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Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, June 9, 2025, at 3 p.m.

House of Representatives

FRIDAY, JUNE 6, 2025

The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker.

PRAYER

Giani Surinder Singh, Gurdwara South Jersey Sikh Society, Vineland, New Jersey, offered the following prayer:

“Ik Onkar Satguru Prasad”; “One universal creator God, by the grace of the true guru.”

Almighty God, Waheguru, we call You by many names, but You are one. Keep Your divine hand over the Members of this House as they help steer the future of our great Nation. Keep truth on our tongues, love in our hearts, and sound judgment in our minds. Remind us of our purpose: to love and serve one another and create a more peaceful world.

We ask for blessings unto all leaders as they work for the common good. Give all who govern this land humility, courage, integrity, and compassion. Release each one of us from ego so that we may serve selflessly. Help us remember that we belong to one family.

Recognize the entire human race as one.

We ask of the Almighty to also keep watch over our Nation’s protectors who work tirelessly day and night to ensure our safety and our freedom.

You are everywhere, all are Yours. Whatever is seen, O God, is Your form. My Lord, You are but one.

In the name of Nanak, find everlasting optimism, with Your will. Almighty God, may there be grace for entire humanity.

We pay homage to all the martyrs of the world who fought for liberty, justice, and equality.

“Smooch Shaheedan Nu Kot Kot Parnam”; “My homage to all martyrs in the world.”

“Waheguru Ji Ka Khalsa”; “The Khalsa belongs to God.”

“Waheguru Ji Kee Fateh”; “Victory belongs to God.”

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day’s proceedings and announces to the Chamber the approval thereof.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania 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.

WELCOMING HEAD GRANTHI GIANI SURINDER SINGH

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. VAN DREW) is recognized for 1 minute. There was no objection.

Mr. VAN DREW. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor today to welcome Giani Singh as our guest chaplain.

Giani Singh has served as Head Granthi at the Gurdwara in Vineland, New Jersey, since 2012.

Day after day, year after year, he leads not just with words but with example, with peace, with humility, and with service toward all.

These are not just Sikh values. They are American values. They truly are human values. We have seen that shared spirit in action.

Today is the 81st anniversary of D-day. On the beaches of Normandy, Sikh soldiers fought shoulder to shoulder with Allied forces. That same spirit and that same bravery lives on today, as Sikh Americans continue to serve our great communities in the great Nation of the United States of America.

Mr. Speaker, I thank all my colleagues for coming here today.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BOST). The Chair will entertain up to five further requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

NATIONAL TRAILS DAY

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

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the upcoming National Trails Day, a celebration of America’s vast and scenic trail system.

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June 7 is National Trails Day, a call to get outside and enjoy the natural beauty that surrounds us.

I am especially proud to highlight a true gem in my district, the Trails at Jakes Rocks, located in the heart of the Pennsylvania Wilds.

This stunning trail system was named Pennsylvania's 2024 Trail of the Year and for good reason. It offers world-class mountain biking and breathtaking views across the Allegheny National Forest, welcoming everyone from beginners to seasoned outdoor enthusiasts.

In today's digital world, our trails remind us of the value of unplugging and reconnecting with nature, with one another, and with ourselves.

Trails like Jakes Rocks are more than just pathways. They are investments in public health, economic development, and quality of life.

Mr. Speaker, I thank the volunteers, local leaders, and outdoor enthusiasts who have made this trail possible.

AID TO GAZA

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

Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, Gaza is starving. Since March, Palestinians have waited for food, water, medical supplies, and nutrition kits that have not come.

Instead, an estimated 170,000 metric tons of aid sits right outside the Gaza Strip, prohibited to enter by Prime Minister Netanyahu.

Let me be clear. Since October 7, the return of all hostages, living and dead, has been my priority. They must be returned home to their loved ones, living and deceased.

Dignity must be afforded Palestinians, as well. Children must be fed. Doctors must be able to treat the injured and the dying. As of now, that has not happened.

Instead, there is chaos, gunfire, and imminent death. Half of the 2.3 million Gazans soon face starvation. Gaza is at risk of an avoidable famine.

Look at this photo of a young girl in her father's arms who has lost more than 40 percent of her body weight. That is the condition in Gaza.

Look at this photo of desperately needed aid sitting right outside reach.

Where is our humanity? Where is our compassion? We must bring aid, hope, and life to Gaza.

HONORING A.E. "PETER" PIERCE

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

Mr. EZELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the life and legacy of a great Mississippian, A.E. "Peter" Pierce of Helena, who went home to be with the Lord in the early morning hours of May 24.

Peter was the best to everyone. He was a devoted husband to his beloved,

Grace, for 69 years; a U.S. Army veteran; a hardworking father; grandfather; and public servant.

He was a man whose quiet faith was lived out in everyday acts of service. From the shipyards of Pascagoula to the halls of the Jackson County Board of Supervisors, from coaching Little League to mowing the church lawn, even after his diagnosis, Peter gave his time, his energy, and his heart to others.

