO-MUNIZ

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 2024

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Adahlya Atencio-Muniz for earning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

Adahlya has overcome many challenges along her journey to success, demonstrating perseverance at every step. Students who strive to make the most of their education, like Adahlya, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Adahlya's hard work, determination, and perseverance at Oberon Middle School and is clearly just the beginning of a bright and promising future.

It is my honor to congratulate Adahlya Atencio-Muniz on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

HONORING MARY ELLEN CHAVEZ
AS THE 2024 PLANADA COMMUNITY
DAY PARADE MARSHAL

HON. JOHN S. DUARTE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 2024

Mr. DUARTE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mary Ellen Chavez, as the Parade Marshal for the Town of Planada's 2024 Community Day Parade.

The daughter of migrant farm workers, Mary Ellen was born in Brawley, California and is a proud graduate of Le Grand High School (LGHS). While an LGHS student, and eventual Manzanita Queen, she was encouraged by

her peers to go to college. Eventually Mary Ellen became the first high school and college graduate in her family. She earned her Bachelor of Arts degree from the College of the Holy Names, an all-women's Catholic college in Oakland, on a full academic scholarship. Then she completed a teaching credential at Fresno State University.

At age 21, Mary Ellen began a 55-year long career as a catechist, teaching three generations of Planada children how to love the Lord. A parishioner of Planada's Sacred Heart Catholic Church for over 80 years, Mary Ellen (and her family) regularly volunteered to help clean the church. She was also a regular reader, eucharistic minister, and choir singer, as well as a founding member of the English rosary group. Around Planada, she spent the rest of her hours cooking the best chile verde, coaching softball, helping her husband run the Planada Recreation Program, or attending baseball and softball games all over the area, where you could hear her distinctive two-fingered, celebratory whistle from a mile away.

Mary Ellen taught in Fresno, Merced and Kern counties during her teaching career. In 1999, she was named the Vineland School District Educator of the Year while teaching an innovative curriculum on the Dust Bowl Days at Sunset Middle School near Lamont. She retired from teaching in 2000, having already served several terms on the Le Grand Union High School District Board of Trustees from 1978 to 1991. After her retirement, she was appointed to the Merced County Board of Education and served from 2005 to 2014.

Mary Ellen and her husband, John, married in 1963, and while dancing weekends at every wedding, church event or fundraiser, produced eight children plus one walk-on. Those eight gave them 20 grandchildren, who have so far produced 26 great-grandchildren. Nothing pleases Mary Ellen and John more than to be surrounded by the chaos of their big family.

I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mary Ellen as the Parade Marshal for the Town of Planada's 2024 Community Day Parade.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. C.A. DUTCH RUPPERSBERGER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 2024

Mr. RUPPERSBERGER. Mr. Speaker, I had to miss yesterday's vote series due to having to attend matters in the district. During that time, I was unable to make Roll Call votes No. 196 and No. 197. Had I been present, I would have voted in the following manner:

YEA on Roll Call No. 196, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass the Recruit and Retain Act; and

YEA on Roll Call No. 197, On Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass, as Amended the Coast Guard Authorization Act.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. PATRICK T. McHENRY

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 2024

Mr. McHENRY. Mr. Speaker, due to unforeseen circumstances, I was unable to cast my

vote for Senate Amendment 546 and H.R. 7659. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 196, and YEA on Roll Call No. 197.

APPLAUDING PASSAGE OF THE REAUTHORIZATION OF THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 2024

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased that the House took decisive action today to reauthorize the Federal Aviation Administration—or FAA—by advancing H.R. 3935, the Securing Growth and Robust Leadership in American Aviation Act. Upon enactment, this critically-important legislation will better protect the health and safety of air travelers, improve conditions for both the current and future aviation workforce, and make significant investments in our Nation's aviation infrastructure and air traffic control technologies.

I am proud to have cast my vote in favor of H.R. 3935. This long-overdue, bipartisan measure will modernize America's aviation system, advance consumer safety and protections, and prepare the next generation of highly qualified and diverse aviation professionals.

For years, I have advocated for enhanced federal funding to better recruit, retain, and advance underrepresented populations in the aviation industry. To that end, I applaud the bill's inclusion of \$60 million in annual funding to the FAA to bolster the pool of pilots, aviation maintenance professionals, and manufacturing workers in the talent pipeline. Of the \$60 million provided, H.R. 3935 requires that 20 percent of this annual funding be designated for the Willa Brown Aviation Program, which introduces and trains underserved communities in various aviation careers. I thank my colleague, Rep. HANK JOHNSON, for his leadership on this provision. I'm also pleased to see that the reauthorization bill directs the FAA to engage and partner with Historically Black Colleges and Universities and Minority Serving Institutions to advance awareness of aviation-related education programs and careers, a recommendation I made in my testimony before the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee.

The bill's historic investment in our country's airports with, \$4 billion in annual funding for the Airport Improvement Program, will help modernize public-use airports, such as Midway and O'Hare airports in Chicago, while simultaneously spurring economic growth and employment opportunities for many Chicagoland residents and businesses. I praise the host of policy reforms and robust protections for air travelers and consumers, like the Section 503 requirement that airlines refund passengers on significantly delayed or cancelled flights and a new mandate that airlines permit passengers to sit next to their young child when practical and at no cost. Inclusion of these important and long-overdue consumer protections in the FAA reauthorization bill further explains why the measure enjoys such widespread bi-partisan support in Congress and beyond.

I commend House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Chairman GRAVES and

Ranking Member LARSEN for their hard work to deliver this comprehensive and bicameral bill to reauthorize the FAA, helping ensure that the U.S. remains a global leader in aviation safety and innovation.

RECOGNIZING LILLY LOUDERBACK

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 2024

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Lilly Louderback for earning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

Lilly has overcome many challenges along her journey to success, demonstrating perseverance at every step. Students who strive to make the most of their education, like Lilly, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Lilly's hard work, determination, and perseverance at Oberon Middle School and is clearly just the beginning of a bright and promising future.

It is my honor to congratulate Lilly Louderback on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

RECOGNIZING FARIA LAND AND CATTLE

HON. DAVID G. VALADAO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 2024

Mr. VALADAO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Faria Land and Cattle as they are awarded the 63rd Annual Farmers of the Year award by the Kiwanis Club of Tulare. The Faria Cousins—Steve, Rick, Mike, and Danny Jr.—were born into a family of farmers in Tulare. From early on in their lives they learned their craft from their fathers, Manuel Faria Jr. and Danny Faria Sr., who like them, learned from his father—Manuel Faria Sr.

