

19 States have enacted some form of website age verification requirement.

The Supreme Court is poised to rule on the Texas age verification law. Whether they apply strict scrutiny or a lower form of judicial review, it is abundantly clear that the SCREEN Act is the answer.

We must take decisive action to protect our children from the scourge of pornography. I urge the House and Senate to act swiftly in passing the SCREEN Act so that President Trump can sign it into law.

#### FAREWELL TO KELVIN LUM

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

Mr. BERA. Mr. Speaker, it is both an honor and a bittersweet moment for me today as my office bids farewell to someone who has been a cornerstone of Team Bera since my first year in office in 2013.

When Kelvin Lum first walked in through the doors as an intern, no one could have predicted the tremendous impact that he would have not just on our office, but on the lives of the people who we serve.

Over his tenure, Kelvin has been instrumental in securing funding for numerous projects that have improved the lives of Sacramento County residents. From forging relationships with community partners, to working behind the scenes to ensure that Federal resources reach those who need it the most, Kelvin has played a vital role in making these projects a reality.

His leadership and dedication have left a lasting impact on our community, from strengthening our infrastructure and expanding public safety initiatives, to driving economic development that has lifted up families and businesses alike.

Kelvin has set an example for all of us of what it means to lead with integrity, to work with passion, and to always put the people who we serve at the heart of what we do.

Beyond his official duties, Kelvin is a mentor and a friend to everyone on our team and across the Halls of Congress.

While we will all miss Kelvin in our office, I know that the work he has done here will continue to have a lasting impact. His legacy is woven into every bill we have passed, every amendment we have introduced, and every constituent we have helped.

That said, Kelvin will continue to be in service of others as the director of Federal policy at Stop AAPI Hate, a nonprofit that fights discrimination against the AANHPI community. I have no doubt that he will bring the same dedication and passion to this role as he has in our office.

Perhaps Kelvin's greatest accomplishment was meeting his future wife, Nisha, in our office. It is our hope that Kelvin soon will add to the next generation of Team Bera. We wish Kelvin and Nisha the best in this next endeavor.

Please join me in thanking Kelvin for his service to our community and our great Nation as we send him off with our heartfelt thanks and appreciation.

#### PROTECT MEDICAID BENEFITS FOR AMERICAN CITIZENS

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

Mr. KILEY of California. Mr. Speaker, I am calling on Congress today to protect Medicaid benefits for American citizens.

There are a number of States that are using taxpayer dollars to provide Medicaid to those who are in our country illegally. These are public funds that could have been spent providing care for their own citizens.

Worst of all is my own State of California, which became the first State in the Nation, the only State in the Nation, to provide free Medi-Cal to every single person in our State illegally.

It was recently revealed that this is costing California taxpayers \$9.5 billion this year alone. Right now, we are talking about costs over a 10-year time horizon, so let's consider what that cost will be here.

The cost is surely going to grow in terms of the year-over-year cost given, A, the rising cost of healthcare; and, B, increased enrollment. When you are the only State that is offering this most generous benefit, it entices people to come to your State. Indeed, that is why it went up 46 percent this year.

That is why, last year, the San Diego border sector had the most illegal border crossings of any border sector in the country for the first time since the 1990s.

When that \$9.5 billion cost is factored in this year and the rate at which it is going to grow year over year for the next decade, we are talking about hundreds of billions of dollars that is going to go toward providing Medicaid benefits to people who are in our country illegally. These are funds that could have gone toward improving access to care for the most vulnerable Californians.

Mr. Speaker, I think this is absolutely unacceptable. For all of the Members who have been giving impassioned speeches about the importance of protecting Medicaid, joining our efforts to stop this and joining my bill, the No Medicaid for Illegal Immigrants Act, is an opportunity to do just that.

IN RECOGNITION OF KATHRYN MANDICHAK ON HER RETIREMENT

Mr. KILEY of California. Mr. Speaker, I wish to recognize retiring Mono County Board of Education member, Kathryn Mandichak, for her years of devoted service to the people of Mono County.

Kathryn has been a leader in the local community for over four decades, serving trustee area 1 as a board member for 11 terms.

Kathy was born in Huntington Park, California, later moving to Mono Coun-

ty with her husband and three children from Whittier.

In 1982, Kathy began her service on the Mono County Board of Education to fulfill her mission of providing what she described as a "good solid education" to the students of her community.

During her tenure as a board member, Kathy continuously advocated for the support and services of the Mono County Office of Education and Mono County Public Libraries.

With the education board also serving as the county's library authority board, Kathy worked tirelessly to support various local libraries, including her beloved Coleville Library.

In addition to her work on the Mono County Board of Education, Kathy also serves as a commissioner of the Antelope Valley Fire District. As commissioner, Kathy has personified the district's core values of professionalism, courtesy, and efficiency. She worked to provide fire-prevention services and safety education to the people of Mono County.

Kathy is known by others for her quick wit, thoughtful guidance, and for her significant contributions to the Mono County Board of Education. Her leadership and continued devotion to service have been the hallmark of her career.

It is because of people like Kathryn Mandichak that Mono County is such a great place to live, to learn, to work, and to recreate. Her dedicated efforts contributed to the overall academic success of students of the region, as well as the safety and security of the people of Mono County.

Therefore, on behalf of the United States House of Representatives, it is an honor and a privilege to acknowledge Kathryn Mandichak for her career in public service. I join the people of Mono County in wishing Kathy the very best in her retirement.