He was a faithful member of Escatawpa Assembly of God, a friend to the forgotten, and a kind man who cooked Christmas breakfast for his grandkids, always reminding them he was the most blessed man on Earth.

We grieve his loss, but we celebrate a life well lived, and we thank God for the example he gave us.

LIFESAVING FOREIGN AID

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

Mr. MAGAZINER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today for the 17th time to demand that the Trump administration deliver on its promise to restore funding for lifesaving food aid.

This so-called pause on lifesaving food aid is unnecessary and unconscionable.

"Anybody who tells you that we can slash foreign aid and that will bring us to balance is lying to you." Foreign aid is less than 1 percent of our budget. That is a quote from Marco Rubio before he worked for Donald Trump. This is not how we solve our budget problem. A fraction of a fraction of a percent of the Federal budget goes to lifesaving global food aid.

The Trump administration has said they will restore it. They need to follow their own words and do so immediately before more lives are lost.

I will keep speaking on this floor every day until they do.

HONORING EMBRY-RIDDLE AERONAUTICAL UNIVERSITY

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

Mr. FINE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the women's rowing team at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University on their first-ever national championship as a rowing team and to recognize the university for its first-ever national championship since it joined the NCAA II era.

They won this race, rowing more than a mile, 2000 meters, in Mercer Lake, New Jersey. If we think about it, that is a long way to row. I understand this. I have two sons who are rowers. It is a very, very challenging sport. I congratulate them for doing it.

Not only did they win the national championship but Head Coach Grant Maddock earned the Sunshine State Conference Coach of the Year honors.

Soleil Edwards, my son's former teammate, was named winner of the NCAA ELITE 90 award. This means she had the highest GPA of anyone rowing at that national championship.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate them, and I wish them the best of luck in the season ahead.

WELCOMING NONSTOP FLIGHT FROM INDIANAPOLIS TO DUBLIN

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

Mr. SHREVE. Mr. Speaker, Indiana is at the Crossroads of America. The Indianapolis International Airport is in my district. It is one of the reasons we proudly hold the claim to the distinction of Crossroads of America.

This past month, Indianapolis International Airport welcomed a nonstop transatlantic flight to one of our gates. The flight from Indianapolis to Dublin on Aer Lingus marked the start of daily nonstop service to this European gateway and onward connections throughout Europe.

Importantly, it represents an important economic development tool. Indianapolis has long been recognized as one of our country's best midsize airports. We completed a multiyear, multibillion-dollar infrastructure project to ensure that Indianapolis is prepared for our growing economy.

In addition to 53 nonstop designations served by Indianapolis, we are the home of FedEx's national hub, only the second largest in the country for FedEx. Our maiden Aer Lingus flight is a testament to the strength of Indianapolis and reflects the global reach of our Hoosier economy.

I look forward to continuing my work to enhance IND and other airports across Indiana's Sixth District.

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AMERICAN ENTREPRENEURS FIRST ACT OF 2025

Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to House Resolution 458, I call up the bill (H.R. 2966) to require the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to require an applicant for certain loans of the Administration to provide certain citizenship status documentation, and for other purposes, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 458, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Small Business, printed in the bill, is adopted and the bill, as amended, is considered read.

The text of the bill, as amended, is as follows:

H.R. 2966

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 “American Entrepreneurs First Act of 2025”.

SEC. 2. REQUIREMENTS FOR CITIZENSHIP STATUS DOCUMENTATION FOR CERTAIN LOAN PROGRAMS OF THE SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION.

(a) *IN GENERAL.*—The Administrator of the Small Business Administration shall ensure that any application for a loan submitted under section 7(a) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 636(a)) or title V of the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 (15 U.S.C. 695 et seq.) includes the following information:

(1) The date of birth for each individual applicant for such loan or for each individual owner of an applicant concern.

(2) Certification that—

(A) an individual applicant for such loan is a citizen of the United States, a national of the United States, or a lawful permanent resident of the United States; or

(B) an applicant concern for such loan or a guarantor for such loan is 100 percent beneficially owned by individuals who are either citizens of the United States, nationals of the United States, or lawful permanent residents of the United States.

(3) Certification that no direct or indirect owner of an applicant concern for such loan is an ineligible person.

(4) Documentation of the alien registration number of any lawful permanent resident who is—

(A) an individual applicant for such loan; or

(B) an owner of an applicant concern.

(b) *PROHIBITION.*—An applicant for a loan under section 7(a) of the Small Business Act (15 U.S.C. 636(a)) or title V of the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 (15 U.S.C. 695 et seq.) is ineligible for such loan if—

(1) the applicant submits the application for such loan after the date of the enactment of this Act and such application does not contain the information required under subsection (a);

(2) in the case such applicant is an applicant concern, any direct or indirect owner of such applicant concern is an ineligible person; or

(3) in the case such applicant is an individual applicant, such applicant is an ineligible person.