Like many family farms in the Central Valley, Faria Land and Cattle was founded by Manuel Sr. after he immigrated to the U.S. from the Azores Islands of Portugal in 1920. The Cousins are the third generation of Faria farmers, carrying on the family business that has stood for more than a century in the Central Valley. Today, the Faria Cousins work together to manage the daily operations of the farm and dairy facilities.

Faria Land and Cattle produces a variety of commodities including wheat, oats, alfalfa, and almonds, and operates two dairies, as well as a custom calf ranch operation. Their commitment to providing high-quality products and services to the Central Valley community has been unwavering for more than 100 years.

In addition to their dedication to the family business, the Faria cousins are active members of the Tulare community, having volunteered on several boards of organizations that help to serve the local agricultural community. As the recipient of this year's award, the Faria Cousins are being recognized for their commitment to Central Valley agriculture and dedication to giving back to the community. The success of Faria Land and Cattle is a true tes-

tament to the Faria family's hard work and perseverance. I am confident that their work will continue to strengthen the Tulare agricultural community for generations to come.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in celebrating Faria Land and Cattle as they are awarded the 63rd Annual Farmers of the Year Award.

RECOGNIZING THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF 2024 BROWARD LEAGUE OF CITIES SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT ANGELINA KENNEDY

HON. JARED MOSKOWITZ

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 2024

Mr. MOSKOWITZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ms. Angelina Kennedy, a recipient of the prestigious 2024 Broward League of Cities Scholarship. This honor is awarded to Broward County's most ambitious and acclaimed students who aspire to attain a career contributing to municipal government.

Angelina, a current senior at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School, is a shining example of dedication to her community. She will be working to obtain a degree in Political Science in her collegiate career. Her contributions extend beyond her academic success. As the President of Parkland Youth Ambassadors in her junior year, she collaborated with city officials to resolve various community issues, acting as the main line of communication between her fellow students and local government. She is also the founder of the chapter project Hogar Del Nino, dedicating all four years of her time in high school to organize collections for children in the Dominican Republic and educate others on the issue of child poverty.

Her passion for public service can further be seen through her involvement in DECA, where she served as president during her senior year of a chapter with over 800 members. She also dedicated her energy to an internship with a criminal defense attorney, which further solidified and fueled her passion for providing a voice for those who have been victimized and promoting justice in the legal field.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join me today in recognizing Ms. Angelina Kennedy as an outstanding student and impactful member of her community.

EQUAL REPRESENTATION ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 8, 2024

Ms. McCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to H.R. 7109, the Equal Representation Act.

H.R. 7109 would mandate that the decennial Census include a citizenship question, and that the apportionment of U.S. Representatives be based solely on a count of American citizens. This is yet another attempt by House Republicans to advance their anti-immigrant political agenda by sabotaging the Census, which is required by the U.S. Constitution.

This bill would deliberately undermine the Census's ability to reach chronically undercounted populations. The resulting impact would be to make future Censuses more costly and lead to inaccurate data that will have wide-ranging implications for Minnesota and our nation.

Accurate Census data is necessary for determining the number of U.S. House of Representatives seats and Electoral College votes allocated to each state, as well as the share of trillions of dollars in federal funding each state receives. For Minnesota, an inaccurate count could result in the loss of representation in Congress and less federal funding for essential services, causing unnecessary harm to our communities. This bill threatens the accuracy of the Census and diminishes public trust. It would lead to manipulation of election maps and the hindering of the fair allocation of federal resources.

I will always fight for an accurate Census that is consistent with our American values, and I will always work to ensure Minnesotans receives the federal funding, representation in Congress, and electoral votes they deserve.

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF CORTEZ GROWERS ASSOCIATION

HON. JOHN S. DUARTE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 2024

Mr. DUARTE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a significant milestone in the agricultural community of Ballico, California—the centennial anniversary of the Cortez Growers Association. Established on April 18, 1924, by four visionary Japanese immigrants, the Cortez Growers Association began as a small cooperative endeavor to market fruits and vegetables effectively despite language barriers. The founders employed a bilingual agent, ensuring their enterprise's early success and sustainability.

The association thrived, even through the Great Depression, expanding its membership and operational capacity. By 1932, twenty-six additional members had joined, and Cortez Growers Association appointed its first full-time manager. However, the outbreak of World War II and the subsequent internment of Japanese Americans dealt a severe blow to the association. All members, being of Japanese descent, were either interned or enlisted in the military, many serving in the highly decorated 442nd Regimental Combat Team.

Despite these adversities, the Cortez Growers Association's land was preserved through trust and leased to neighboring farmers, allowing the association to regain its footing post-war. The resilience and determination of the members during these trying times are a testament to their commitment to their community and country.

In the ensuing decades, the Cortez Growers Association has continued to adapt and thrive. Transitioning from a diverse crop base to focusing solely on almond production, the association has stayed at the forefront of agricultural innovation and efficiency. Today, the Cortez Growers Association is a leader in the almond industry and a pillar in agricultural advocacy, helping to found the Almond Alliance.

As we commemorate a century of enduring legacy, the Cortez Growers Association is a beacon of community resilience, adaptability, and success. The values of faith, family, and dedication to future generations are as alive today as they were a hundred years ago.

With great pride, I recognize the Cortez Growers Association for its century of service to the agricultural community and the nation. I want to extend my heartfelt congratulations to the Cortez Growers Association for 100 years of service and offer my sincerest wishes for their future.

RECOGNIZING BODHI MCBEAN

HON. BRITTANY PETTERSEN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 2024

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Bodhi McBean for earning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

Bodhi has overcome many challenges along his journey to success, demonstrating perseverance at every step. Students who strive to make the most of their education, like Bodhi, develop crucial skills and a work ethic that will guide them for the rest of their lives. This award is a testament to Bodhi's hard work, determination, and perseverance at Oberon Middle School and is clearly just the beginning of a bright and promising future.

It is my honor to congratulate Bodhi McBean on achieving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth Award.

SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, May 16, 2024 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

MAY 21

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces

To hold hearings to examine Department of Defense space activities in review of

the Defense Authorization Request for Fiscal Year 2025 and the Future Years Defense Program.

SR-222

10 a.m.

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Defense

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2025 for the Army.

SD-192

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine the opportunities, risks, and challenges associated with growth in demand for electric power in the United States.

SD-366

Committee on Finance

To hold hearings to examine child savings accounts and other tax-advantaged accounts benefiting American children.

SD-215

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine competition in the prescription drug market, focusing on ensuring affordable and accessible medications.

SD-G50

10:30 a.m.

Committee on Foreign Relations

To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2025 for the Department of State, focusing on American diplomacy and global leadership.