#### RECESS

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

Accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 42 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess.

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#### AFTER RECESS

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

#### PRAYER

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

Most Holy God, let Your goodness pass before us. In this day and in this place, when so much around us blinds us with contention and confusion,

come before this body and guard us with Your guiding presence to lead us through the wilderness of unease and uncertainty, differences and discord.

Proclaim Your name in our presence, that the sound of the name that is above all names will direct our ears to hear You in the deliberations around us and will focus our minds on the importance of the work You set before us.

In You then, God, will we trust when You show grace to those whom You have chosen to be gracious. To You we will be faithful and not question when You show mercy to those on whom You have chosen to show mercy, but may we be obedient when You send us forth to be vessels of that grace and mercy even to those whom You have challenged us to serve, and may we be thankful when that grace and mercy fall on us.

Spirit of our gracious and merciful God, fall afresh on us as we offer our prayers for this day.

Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. 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. Will the gentleman from Texas (Mr. VEASEY) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. VEASEY led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

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

### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

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

### FAILING WAR CRIMINAL PUTIN

(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, I attended the Munich Security Conference last week where Danish Prime Minister Mette Frederiksen correctly identified the Ukrainian war as the Russian war in Ukraine.

In maniacal, murderous efforts to resurrect the failed Soviet Union, war criminal Putin has oppressed the people of Russia, invaded Ukraine, maintained occupation of Moldovan Transnistria, invaded Ukrainian Crimea, seized South Ossetia and Abkhazia of Georgia, and rigged the Georgian Parliamentary election, which was won by the courageous Sa-

lome Zourabichvili. He virtually annexed Belarus by rigging a Presidential election won by Sviatlana Tsikhanouskaya and then invaded Ukraine twice, where Ukraine, successfully armed with Javelin missiles by President Donald Trump, has resisted.

Desperate war criminal Putin has confirmed his failing attempt to resurrect the failed Soviet Union, threatening the Baltic Republics and even Poland.

In conclusion, God bless our troops as the global war on terrorism continues. Open borders for dictators put all Americans at risk of more 9/11 attacks imminent, as warned by the FBI. President Trump is reinstituting existing laws to protect American families with peace through strength.

Our sympathy to the family of the legendary Roberta Flack, who will always be cherished for her loving connection to the American people.

### HONORING REVEREND DR. M.L. CURRY

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

Mr. VEASEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of a true community leader in the west Dallas area, Reverend Dr. M.L. Curry.

For 44 years, Dr. Curry preached the Word of God from west Dallas and beyond North America, always living by the words of his first sermon: "Here I Am Lord, Send Me, I'll Go."

Throughout his years of service, he went out into our communities lifting up the lost, strengthening the faithful, and fighting for justice.

Dr. Curry was a man of deep conviction. He was a true servant, an activist, and a champion for the west Dallas community. He was one of my first friends in the west Dallas area.

He marched for the homeless and did everything he could to help make housing more secure for vulnerable families in Dallas. He was also the president of the West Dallas Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance for over 25 years, leading clergy in that area to help improve outcomes in the community.

Today, we remember a man of deep faith, deep action, and someone who was a man of love.

Dr. Curry has gone home to glory, but his legacy will live on forever. May he rest in peace.

### RELIEF FOR VIRGINIA'S FARMERS AND LOGGERS

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

Mr. MCGUIRE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to talk about an important milestone in my congressional career. Last week, I introduced my first bill as a Member of this body. I introduced the Agricultural and Forestry Hauling Efficiency Act.

For me, this is a safety concern. On the one hand, this bill helps farmers and loggers feed and fuel this country by helping them move product across the Commonwealth of Virginia directly from their farms to their processors, but the bill also increases transportation safety.

Agriculture and logging are two of the largest industries in the Commonwealth of Virginia, combining for over \$120 billion in annual economic impact. However, unlike many other States, currently Virginia loggers primarily use rural roadways to transport product because of weight limitations on interstate highways.

My bill increases the maximum weight allowance from 80,000 pounds to 90,000 pounds on interstate highways in Virginia for trucks hauling certain agricultural and forest products. This will ensure a safer and more efficient transportation system while reducing congestion and fatalities on secondary roads.

I am proud that the first bill that I introduced in Congress is very important not only for my district but for the rest of the Commonwealth.

I thank Congressman ROB WITTMAN for supporting this legislation, and I thank the associations that advocated for this bill.

### SOLVING PROBLEMS FOR THE AMERICAN PEOPLE

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

Mr. JEFFRIES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to address one issue of concern to the American people and then an incredibly important issue related to the district that I am privileged to represent back home in Brooklyn.

The American people elected us to solve problems on their behalf and to address the issues that matter, like the high cost of living, to lower housing costs, to lower grocery costs, to lower childcare costs, to lower insurance costs, and lower utility costs. America is too expensive.

We need to build an affordable economy for hardworking American taxpayers at home in Brooklyn and all across America. That is what we were elected to do, to solve problems, not to make things worse.

The Republicans have decided to proceed with a budget resolution that sets in motion the largest cut to Medicaid in American history up to, if not beyond, \$880 billion in Medicaid cuts. Children will be devastated, families will be devastated, everyday Americans with disabilities will be devastated, seniors will be devastated, hospitals will be devastated, and nursing homes will be devastated.

Democrats are going to stand on the side of the American people, and that is why each and every Democrat opposed these out-of-control, harmful, potential cuts to Medicaid that were part of the Republican budget resolution.