(c) *INELIGIBLE PERSON DEFINED.*—In this Act, the term “ineligible person” means—

(1) an asylee;

(2) a refugee;

(3) an individual issued a visa to remain in the United States;

(4) an alien classified as a nonimmigrant under any subparagraph of section 101(a)(15) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(15));

(5) an alien to whom deferred action has been granted pursuant to the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals policy announced by the Secretary of Homeland Security on June 15, 2012; or

(6) an alien present in the United States without lawful status under the immigration laws (as such term is defined in section 101(a) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1101(a))).

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 Small Business or their respective designees.

The gentleman from Texas (Mr. WILLIAMS) and the gentlewoman from New York (Ms. VELÁZQUEZ) each will control 30 minutes.

The Chair now recognizes the gentleman from Texas.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all

Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and submit extraneous material on the bill under consideration.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 2966, the American Entrepreneurs First Act of 2025, introduced by Representative VAN DUYNE from the great State of Texas.

For 4 years under the Biden-Harris administration, the SBA approved loans for illegal immigrants despite their ineligibility. This bill requires citizenship verification of SBA loan assistance applications to ensure that taxpayer-backed loans go only to American entrepreneurs.

This Congress, the Committee on Small Business is working to carry out the Made in America agenda alongside the Trump administration. It is critical that we get the capital necessary for U.S.-owned small businesses to ensure they have everything they need to expand and grow.

This bill codifies both President Trump's executive order to end taxpayer subsidization of open borders and Administrator Loeffler's SBA 7(a) program guardrails put in place earlier this year.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to support this bill for Main Street America so Americans can achieve the dream of entrepreneurship and business ownership, and I reserve the balance of my time.

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

Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong opposition to H.R. 2966, the American Entrepreneurs First Act.

If we really wanted to put American entrepreneurs first, we would be debating a bill to strengthen SBA lending and make it easier to access capital, or we could stop playing political games and finally vote to exempt small businesses from these painful on-again, off-again tariffs. That would put American entrepreneurs first.

Unfortunately, this bill does nothing to help small businesses grow or adjust to supply chain disruptions or unexpected tariff costs. Rather, it will actually make it harder for thousands of legally operating small businesses to get the financing they need at a time they need it most.

SBA loans are supposed to help creditworthy businesses that cannot get loans elsewhere. That includes many immigrant-owned businesses, businesses that follow the rules, pay taxes, and create jobs in our communities.

Let's set the record straight. First, the Small Business Act already prohibits the use of funds for individuals not lawfully within the United States. Contrary to any statement that my

colleagues may make that Democrats have supported this, this is incorrect. The statute is clear. Secondly, there is no evidence, not a shred of evidence, that has been shared with Members of Congress, the public, the IG, or other law enforcement officials.

My colleagues across the aisle keep claiming that the Administrator, along with DOGE, identified a case wherein an illegal alien—we will get to my thoughts on that term in a minute—received a nearly \$1 million loan despite holding only 49 percent ownership of a business.

These allegations are unsubstantiated. We have seen no documents, data, or details that have been shared to support this claim. This claim reportedly came from DOGE, which immediately sets off alarm bells given the well-documented issues with privacy and accuracy since its inception.

It is also troublesome that Republicans are blindly relying on the SBA Administrator's word. At our committee hearing the day before yesterday, all we heard from her was empty rhetoric and evasive answers. I would need to see some evidence before accepting her word on a case such as this.

If we are being asked to enact such drastic measures without proper vetting or a thoughtful process, then we need more than her assurances. We need evidence. We need real facts, not fabricated ones, to back up these accusations.

Republican support for this bill seems to be strictly based on this one case, but without the facts and circumstances, how can we know the truth?

Oftentimes, my counterparts seem to refer to anyone born outside the U.S. as an “illegal,” but Democrats understand the nuances of immigration status. What they call an illegal may actually be a visa holder, a green card holder, or someone with DACA or TPS protections. Precision of language matters, especially when it involves accusations of fraud.

That brings me to my next point. Without a full accounting of this case, we could be looking at an illegal rescission of loan funds made by the Trump administration. For all we know, the recipient of that loan was in compliance with the SBA rules at the time, rules that, I should note, were in place during the first Trump administration.

Those rules required 51 percent ownership of a business by a citizen or permanent resident, meaning a 49 percent ownership stake by a short-term resident, like a DACA recipient, was permissible if other requirements were met. It allowed a pathway for hardworking, documented persons to become entrepreneurs and give back to their communities.

Is this administration simply misrepresenting the rules and calling foul for no reason; or are they the ones in the wrong by rescinding a loan that was issued lawfully; or is this all just a manufactured narrative? We may never

know because, despite repeated requests, the Administrator hasn't shared any information.

On that note, if they have identified this as fraud or abuse, then there is a process in place to turn over these findings to the Office of Inspector General and other law enforcement for a full investigation. No such referral has occurred, and no SBA IG has yet been named after the illegal firing of Mike Ware, a respected watchdog praised by Democrats and Republicans alike.