SD-419

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2025 for the Department of State.

SD-138

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation

Subcommittee on Surface Transportation, Maritime, Freight, and Ports

To hold hearings to examine the roadway safety crisis and highlighting community solutions.

SD-253

Committee on Finance

Subcommittee on International Trade, Customs, and Global Competitiveness

To hold hearings to examine trade enforcement and entry of merchandise at U.S. ports.

SD-215

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Subcommittee on Primary Health and Retirement Security

To hold hearings to examine feeding a healthier America, focusing on current efforts and potential opportunities for Food is Medicine.

SD-430

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations

To hold hearings to examine fraud and Zelle.

SD-342

Committee on the Judiciary

Subcommittee on Criminal Justice and Counterterrorism

To hold hearings to examine forced labor in prisons.

SD-226

MAY 22

Time to be announced

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship

Business meeting to consider S. 3772, to amend the Small Business Act to require that plain writing statements regarding the solicitation of subcontractors be included in certain subcontracting plans, S. 3971, to amend the Small Business Act to require reporting on additional information with respect to small business concerns owned and controlled by women, qualified HUBZone small business concerns, and small business concerns owned and controlled by veterans, S. 4341, to require plain language and the inclusion of key words in covered notices that are clear, concise, and accessible to small business concerns, and an original bill entitled, “The STEP Modernization Act of 2024”.

TBA

10 a.m.

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2025 for the Department of Energy, including the National Nuclear Security Administration.

SD-192

Committee on the Budget

To hold hearings to examine water scarcity in a changing climate.

SD-608

Committee on Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings to examine Federal programs for the circular economy, focus-

ing on state and local perspectives on efforts to improve reuse and recycling.

SD-404

Committee on Finance

To hold hearings to examine the Family First Prevention Services Act, focusing on successes, roadblocks, and opportunities for improvement.

SD-215

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

To hold hearings to examine restoring Congressional oversight over emergency powers, focusing on exploring options to reform the National Emergencies Act.

SD-342

Committee on the Judiciary

To hold hearings to examine pending nominations.

SD-226

11:45 a.m.

Joint Congressional Committee on Inaugural Ceremonies—2024

Organizational business meeting to designate the Chair, designate the 2025 Inaugural site, approve the Inaugural budget, and designate official staff representatives.

S-219

2:30 p.m.

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Legislative Branch

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2025 for the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate and the United States Capitol Police.

SD-124

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

Subcommittee on Economic Policy

To hold hearings to examine protecting consumers’ pocketbooks, focusing on lowering food prices and combatting corporate price gouging and consolidation.

SD-538

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

Subcommittee on Employment and Workplace Safety

To hold hearings to examine new standards and practices in mining, focusing on health and safety.

SD-430

Committee on Indian Affairs

To hold an oversight hearing to examine public safety and justice resources in Native communities.

SD-628

4:45 p.m.

Committee on Armed Services

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces

To hold hearings to examine the Department of Energy’s atomic energy defense activities and Department of Defense nuclear weapons programs in review of the Defense Authorization Request for Fiscal Year 2025 and the Future Years Defense Program.

SR-222

JUNE 12

10 a.m.

Committee on Environment and Public Works

To hold hearings to examine the President’s proposed budget request for fiscal year 2025 for the Fish and Wildlife Service.

SD-406

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S3691–S3740

Measures Introduced: Sixteen bills and fourteen resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 4337–4352, S.J. Res. 79–85, and S. Res. 687–693.

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Measures Reported:

S. 2770, to prohibit the distribution of materially deceptive AI-generated audio or visual media relating to candidates for Federal office, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 3875, to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to provide further transparency for the use of content that is substantially generated by artificial intelligence in political advertisements by requiring such advertisements to include a statement within the contents of the advertisements if generative AI was used to generate any image, audio, or video footage in the advertisements, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

S. 3897, to require the Election Assistance Commission to develop voluntary guidelines for the administration of elections that address the use and risks of artificial intelligence technologies, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Page S3710**

Measures Passed:

National Hospital Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 689, supporting the goals and ideals of National Hospital Week, to be observed from May 12 through May 18, 2024. **Page S3711**

National Senior Fraud Awareness Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 690, supporting the designation of May 15, 2024, as “National Senior Fraud Awareness Day” to raise awareness about the increasing number of fraudulent scams targeted at seniors in the United States, to encourage the implementation of policies to prevent those scams from happening, and to improve protections from those scams for seniors. **Page S3711**

DIPG Pediatric Brain Cancer Awareness Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 691, expressing support for the designation of May 17, 2024, as “DIPG Pediatric Brain Cancer Awareness Day” to raise awareness

of, and encourage research on, diffuse intrinsic pontine glioma tumors and pediatric cancers in general.

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National Fentanyl Awareness Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 692, supporting the mission and goals of National Fentanyl Awareness Day in 2024, including increasing individual and public awareness of the impact of fake or counterfeit fentanyl pills on families and young people.

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Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 693, recognizing the significance of Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage Month as an important time to celebrate the significant contributions of Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders to the history of the United States.

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Measures Failed:

Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds: By 46 yeas to 49 nays (Vote No. 168), Senate failed to pass S.J. Res. 57, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of the Treasury relating to “Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds”. **Pages S3698–S3705**

Appointments:

United States Commission on International Religious Freedom: The Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore, upon the recommendation of the Republican Leader, pursuant to Public Law 105–292, as amended by Public Law 106–55, Public Law 107–228, and Public Law 112–75, reappointed the following individual to the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom: Eric M. Ueland of Oregon. **Page S3739**

Energy Conservation Standards for Consumer Furnaces—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding Rule XXII and 5 USC 802, and at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, in consultation with the Republican Leader, no later than May 24, 2024, if S.J. Res. 58, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United

States Code, of the rule submitted by the Department of Energy relating to “Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Consumer Furnaces” is discharged from the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, it be in order for Senator Cruz, or his designee, to move to proceed to consideration of the joint resolution; that if the motion is agreed to, there be ten hours of debate equally divided between the proponents and opponents of the joint resolution; that upon the use or yielding back of that time, Senate vote on passage of the joint resolution; and that all other provisions under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, remain in effect except the 60 session day clock. **Page S3739**

Securities and Exchange Commission Rule, and Theeler and Aframe Nominations—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding 5 USC 802, that upon conclusion of morning business on Thursday, May 16, 2024, Senate begin consideration of H.J. Res. 109, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Securities and Exchange Commission relating to “Staff Accounting Bulletin No. 121”, which was received from the House of Representatives and is at the desk; that at 11:30 a.m., Senate vote on passage of the joint resolution, with all other provisions under chapter 8 of title 5, United State Code, remaining in effect except the 60 session day clock; that following disposition of the joint resolution, Senate execute the order of Tuesday, May 7, 2024, with respect to the nomination of Camela C. Theeler, of South Dakota, to be United States District Judge for the District of South Dakota; and that upon disposition of the nomination of Camela C. Theeler, Senate resume consideration of the nomination of Seth Robert Aframe, of New Hampshire, to be United States Circuit Judge for the First Circuit. **Page S3739**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 49 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. EX. 164), Courtney Diesel O’Donnell, of California, to be United States Permanent Representative to the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization, with the rank of Ambassador. **Pages S3691–96, S3740**

By 51 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. EX. 166), Sanket Jayshukh Balsara, of New York, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York. **Pages S3697, S3739**

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 52 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. EX. 165), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S3696**

By 61 yeas to 33 nays (Vote No. EX. 167), Eric C. Schulte, of South Dakota, to be United States District Judge for the District of South Dakota. **Pages S3697–98**

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Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Pages S3721–22**

Record Votes: Five record votes were taken today. (Total—168) **Pages S3696–98, S3705**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:04 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, May 16, 2024. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S3739.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

DOD ACQUISITION PROGRAMS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense concluded a hearing to examine select Department of Defense acquisition programs, after receiving testimony from William A. LaPlante, Under Secretary for Acquisition and Sustainment, Douglas R. Bush, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology and Army Acquisition Executive, Nickolas H. Guertin, Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research, Development, and Acquisition, and Andrew P. Hunter, Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics, all of the Department of Defense.

APPROPRIATIONS: USACE AND BUREAU OF RECLAMATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2025 for the Army Corps of Engineers and the Bureau of Reclamation, after receiving testimony from Michael L. Connor, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works, and Lieutenant General Scott A. Spellmon, Chief of Engineers, Army Corps of Engineers, both of the Department of Defense;

and Camille Calimlim Touton, Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior.

STRENGTHENING AMERICAN COMPETITIVENESS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs concluded a hearing to examine strengthening American competitiveness, focusing on the roles of the U.S. International Development Finance Corporation, Export-Import Bank, and Millennium Challenge Corporation, after receiving testimony from Scott A. Nathan, Chief Executive Officer, International Development Finance Corporation; Reta Jo Lewis, President and Chair, Export-Import Bank of the United States; and Alice Albright, Chief Executive Officer, Millennium Challenge Corporation.

APPROPRIATIONS: DOC

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2025 for the Department of Commerce, after receiving testimony from Gina M. Raimondo, Secretary of Commerce.

APPROPRIATIONS: LOC AND AOC

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2025 for the Library of Congress and the Architect of the Capitol, after receiving testimony from Carla Hayden, Librarian of Congress; and Joseph R. DiPietro, Acting Architect of the Capitol.

ARMY MODERNIZATION

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Airland concluded a hearing to examine Army modernization in review of the Defense Authorization Request for Fiscal Year 2025 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from Douglas R. Bush, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology and Army Acquisition Executive, General James E. Rainey, USA, Commanding General, Army Futures Command, and Lieutenant General Karl H. Gingrich, USA, Deputy Chief of Staff of the Army, G-8, all of the Department of Defense.

CLIMATE CHANGE AND NATIONAL SECURITY

Committee on the Budget: Committee concluded a hearing to examine climate change and the costs to national security, after receiving testimony from Vice Admiral Dennis McGinn, USN (Ret.), former Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Energy, Installations and Environment, Lexington Park, Maryland; Rear

Admiral Tim Gallaudet, USN (Ret.), Ocean STL Consulting, former Acting Undersecretary and Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere and Acting Administrator and Deputy Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, North Beach, Maryland; Erin Sikorsky, Center for Climate and Security, and International Military Council on Climate and Security, and Mackenzie Eaglen, American Enterprise Institute, both of Washington, D.C.; and Rick Dwyer, Hampton Roads Military and Federal Facilities Alliance, Chesapeake, Virginia.

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE BUDGET AND LEGISLATION

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2025 for the National Park Service, including S. 2620, to establish the Chesapeake National Recreation Area as a unit of the National Park System, S. 2742, to establish the Fort Ontario National Monument in the State of New York as a unit of the National Park System, S. 2743, to amend the John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation, Management, and Recreation Act to designate as a component of the National Heritage Area System the Finger Lakes National Heritage Area in the State of New York, S. 2784, to amend the Dayton Aviation Heritage Preservation Act of 1992 to adjust the boundary of the Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park, S. 3195, to designate the General George C. Marshall House, in the Commonwealth of Virginia, as an affiliated area of the National Park System, S. 3241, to establish the Grand Village of the Natchez Indians and Jefferson College as affiliated areas of the Natchez Historical Park, S. 3251, to modify the boundary of the Lincoln Home National Historic Site in the State of Illinois, S. 3474, to redesignate the Hulls Cove Visitor Center at Acadia National Park as the "George J. Mitchell, Jr., Visitor Center", S. 3534, to authorize the Pines Foundation to establish the Fire Island AIDS Memorial, S. 3542, to amend the Atchafalaya National Heritage Area Act to modify the boundary of the Atchafalaya National Heritage Area, S. 3543, to establish the Historic Greenwood District-Black Wall Street National Monument in the State of Oklahoma, S. 3568/H.R. 3448, bills to amend chapter 3081 of title 54, United States Code, to enhance the protection and preservation of America's battlefields, S. 4129, to contribute funds and artifacts to the Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library in Medora, North Dakota, S. 4209, to provide greater regional access to the Katahdin Woods and Waters National Monument in the State of Maine, S. 4216, to establish the

Ocmulgee Mounds National Park and Preserve in the State of Georgia, S. 4218, to designate the visitor center for the First State National Historical Park to be located at the Sheriff's House in New Castle, Delaware, as the "Thomas R. Carper Visitor Center", S. 4222, to adjust the boundary of the Mojave National Preserve in the State of California to include the land within the Castle Mountains National Monument, S. 4227, to amend the California Desert Protection Act of 1994 to expand the boundary of Joshua Tree National Park, S. 4228, to redesignate the Cottonwood Visitor Center at Joshua Tree National Park as the "Senator Dianne Feinstein Visitor Center", S. 4259, to require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study to assess the suitability and feasibility of designating certain land as the Lahaina National Heritage Area, H.R. 359, to establish Fort San Geronimo del Boqueron in Puerto Rico as an affiliated area of the National Park System, and H.R. 2717, to authorize the National Medal of Honor Museum Foundation to establish a commemorative work on the National Mall to honor the extraordinary acts of valor, selfless service, and sacrifice displayed by Medal of Honor recipients, and H.R. 4984, to amend the District of Columbia Stadium Act of 1957 to provide for the transfer of administrative jurisdiction over the Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Stadium Campus to the Administrator of General Services and the leasing of the Campus to the District of Columbia for purposes which include commercial and residential development, after receiving testimony from Senators Van Hollen, Lankford, and Ossoff, and Michael A. Caldwell, Associate Director, Park Planning, Facilities and Lands, National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