We also keep hearing about the need to protect taxpayers' money and ensure SBA loans go to deserving small businesses. I don't disagree, but I remind my colleagues that some of the individuals they refer to as "illegals," which in many cases means people with TPS or DACA status, do pay taxes. They contribute to Social Security. The previous 51 percent ownership rule recognized that and created a pathway for them to access some entrepreneurial assistance, but only as a minority partner with a permanent resident.

This rule codifies the new rule that 100 percent of the business must now be owned by a U.S. citizen or permanent resident. That might sound reasonable until you hear the real-world consequences.

Businesses could be shut out of SBA lending because of a foreign investor with less than 2 percent ownership. A husband and wife could not get a loan because one of them is a European citizen with an ownership interest in the business. Despite their clear commitment to creating local jobs and investing in their community, under this bill, they are also being penalized.

The harm isn't limited to businessowners. The bill creates a new set of compliance burdens that SBA lenders are not equipped to handle. Banks will have to verify the citizenship status of every owner down to the last percentage point, something they have told us could expose them to legal risk under civil rights laws like the Equal Credit Opportunity Act.

We have also heard concerns that the information collected under this bill could be shared with immigration enforcement. This could turn the SBA from a resource for all small businesses into an enforcement arm of DHS. That is not what the SBA is for.

Finally, let me point out the double standard here. For years, Republicans have complained about regulations and reporting requirements being too burdensome for small businesses and lenders, but now they are ready to impose an incredibly complicated, mandatory, and invasive new compliance regime without offering any new resources to support it.

This bill is about scoring political points at the expense of immigrant entrepreneurs. It sends a message that some people, no matter how hard they work or how closely they follow the rules, do not deserve the same shot at success. We should be expanding opportunity, not closing it off.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to reject this bill and stand up for the small businesses that make our communities stronger, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as she may consume to the gentlewoman from the great State of Texas (Ms. VAN DUYNE).

Ms. VAN DUYNE. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, in the past 107 days since President Trump was inaugurated and Administrator Loeffler took the helm at the Small Business Administration, we have seen incredible strides toward streamlining services, eliminating waste, and ensuring that every taxpayer dollar delivers immeasurable results.

Beyond tackling bloat, inefficiencies, and burdensome regulations, the administration has partnered with us to deliver real results for the American people.

Today, congressional Republicans are partnering with them through my bill, the American Entrepreneurs First Act.

We have heard this bill described this morning as complicated and as taking drastic measures. Drastic measures mean that the SBA is going to need new resources to be able to actually do their job.

Simply put, all this does is say that when they are giving out SBA loans, they have to require age verification and citizenship status verification. That is it. How complicated and drastic is that? Verify age and citizenship status, that is it. It is codifying an important executive action that is already taking place.

In recent months, it has been discovered that under the previous administration, lax safeguards have allowed illegal aliens, children, and even the deceased to apply for and receive SBA assistance.

Thanks to the great work done by this administration, we learned that in June 2024, the SBA approved a \$783,000 loan application for a small business that was owned by almost one-half, 49 percent, by an illegal alien.

Further, they found that between 2020 and 2021, the SBA issued over 3,000 loans totaling \$333 million to borrowers over 115 years old—one more time, that is \$333 million of taxpayer dollars that went to borrowers over 115 years old—and more than 5,500 loans totaling \$300 million to children under 11 years old. Is that where we want our dollars to be spent?

We know, without a doubt, that the previous administration welcomed millions of illegal aliens into our country when, during the first 50 days of the Trump administration, ICE made over 32,809 arrests, which included 14,111 convicted criminals, including 1,155 criminal gang members.

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We cannot allow those kinds of folks who are in our country illegally to take money away from hardworking

Americans who are applying for SBA taxpayer-backed loans.

I am thankful to see that the tide is now turning and that we have a new day here in America, but it is important that we pass this legislation to protect the successes of this administration in the long term.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting the American Entrepreneurs First Act.

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

Mr. Speaker, if this is so easy, then let's bring 1071 back. The type of information that it is requiring and that it is imposing lenders to provide is at the very front end, while 1071 is voluntary at the end of a loan being approved, then we are not burdening small businesses and lenders today.

By the way, this bill likely violates the Equal Credit Opportunity Act. SBA lenders have already told us that they are likely to pull back from lending not to violate ECOA.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 5 minutes to the gentlewoman from New Jersey (Mrs. MCIVER).

Mrs. MCIVER. Mr. Speaker, I thank my amazing Ranking Member VELÁZQUEZ for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong opposition to H.R. 2966, a bill that does not serve our small business community, despite its name.

At a time when local businesses are working hard to keep their doors open and their workers employed, this bill would make it even harder to access the capital they need to survive.

By adding new documentation requirements around age and citizenship, it slows down the loan process and risks excluding legitimate applicants, particularly those from immigrant and mixed-status communities who already face steep challenges.

Let's be honest about what this bill really does. It uses small business policy as a vehicle for immigration politics. That is not only misguided, it is harmful.

Small businesses are still feeling the aftershock of inflation, supply chain breakdowns, and rising costs. We should be focused on helping them recover and grow, not creating new hoops for them to jump through.

What is especially troubling is that this bill would lock into law a policy that was rolled out without enough input and with little regard for economic consequences.