ARMS CONTROL AND DETERRENCE

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the future of arms control and deterrence, after receiving testimony from Bonnie D. Jenkins, Under Secretary of State for Arms Control and International Security.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 4066, to improve Federal technology procurement, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 3015, to amend title 5, United States Code, to address telework for Federal employees, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 3810, to prohibit conflict of interests among consulting firms that simultaneously contract with the Government of the People's Republic of China

and the United States Government, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 2492, to amend title II of the Social Security Act to improve coordination between the Do Not Pay working system and Federal and State agencies authorized to use the system, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 4181, to require the development of a workforce plan for the Federal Emergency Management Agency, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

H.R. 6249, to provide for a review and report on the assistance and resources that the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency provides to individuals with disabilities and the families of such individuals that are impacted by major disasters;

S. 4305, to improve the effectiveness of body armor issued to female agents and officers of the Department of Homeland Security, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 4035, to require the Director of the Office of Personnel Management to take certain actions with respect to the health insurance program carried out under chapter 89 of title 5, United States Code, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

H.R. 5528, to require the Director of the Office of Management and Budget conduct a review to determine the impact of the lowest price technically acceptable source selection process on national security.

GAO REPORT ON OPPORTUNITIES TO REDUCE FRAGMENTATION, OVERLAP, AND DUPLICATION AND ACHIEVE FINANCIAL BENEFITS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Emerging Threats and Spending Oversight concluded a hearing to examine the findings and recommendations of GAO's 2024 Report on Opportunities to Reduce Fragmentation, Overlap, and Duplication and Achieve Financial Benefits, after receiving testimony from Gene L. Dodaro, Comptroller General of the United States, Government Accountability Office.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 2770, to prohibit the distribution of materially deceptive AI-generated audio or visual media relating to candidates for Federal office, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute;

S. 3875, to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to provide further transparency for the

use of content that is substantially generated by artificial intelligence in political advertisements by requiring such advertisements to include a statement within the contents of the advertisements if generative AI was used to generate any image, audio, or video footage in the advertisements, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute; and

S. 3897, to require the Election Assistance Commission to develop voluntary guidelines for the administration of elections that address the use and risks of artificial intelligence technologies, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.

FRONTIER HEALTH CARE

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine frontier health care, focusing on ensuring veterans' access no matter where they live, after receiving testimony from Peter Kaboli, Office of Rural Health, Ryan Heiman, Deputy Executive Director, Member Services, Leonie Heyworth, Deputy Director, Telehealth Services, Office of Con-

nected Care, and Wade Vlosich, Health Care System Director, VA Oklahoma City Health Care System, all of the Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; Alyssa M. Hundrup, Director, Health Care, Government Accountability Office; Chauncey L. Parker, Great Plains Veterans Services Center, Box Elder, Montana; and Jon Retzer, Disabled American Veterans, Washington, D.C.

2024 ELECTIONS

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee concluded a hearing to examine an update on foreign threats to the 2024 elections, after receiving testimony from Avril Haines, Director of National Intelligence, Office of the Director of National Intelligence; Jen Easterly, Director, Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, Department of Homeland Security; and Larissa L. Knapp, Executive Assistant Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Department of Justice.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 17 public bills, H.R. 8401–8417; and 8 resolutions, H.J. Res. 140–143; and H. Res. 1228–1231, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Report Filed: A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 1227, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 8369) to provide for the expeditious delivery of defense articles and defense services for Israel and other matters; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 7530) to limit youth offender status in the District of Columbia to individuals 18 years of age or younger, to direct the Attorney General of the District of Columbia to establish and operate a publicly accessible website containing updated statistics on juvenile crime in the District of Columbia, to amend the District of Columbia Horne Rule Act to prohibit the Council of the District of Columbia from enacting changes to existing criminal liability sentences, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 7343) to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for the detention of certain aliens who commit assault against law enforcement officers; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 8146) to require a report by the Attorney General on the impact the border

crisis is having on law enforcement at the Federal, State, local, and Tribal level; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 7581) to require the Attorney General to develop reports relating to violent attacks against law enforcement officers, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 354) to amend title 18, United States Code, to improve the Law Enforcement Officer Safety Act and provisions relating to the carrying of concealed weapons by law enforcement officers, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 1213) a resolution regarding violence against law enforcement officers; and providing for consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 1210) condemning the Biden border crisis and the tremendous burdens law enforcement officers face as a result (H. Rept. 118–511).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Self to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Recess: The House recessed at 11:25 a.m. and reconvened at 12 p.m.

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Recess: The House recessed at 1:19 p.m. and reconvened at 1:30 p.m.

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D.C. Criminal Reforms to Immediately Make Everyone Safe Act of 2024: The House passed H.R. 7530, to limit youth offender status in the District

of Columbia to individuals 18 years of age or younger, to direct the Attorney General of the District of Columbia to establish and operate a publicly accessible website containing updated statistics on juvenile crime in the District of Columbia, to amend the District of Columbia Home Rule Act to prohibit the Council of the District of Columbia from enacting changes to existing criminal liability sentences, by a yea-and-nay vote of 225 yeas to 181 nays, Roll No. 201.

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Pursuant to the Rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Oversight and Accountability now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted. **Pages H3243–44**

H. Res. 1227, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 8369), (H.R. 7530), (H.R. 7343), (H.R. 8146), (H.R. 7581), (H.R. 354) and the resolutions (H. Res. 1213) and (H. Res. 1210) was agreed to by a recorded vote of 212 ayes to 200 noes with one answering “present”, Roll No. 199, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 212 yeas to 201 nays, Roll No. 198.

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Condemning the Biden border crisis and the tremendous burdens law enforcement officers face as a result: The House agreed to H. Res. 1210, condemning the Biden border crisis and the tremendous burdens law enforcement officers face as a result, by a yea-and-nay vote of 223 yeas to 185 nays with one answering “present”, Roll No. 202.

Pages H3239–43, H3251–52

H. Res. 1227, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 8369), (H.R. 7530), (H.R. 7343), (H.R. 8146), (H.R. 7581), (H.R. 354) and the resolutions (H. Res. 1213) and (H. Res. 1210) was agreed to by a recorded vote of 212 ayes to 200 noes with one answering “present”, Roll No. 199, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 212 yeas to 201 nays, Roll No. 198.