Immigrant businessowners start businesses at high rates. They create jobs. They invest in their communities. If we care about economic growth, we cannot afford to turn our backs on them.

As someone who has worked closely with small business owners in immigrant communities, I have seen the resilience and determination they bring to our economy.

This bill sends the wrong message and sets the wrong priorities. We

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should be making it easier for small businesses to access the tools they need to thrive. That means focusing on the actual issues that they raise with us every day. Let me remind my colleagues on the other side that those issues would be inflation, access to capital, workforce shortages, and the lingering effects of—guess what, drumroll—tariffs.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to vote “no” on this bill.

This bill does not put American businessowners first. In fact, it sets them back.

Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentlemen from Texas (Mr. CLOUD).

Mr. CLOUD. Mr. Speaker, today the House advances another pillar of President Trump’s America First agenda with the passage of the American Entrepreneurs First Act of 2025.

This bill ensures that taxpayer-funded SBA loans are reserved for American small businesses, not illegal aliens, certainly not children or people who are dead.

Americans are grateful to finally have a President in office who is protecting their taxpayer dollars and looking to weed out waste, fraud, and abuse. Billions of loans have been flagged for suspected fraud and ineligible applicants, including illegal aliens.

The Trump administration has instituted a policy requiring SBA loan applications to include citizenship verification provisions. It is common sense. This bill codifies these Trump-era safeguards into law so that no future administration can turn Federal relief into a global giveaway.

This is about ensuring we have the validation mechanisms in place to ensure the rule of law. It is about prioritizing Americans. It is about making sure that when a small business owner like those in Texas, or anywhere else, fills out an application, they know the system is fair and the resources are theirs to access.

With every bill codifying President Trump’s EOs, we are moving closer to a government that puts America first, protects American workers, and restores American sovereignty.

Let’s support this bill.

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

Mr. Speaker, we have heard supporters of this bill say it is about protecting taxpayer dollars and stopping fraud, but the facts just don’t back that up. There is no evidence that undocumented immigrants are getting loans they are not supposed to. In the one case Republicans like to cite, not prove, that has been provided, it is highly likely that DOGE and the current administration are confusing the rules that were in place at the time with the stricter 100 percent ownership requirement they imposed later.

That is what this bill is really doing. It targets small business owners who

are here legally, people like DACA recipients, visa holders, and refugees; people who are building businesses, creating jobs, and following every rule.

Republicans also claim this bill is about accountability, when in reality it creates a mess for lenders. It forces them to track and verify the age and citizenship status of every single businessowner down to the last percentage point. It requires all of this information just to be considered for the loan, unlike the section 1071 rules which required voluntary reporting after the loan’s origination. This bill makes compliance a requisite for obtaining a loan.

I have to ask, after all of the complaints we have heard over the years about section 1071, how do my colleagues justify this now? How do my colleagues justify imposing this regulatory regime against lenders and borrowers?

Right now small businesses are struggling. Tariffs are driving up the costs of goods. Supply chains are under pressure. Instead of giving entrepreneurs the tools they need to grow, this bill adds more barriers and more uncertainty. If it is to become law, it is going to hurt the very small businesses which it will be trying to help.

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

Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as she may consume to the gentlewoman from Texas (Ms. VAN DUYNE).

Ms. VAN DUYNE. Mr. Speaker, we have heard a little bit of concerns about 1071. There is a huge difference between what we are requiring in this and what 1071 required. That was for all businesses, for all loans. It was not voluntary, and if businesses did not comply, they could actually be fined. What we are asking for is simply verification of legal status and age for companies that are applying for American taxpayer-backed loans.

Now, this should not surprise anybody. This proposed rule increases lending security and ensures that taxpayer dollars are used well. Further, participating in government lending programs like the 7(a) program naturally involves complying with government rules. This is no different.

U.S. taxpayer dollars back the SBA lending programs, and adding additional assurances, like age and legal status verification, making sure loans go to lawful citizens is just common sense.

Lender concerns related to nationality discrimination are nonsensical. This law does not prohibit lending based on nationality but rather on legal residency or status.

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

Section 1071 the borrower can decline after the loan. The lender cannot get information from a trade group.

Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD two letters in opposition to the bill, one from the Small Business Majority and another from UnidosUS.

Hon. MIKE JOHNSON,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

Hon. ROGER WILLIAMS,
Chairman, Committee on Small Business,
House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

Hon. HAKEEM JEFFRIES,
Minority Leader, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

Hon. NYDIA VELÁZQUEZ,
Ranking Member, Committee on Small Business,
House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR SPEAKER JOHNSON, CHAIRMAN WILLIAMS, MINORITY LEADER JEFFRIES AND RANKING MEMBER VELÁZQUEZ: As a representative of America’s 34 million small businesses, Small Business Majority writes to express our opposition to H.R. 2931, the Save SBA from Sanctuary Cities Act of 2025, and H.R. 2966, the American Entrepreneurs First Act.

Amid an increasingly more difficult economic environment, the federal government should do everything it can to meet small businesses where they are, which is why H.R. 2931 is an example of a policy proposal that would be ineffective at best and harmful at worst. The bill, which would require the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) to relocate any regional, district or local SBA office housed in a ‘sanctuary jurisdiction’, ignores the fact that millions of small businesses are located in or near cities that could be designated as a ‘sanctuary jurisdiction.’ Moving offices farther away from the small businesses they were intended to support certainly would not facilitate SBA better servicing these small firms. What’s more, there is no evidence to even suggest that a city’s policy toward immigrants has any relationship to its ability to effectively meet the needs of local small businesses. With that in mind, we strongly encourage members of the House of Representatives to ignore distractions like H.R. 2931 and focus on policies that would truly benefit America’s entrepreneurs.

In addition to ongoing efforts to shutter regional offices, with no detailed or communicated plans as to where those offices will be relocated or when, SBA has also slashed its workforce by 43%, further restricting the agency’s ability to meet the growing demands of today’s small businesses. Recent national polling found that 78% of small business owners are concerned about cuts to the SBA and its programs. Nearly 8 in 10 small business owners report having used SBA programs for their business.

Also up for consideration is H.R. 2966, the American Entrepreneurs First Act, which doesn’t live up to its name. Some small businesses that are majority owned by Americans have foreign investors, and under this bill those businesses would be denied access to critical Small Business Administration resources. What’s more, this legislation ignores the fact that immigrant communities are a vital hub of entrepreneurial activity in the United States. Immigrants who may not yet be citizens employ American citizens and pay taxes to the United States government; they too deserve access to Small Business Administration resources. Small Business Majority strongly supports uplifting immigrant communities working in good faith to obtain U.S. citizenship. These bills will lead to less vibrant communities and fewer Main Street business opportunities for many in search of the American Dream. Congress should do all it can to support America’s job creators, not pick and choose winners within the small business community based on nothing more than where a small business owner was born.

We urge your office to oppose H.R. 2931 and H.R. 2966 as both proposals undermine the

SBA's capacity to carry out its mission and strip resources away from hundreds of thousands of entrepreneurs.

Sincerely,

JOHN ARENSMEYER,
Founder & CEO, *Small Business Majority*.

TUESDAY JUNE 3, 2025.

DEAR HILL COLLEAGUE, On behalf of UnidosUS, we urge Members to vote NO on both the Save SBA from Sanctuary Cities Act (H.R. 2931) and the American Entrepreneurs First Act (H.R. 2966).

H.R. 2931 represents an unacceptable politicization of the Small Business Administration (SBA), proposing to strip vital SBA resources from so-called "sanctuary" jurisdictions. This would deny millions of small businesses, especially those in underserved communities, access to essential services such as loans, disaster relief, and technical assistance, simply based on where they are located. These are businesses already navigating high prices and ongoing economic instability caused by the chaotic policies of the administration. Punishing them because their local governments instituted policies to draw a line between local law enforcement responsibilities and federal immigration enforcement will only deepen inequities and disrupt local economies.

H.R. 2966 adds insult to injury by imposing sweeping new restrictions on SBA loan eligibility, explicitly excluding entrepreneurs with certain immigration statuses—including asylees, refugees, DACA recipients, visa holders, and undocumented individuals. Many of these individuals are lawfully present in the U.S. and are creating jobs, paying taxes, and helping their communities thrive. Shutting them out of SBA programs undermines entrepreneurship, limits innovation, and weakens our long-term economic competitiveness.

Immigrant entrepreneurs open businesses at higher rates than native born Americans and Latino-owned businesses contribute almost \$800 billion to the nation's economy. And as we noted in our 2024 analysis on Latina Equal Pay Day, Latinas are key drivers of the U.S. economy. Their economic output exceeds \$1.3 trillion, surpassing the GDP of Florida, and they own over a quarter of all Latino-owned businesses. Yet despite these contributions, Latinas face profound structural barriers, earning just 58 cents for every dollar earned by non-Hispanic white men, and with nearly two-thirds lacking access to employer-based benefits. These challenges would be compounded by H.R. 2931 and H.R. 2966, which threaten to strip away the limited federal support many Hispanic entrepreneurs and workers can access.

By excluding entire categories of immigrant entrepreneurs, these bills risk driving more individuals into the shadow economy, undermining transparency and accountability. States and localities have a strong interest in knowing which businesses are operating in their communities, including street vendors and other informal enterprises. Instead of supporting these efforts, the legislation would make it harder to identify and engage such businesses, ultimately hindering local economic development and effective regulation.

Together, these bills are part of a broader effort to scapegoat immigrants, even when doing so comes at the direct expense of American small businesses and working families. We urge Members to reject this harmful and short-sighted agenda by voting NO on H.R. 2931 and H.R. 2966.

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ. Mr. Speaker, let me say that H.R. 2966 will not improve SBA lending or support small businesses. This bill creates new barriers,

targets legally operating entrepreneurs, and burdens lenders with requirements they aren't equipped to meet. Small businesses are struggling.