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Improving Law Enforcement Officer Safety and Wellness Through Data Act: The House passed H.R. 7581, to require the Attorney General to develop reports relating to violent attacks against law enforcement officers, by a yea-and-nay vote of 356 yeas to 55 nays, Roll No. 203. **Pages H3236–39, H3252**

Pursuant to the Rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted. **Page H3219**

H. Res. 1227, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 8369), (H.R. 7530), (H.R. 7343), (H.R. 8146), (H.R. 7581), (H.R. 354) and the resolutions (H. Res. 1213) and (H. Res. 1210) was agreed to by a recorded vote of 212 ayes to 200 noes

with one answering “present”, Roll No. 199, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 212 yeas to 201 nays, Roll No. 198.

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Detain and Deport Illegal Aliens Who Assault Cops Act: The House passed H.R. 7343, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for the detention of certain aliens who commit assault against law enforcement officers, by a yea-and-nay vote of 265 yeas to 148 nays, Roll No. 204.

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Pursuant to the Rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole. **Pages H3230–33**

Agreed to:

Molinaro amendment (No. 1 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–511) that requires a GAO study on the number of illegal immigrants detained for assaulting a police officer over the past 5 years;

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Norman amendment (No. 2 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–511) that clarifies that law enforcement includes campus police and school resource officers; and

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LaLota amendment (No. 4 printed in part A of H. Rept. 118–511) that requires the Secretary of DHS to submit an annual report to both the Senate and House Judiciary Committees on the number of aliens detained in the custody of DHS. **Pages H3235–36**

H. Res. 1227, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 8369), (H.R. 7530), (H.R. 7343), (H.R. 8146), (H.R. 7581), (H.R. 354) and the resolutions (H. Res. 1213) and (H. Res. 1210) was agreed to by a recorded vote of 212 ayes to 200 noes with one answering “present”, Roll No. 199, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 212 yeas to 201 nays, Roll No. 198.

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Suspensions—Proceedings Resumed: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures. Consideration began Tuesday, May 14th.

Securing Growth and Robust Leadership in American Aviation Act: Concur in the Senate amendment to H.R. 3935, to amend title 49, United States Code, to reauthorize and improve the Federal Aviation Administration and other civil aviation programs, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 387 yeas to 26 nays, Roll No. 200; **Pages H3229–30**

National Telecommunications and Information Administration Reauthorization Act: H.R. 4510, amended, to reauthorize the National Telecommunications and Information Administration, to update the mission and functions of the agency, by a $\frac{2}{3}$

yea-and-nay vote of 374 yeas to 36 nays, Roll No. 205; **Pages H3253–54**

Youth Poisoning Protection Act: H.R. 4310, to ban the sale of products with a high concentration of sodium nitrite to individuals, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 376 yeas to 34 nays, Roll No. 206; **Page H3254**

Maternal and Child Health Stillbirth Prevention Act: H.R. 4581, amended, to amend title V of the Social Security Act to support stillbirth prevention and research, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 408 yeas to 3 nays, Roll No. 207; **Pages H3254–55**

Emergency Medical Services for Children Reauthorization Act of 2024: H.R. 6960, to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize the Emergency Medical Services for Children program, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 399 yeas to 13 nays, Roll No. 208; **Pages H3255–56**

Setting Consumer Standards for Lithium-Ion Batteries Act: H.R. 1797, amended, to require the Consumer Product Safety Commission to promulgate a consumer product safety standard with respect to rechargeable lithium-ion batteries used in micro-mobility devices, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 378 yeas to 34 nays, Roll No. 209; **Page H3256**

Deploying American Blockchains Act: H.R. 6572, amended, to direct the Secretary of Commerce to take actions necessary and appropriate to promote the competitiveness of the United States related to the deployment, use, application, and competitiveness of blockchain technology or other distributed ledger technology, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 334 yeas to 79 nays, Roll No. 210; **Pages H3256–57**

Promoting Resilient Supply Chains Act: H.R. 6571, amended, to establish a critical supply chain resiliency and crisis response program in the Department of Commerce, and to secure American leadership in deploying emerging technologies, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 390 yeas to 19 nays, Roll No. 211; and **Pages H3257–58**

Transparency In Charges for Key Events Ticketing Act: H.R. 3950, amended, to require sellers of event tickets to disclose comprehensive information to consumers about ticket prices and related fees, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yea-and-nay vote of 388 yeas to 24 nays, Roll No. 212. **Page H3758**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Fourteen yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H3228, H3229, H3229–30, H3250–51, H3251–52, H3252, H3252–53, H3253–54, H3254, H3254–55, H3255–56, H3256, H3256–57, H3257–58, and H3258.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Committee Meetings

APPROPRIATIONS—FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government held a budget hearing on the Federal Trade Commission. Testimony was heard from Lina Khan, Chair, Federal Trade Commission.

EXAMINING THE POLICIES AND PRIORITIES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Committee on Education and Workforce: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Examining the Policies and Priorities of the Department of Health and Human Services”. Testimony was heard from Xavier Becerra, Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services.

THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY BUDGET

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Environment, Manufacturing, and Critical Materials held a hearing entitled “The Fiscal Year 2025 Environmental Protection Agency Budget”. Testimony was heard from Michael S. Regan, Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency.

THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION ADMINISTRATION BUDGET

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Communications and Technology held a hearing entitled “The Fiscal Year 2025 National Telecommunications and Information Administration Budget”. Testimony was heard from Alan Davidson, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information and Administrator, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, Department of Commerce.

OVERSIGHT OF PRUDENTIAL REGULATORS

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Oversight of Prudential Regulators”. Testimony was heard from Michael Barr, Vice Chairman for Supervision, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; Martin Gruenberg, Chairman, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; and Michael Hsu, Acting Comptroller, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Department of the Treasury.

EXAMINING THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 STATE AND FOREIGN OPERATIONS BUDGET REQUEST FOR AFRICA

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Subcommittee on Africa held a hearing entitled “Examining the Fiscal Year 2025 State and Foreign Operations Budget Request for Africa”. Testimony was heard from Molly Phee, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of African Affairs, Department of State; and Monde Muyangwa, Assistant Administrator, Bureau of Africa, U.S. Agency for International Development.

STANDING STRONG ON THE THIN BLUE LINE: HOW CONGRESS CAN SUPPORT STATE AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT

Committee on Homeland Security: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Standing Strong on the Thin Blue Line: How Congress Can Support State and Local Law Enforcement”. Testimony was heard from Gregory Mays, Deputy Commissioner of Homeland Security, Tennessee Department of Safety and Homeland Security; Michael Chapman, Sheriff, Loudoun County, Virginia; and public witnesses.