This administration's trade policies have increased uncertainty and made it nearly impossible for many small firms to do business. The small businesses in my district and those that have reached out to my committee are not asking for this legislation. They want stability, and they want more support.

This bill risks making things worse by reducing access to capital for many small businesses that are following the rules. We should be working together to lift these businesses up, not passing laws to punish them.

I urge my colleagues to vote "no" on this bill and focus instead on solutions that will truly help American small businesses.

Let me say, they brought this bill to the floor without a single hearing, no expert witnesses, no nothing.

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

Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I urge all Members to vote "yes" on this commonsense legislation, the American Entrepreneurs First Act. We need to put the guardrails up to support Main Street America.

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

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

Pursuant to House Resolution 458, 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.

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

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 217, nays 190, not voting 25, as follows:

[Roll No. 156]

YEAS—217

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Davis (NC)
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Dunn (FL)

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Evans (CO)
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Weber (TX)
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Williams (TX)
Wilson (SC)
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NAYS—190

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Beatty
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Bishop
Bonamici
Boyle (PA)
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Brownley
Budzinski
Bynum
Carbajal
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Carter (LA)
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McCormick
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Clark (MA)
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Clyburn
Cohen
Conaway
Correa
Costa
Courtney
Craig
Crockett
Crow
Davids (KS)
Davis (IL)
Dean (PA)
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DeLauro
DelBene
Deluzio
DeSaulnier

Dexter
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Doggett
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Escobar
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Evans (PA)
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Foushee
Frankel, Lois
Friedman
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Olszewski
Pallone
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Pappas
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Scanlon	Strickland	Vargas
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Schneider	Swalwell	Veasey
Scholten	Sykes	Velázquez
Schrier	Takano	Vindman
Scott (VA)	Thanedar	Wasserman
Scott, David	Thompson (CA)	Schultz
Sewell	Thompson (MS)	Waters
Sherman	Titus	Watson Coleman
Simon	Tokuda	Whitesides
Smith (WA)	Tonko	Williams (GA)
Sorensen	Torres (CA)	Wilson (FL)

NOT VOTING—25

Ansari	Hamadeh (AZ)	Mullin
Buchanan	Hoyle (OR)	Norcross
Clarke (NY)	Kamlager-Dove	Omar
Comer	Lee (FL)	Pingree
Crenshaw	McClain Delaney	Sherrill
De La Cruz	Meuser	Tlaib
Gimenez	Miller-Meeks	Van Orden
Goldman (NY)	Moore (AL)	
Gottheimer	Moore (WI)	

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Ms. STEVENS changed her vote from “yea” to “nay.”

So the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated against:

Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, I missed the Roll Call today. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 156, H.R. 2966.

Ms. ANSARI. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to attend today's vote. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 156.

ADJOURNMENT FROM FRIDAY, JUNE 6, 2025, TO MONDAY, JUNE 9, 2025

Mr. MCCORMICK. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at noon on Monday next, June 9, 2025, for morning-hour debate and 2 p.m. for legislative business.

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

There was no objection.

COMPOSITION OF MEMBERS OF PERMANENT SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE DURING THE 119TH CONGRESS

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that notwithstanding the requirement of clause 11(a)(1) of rule X, during the 119th Congress, the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence be composed of not more than 27 Members, of whom not more than 15 be from the same party.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SCHMIDT). Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from North Carolina?

There was no objection.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF JERRY DANFORTH

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

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WIED. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Jerry Danforth, a distinguished Tribal leader, decorated Navy veteran, and beloved husband, father, and grandfather, who passed away on the morning of June 1, 2025, at the age of 78.

Jerry devoted his life to service, first to his country and then to his people. He served honorably in the Navy for over three decades, retiring in 1994 with the esteemed rank of force master chief. He was a veteran of both the Vietnam war and Desert Storm, embodying courage, commitment, and leadership throughout his career.

Jerry brought the same conviction and discipline to his leadership within the Oneida Nation. He was elected chairman of the Oneida Business Committee in 1995 and again in 2005. A public servant in every sense, Jerry also served his Nation as a judge on the Oneida judiciary, where his wisdom, fairness, and devotion to justice left a lasting impact.

Mr. Speaker, Jerry Danforth's life was defined by service, leadership, and love. His legacy will endure in the lives he touched, the institutions he shaped, and the Nation he served so faithfully. I offer my deepest condolences to his family, his community, and the entire Oneida Nation. May his memory be a blessing.

HONORING FORMER CONGRESSWOMAN JANE PRATT

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

Ms. ROSS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor former Congresswoman Jane Pratt.

This week in 1946, she was sworn into the U.S. House of Representatives, becoming the first woman to represent North Carolina in Congress.

Prior to her election, she served as a congressional secretary for 22 years.

As a Member of this body, she was an important voice, urging passage of legislation for major flood control in a reservoir in North Carolina. She also joined other women Members in supporting First Lady Bess Truman's food program to support struggling people in post-war Europe.