AN EXAMINATION OF THE TRANSPORTATION SECURITY ADMINISTRATION'S FISCAL YEAR 2025 BUDGET

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Transportation and Maritime Security held a hearing entitled “An Examination of the Transportation Security Administration's Fiscal Year 2025 Budget”. Testimony was heard from David Pekoske, Administrator, Transportation and Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security.

ANTISEMITISM ON COLLEGE CAMPUSES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution and Limited Government held a hearing entitled “Antisemitism on College Campuses”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

HEARING ON THE WEAPONIZATION OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

Committee on the Judiciary: Select Subcommittee on the Weaponization of the Federal Government held a hearing entitled “Hearing on the Weaponization of the Federal Government”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

EXAMINING THE PRESIDENT'S FISCAL YEAR 2025 BUDGET REQUEST FOR THE BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT AND NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Federal Lands held a hearing entitled “Examining the President's FY 2025 Budget Request for the Bureau

of Land Management and National Park Service”. Testimony was heard from Tracy Stone-Manning, Director, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; and Charles F. Sams III, Director, National Park Service, Department of the Interior.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Oversight and Accountability: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 8333, the “BIO-SECURE Act”; H.R. 5255, the “Federal Cybersecurity Vulnerability Reduction Act of 2023”; H.R. 8334, the “Grant Integrity and Border Security Act”; H.R. 8276, the “Reuse Excess Property Act”; H.R. 8335, the “Billion Dollar Boondoggle Act of 2024”; H.R. 6462, the “Resilient Employment and Authorization Determination to Increase the National Employment of Serving Spouses Act”; H.R. 5985, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 517 Seagaze Drive in Oceanside, California, as the “Charlesetta Reece Allen Post Office Building”; H.R. 6810, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 518 North Ridgewood Drive in Sebring, Florida, as the “U.S. Army Air Corps Major Thomas B. McGuire Post Office Building”; and H.R. 7893, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 306 Pickens Street in Marion, Alabama, as the “Albert Turner, Sr. Post Office Building”. H.R. 8333, H.R. 5255, H.R. 8334, H.R. 8276, H.R. 8335, and H.R. 6462 were ordered reported, as amended. H.R. 5985, H.R. 6810, and H.R. 7893 were ordered reported, without amendment.

RED ALERT: COUNTERING THE CYBERTHREAT FROM CHINA

Committee on Oversight and Accountability: Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Information Technology, and Government Innovation held a hearing entitled “Red Alert: Countering the Cyberthreat from China”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

UNDER THE MICROSCOPE: REVIEWING KEY SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION PROGRAMS WITH ASSOCIATE ADMINISTRATOR FROST

Committee on Small Business: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Under the Microscope: Reviewing Key SBA Programs with Associate Administrator Frost”. Testimony was heard from Katie Frost, Associate Administrator, Office of Capital Access, Small Business Administration.

REVIEWING AND EXAMINING THE FRANCIS SCOTT KEY BRIDGE FEDERAL RESPONSE

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Reviewing and Examining the Francis Scott Key Bridge Federal Response”. Testimony was heard from Vice Admiral Peter Gautier, Deputy Commandant for Operations, U.S. Coast Guard; Major General William H. Graham, Deputy Commanding General, Civil and Emergency Operations, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; Shaileen Bhatt, Administrator, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation; and Jennifer Homendy, Chair, National Transportation Safety Board.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Ways and Means: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 8290, the “Foreign Grant Reporting Act”; H.R. 8291, the “End Zuckerbucks Act”; H.R. 8293, the “American Donor Privacy and Foreign Funding Transparency Act”; H.R. 8314, the “No Foreign Election Interference Act”; and H.R. 8292, the “Taxpayer Data Protection Act”. H.R. 8290, H.R. 8291, H.R. 8293, H.R. 8314, and H.R. 8292 were ordered reported, as amended.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MAY 16, 2024

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Armed Services: to hold hearings to examine the posture of the Department of the Navy in review of the Defense Authorization Request for Fiscal Year 2025 and the Future Years Defense Program; to be immediately followed by a closed session in SVC-217, 9:15 a.m., SH-216.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold an oversight hearing to examine U.S. financial regulators, focusing on accountability and financial stability, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine the President’s proposed budget request for fiscal year 2025 for the Forest Service, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Finance: to hold hearings to examine rural health care, focusing on supporting lives and improving communities, 10 a.m., SD-215.

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine Department of State modernization and management, focusing on building a Department to address 21st century challenges, 10:30 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine the dental care crisis in Amer-

ica, focusing on making dental care more affordable and more available, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on the Judiciary: business meeting to consider S. 930, to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to provide public safety officer benefits for exposure-related cancers, S. 3335, to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to establish a grant program to help law enforcement agencies with civilian law enforcement tasks, S. 4235, to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to reauthorize grants to support for law enforcement officers and families, and S. 1306, to reauthorize the COPS ON THE BEAT grant program, 10 a.m., SD-G50.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government: budget hearing on the Federal Communications Commission, 10 a.m., 2362-A Rayburn.

Committee on the Budget: Full Committee, markup on H.R. 8341, the “Cost Estimates Improvement Act”; H.R. 8195, the “Strengthening Administrative PAYGO Act of 2024”; H.R. 8342, the “Improper Payments Transparency Act”; H.R. 8343, the “Enhancing Improper Payment Accountability Act”; and legislation on the Debt Per Taxpayer Information Act, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Health: markup on H.R. 3433, the “Give Kids a Chance Act”; H.R. 7383, the “Retaining Access and Restoring Exclusivity Act”; H.R. 7384, the “Creating Hope Reauthorization Act of 2024”; H.R. 7188, the “Shandra Eisenga Human Cell and Tissue Product Safety Act”; H.R. 6033, the “Supporting Patient Education And Knowledge (SPEAK) Act of 2023”; H.R. 7858, the “Telehealth Enhancement for Mental Health Act of 2024”; H.R. 7623, the “Telehealth Modernization Act of 2024”; H.R. 1406, the “Sustainable Cardiopulmonary Rehabilitation Services in the Home Act”; H.R. 7856, the “PREVENT DIABETES Act”; H.R. 5394, the “Expanding Remote Monitoring Access Act”; H.R. 1199, the “Facilitating Innovative Nuclear Diagnostics Act of 2023”; H.R. 6020, the “Honor Our Living Donors Act”; H.R. 455, to amend the Controlled Substances Act to fix a technical error in the definitions; H.R. 7213, the “Autism Collaboration, Accountability, Research, Education, and Support Act of 2024”; H.R. 4534, the “Women and Lung Cancer Research and Preventive Services Act of 2023”; H.R. 670, the “Think Differently Database Act”; H.R. 8084, the “LIVE Beneficiaries Act”; H.R. 8089, the “Medicare and Medicaid Fraud Prevention Act of 2024”; H.R. 8111, to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to ensure the reliability of address information provided under the Medicaid program; H.R. 8112, to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to further require certain additional provider screening under the Medicaid program; H.R. 4758, the “Accelerating Kids’ Access to Care Act”; H.R. 3227, the “Ensuring Seniors’ Access to Quality Care Act”; H.R. 468, the “Building America’s Health Care Workforce Act”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee, markup on H.R. 758, the “Promoting Access to Capital in

Underbanked Communities Act”; H.R. 3161, the “CDFI Fund Transparency Act”; H.R. 8337, the “Bank Resilience and Regulatory Improvement Act”; H.R. 8338, the “Clarity in Lending Act”; H.R. 8339, the “SEC Reform and Restructuring Act”; H.R. 4551, the “Protecting Investors’ Personally Identifiable Information Act”; H.J. Res. 100, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Securities and Exchange Commission relating to “Cybersecurity Risk Management, Strategy, Governance, and Incident Disclosure”; H.R. 8302, the “HUD Evaluation and Optimization Act of 2024”; H.R. 3507, the “Yes in My Backyard Act”; H.R. 7480, the “Disabled Veterans Housing Support Act”; and H.R. 8340, the “Housing Unhoused Disabled Veterans Act”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 8315, to amend the Export Control Reform Act of 2018 to prevent foreign adversaries from exploiting United States artificial intelligence and other enabling technologies, and for other purposes; H.R. 8361, to impose sanctions with respect to economic or industrial espionage by foreign adversarial companies, and for other purposes; H.R. 8152, to amend the Export Control Reform Act of 2018 to provide for control of remote access of items, and for other purposes; H.R. 3012, to reauthorize the North Korean Human Rights Act of 2004, and for other purposes; H.R. 8001, to impose sanctions on the Houthis for attacks on international shipping, and for other purposes; H.R. 8046, to impose sanctions with respect to Rosatom, and for other purposes; H.R. 3246, to authorize the imposition of sanctions with respect to any foreign person endangering the integrity or safety of the Zaporzhzhia nuclear power plant; H.R. 681, to reauthorize the READ Act; H.R. 8310, to require strategies on United States policy towards the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and for other purposes; H.R. 7586, to establish a Department of State Domestic Protection Mission relating to unmanned aircraft system and unmanned aircraft; H.R. 8368, to establish a Coordinator for Afghan Relocation Efforts in the Department of State, and for other purposes; H. Res. 1056, recognizing the importance of trilateral cooperation among the United States, Japan, and South Korea; H. Res. 1063, reaffirming the United States full and unwavering commitment to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization in its 75th anniversary year and its goals of achieving collective security through transatlantic partnerships; H.R. 8362, to direct the Secretary of State to host regular U.S.-Africa Leaders Summits, and for other purposes; and H.R. 8234, to authorize the Secretary of State to designate additional persons eligible to serve as passport acceptance agents, and for other purposes, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Emergency Management and Technology; and Subcommittee on Counterterrorism, Law Enforcement, and Intelligence, joint hearing entitled “Unmanned Aerial Systems: An Examination of the Use of Drones in Emergency Response”, 10 a.m., 310 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Oversight, Investigations, and Accountability, hearing entitled “Security Risk: The Un-

precedented Surge in Chinese Illegal Immigration”, 2 p.m., 310 Cannon.

Committee on House Administration, Full Committee, hearing entitled “American Confidence in Elections: Preventing Noncitizen Voting and Other Foreign Interference”, 10:15 a.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on the Judiciary, Full Committee, markup on a Report Recommending that the House of Representatives Cite United States Attorney General Merrick B. Garland for Contempt of Congress; H.R. 1398, the “Protect America’s Innovation and Economic Security from CCP Act”; H.R. 7909, the “Violence Against Women by Illegal Aliens Act”; H.R. 7803, to amend title 35, United States Code, to provide a good faith exception to the imposition of certain fines, and for other purposes; and H.R. 8296, the “GAO Database Modernization Act”, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Examining the Council on Environmental Quality Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Request and Related Policy Matters”, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife and Fisheries, hearing entitled “Examining the President’s FY 2025 Budget Proposal for the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and the Power Marketing Administrations”, 2:30 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Accountability, Select Subcommittee on the Coronavirus Pandemic, hearing entitled “Overseeing the Overseers: A Hearing with NIH Deputy Director Lawrence Tabak”, 9 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on National Security, the Border, and Foreign Affairs, hearing entitled “Intruder Alert: Assessing the CCP’s Ongoing Infiltration of U.S. Military Installations”, 9 a.m., 2247 Rayburn and HVC-301. A portion of this hearing will be closed.

Full Committee, markup on legislation recommending that the House of Representatives find Attorney General Merrick B. Garland in Contempt of Congress for refusal to comply with a subpoena duly issued by the Committee on Oversight and Accountability, 8 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Subcommittee on Research and Technology, hearing entitled “Oversight and Examination of the National Science Foundation’s Priorities for 2025 and Beyond”, 10 a.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs, Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled “Ensuring VA’s Security: How Can Congress Best Support VA’s Law Enforcement”, 2 p.m., 360 Cannon.

Select Committee on the Strategic Competition Between the United States and the Chinese Communist Party, Full Committee, hearing entitled “All Roads Leading to Beijing? The CCP’s Global Development Offensive”, 9:30 a.m., HVC-210.

Joint Meeting

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: to hold hearings to examine Ukraine and its defensive needs, 2 p.m., 2212, Rayburn Building.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Thursday, May 16

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: Senate will begin consideration of H.J. Res. 109, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Securities and Exchange Commission relating to “Staff Accounting Bulletin No. 121”, and vote on passage thereon at 11:30 a.m. Following disposition of the joint resolution, Senate will vote on confirmation of the nomination of Camela C. Theeler, of South Dakota, to be United States District Judge for the District of South Dakota.

At 1:45 p.m., Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Seth Robert Aframe, of New Hampshire, to be United States Circuit Judge for the First Circuit.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Thursday, May 16

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: Consideration of H.R. 8369—Israel Security Assistance Support Act. Consideration of H.R. 354—LEOSA Reform Act. Consideration of H.R. 8146—Police Our Border Act.

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