After her term in Congress, Congresswoman Pratt went on to serve the American people at various Federal agencies for more than a decade. She proved everyone wrong who questioned whether a woman was up to this job almost 80 years ago, and today, I proudly stand on her shoulders.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE PERMANENT SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces, without objection, the Speaker's appointment, pursuant

to clause 11 of rule X, clause 11 of rule I, and the order of the House of January 3, 2025, and notwithstanding the requirement of clause 11(a)(4)(A) of rule X, the following Members of the House to the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:

Ms. STEFANIK, New York, to rank after Mr. CRAWFORD

Mr. COHEN, Tennessee

CELEBRATING FATHERHOOD

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

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, there is no greater joy than being a father. I am blessed with six incredible children, 17 grandkids, and they are the heartbeat of everything I do.

This Father's Day, I am proud to reintroduce a resolution to recognize the power and necessity of fathers shaping strong families and stronger communities.

The data is clear: Kids with engaged fathers do better in school, avoid crime, and thrive economically and emotionally. But this isn't about data. It is about dignity.

When fathers are empowered to lead, love, protect, and mentor their children, entire communities are transformed.

I am grateful to my friend Jack Brewer and The Jack Brewer Foundation for their tireless work in restoring fathers to the center of the family, especially in our most underserved communities.

This resolution is a call to action: to support policies that strengthen families, encourage responsibility, and promote a culture that values dads.

Let's celebrate fatherhood, the survival of our American culture depends on it.

WHICH ELON MUSK TO BELIEVE

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

Mr. LATIMER. Mr. Speaker, which Elon Musk should we believe?

In February, he called the U.S. Agency of International Development, USAID, “corrupt”, “beyond repair,” and “a ball of worms” that needs to be eliminated. He claimed that there is a “gigantic fraud loophole” where government funds given to NGOs lack sufficient oversight.

In March, Elon Musk called Social Security “the biggest Ponzi scheme of all time,” and policy followed his comments.

Then this week he said that: “If the massive deficit spending continues, there will only be money for interest payments and nothing else: no Social Security, no medical, no defense, nothing.”

This week he said about the big, ugly bill: “I am sorry, but I just can't stand

it anymore. This massive, outrageous, pork-filled congressional spending bill is a disgusting abomination.”

Which Elon Musk do you believe? The erratic rhetoric and policies of this administration are becoming clear to all who watch.

REMEMBERING BOB MCCLELLAN III

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

Mr. BURCHETT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak to honor the life of a great Tennessean and my dear friend, Bobby McClellan III.

Bobby passed peacefully at 59 years old surrounded by loved ones and greatly cherished by east Tennesseans.

Bobby was born into a seventh-generation Knoxville family, Mr. Speaker, with his father, Matthew, who is just a dear friend of mine and my daddy's. His daddy was a legendary businessman.

Bobby graduated from Webb School of Knoxville and continued his schooling at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville where he was a member of the SAE fraternity.

Bobby later graduated and went on to serve as general manager for his father's company, M.S. McClellan. Bobby married the love of his life in 2006, Julie.

Bobby also served his community by supporting the local animal shelters, national parks, and recreation spaces, and being a loud and proud supporter of the Tennessee volunteers.

Mr. Speaker, I spoke to my dear friends, Frank Nystrom and Tommy Siler, about Bobby and his life. The trouble with this job, Mr. Speaker, is that too many times we miss events, and I was not able to make it to his funeral because of things up here. I miss Bobby. He was a good man.

I hope everyone joins me in honoring Bobby by speaking out to maybe a beloved friend or family member that you haven't spoken to in a while, because when they are gone, Mr. Speaker, they are gone.

I remember Bobby used to say, “There is no ‘Woo’ in Rocky Top.” If I had to explain, you would not understand, Mr. Speaker.

RECOGNIZING ADINA TOGAL

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

Ms. MORRISON. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to recognize Adina Togal, a fearless young leader who is working hard to save lives.

Adina was just 12 years old herself when she suffered a severe allergy attack that almost took her life. It wasn't caused by the food that she ate. It was from a medication she had been prescribed.

Unfortunately, unlike its requirements for food labels, the FDA doesn't

currently have a standardized system for disclosing the presence of common allergens in medications. Information that could save lives.

As Adina's Representative and as a doctor who has cared for patients for more than 20 years, I want to make sure that no one is in danger of a life-threatening allergy attack simply because they took their medication. That is why I am introducing the ADINA Act to make this commonsense change to allergen information on drug labels a reality.

I am proud this bill is strongly bipartisan. My colleagues on both sides of the aisle agree it is a no-brainer. I am hopeful that together we can make this country safer and healthier.

Mr. Speaker, I extend my heartfelt thanks to Adina and her family for her deep dedication, her tireless advocacy, and for all she is doing for millions of Americans with allergies to make their lives safer.

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HONORING CHARLIE DUNCAN ON HIS 106TH BIRTHDAY

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

Mr. MCCORMICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an American hero in every sense of the word. It is my distinct privilege and honor to recognize Charlie Duncan in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD in celebration of his 106th birthday.

Charlie was born on May 27, 1919, and grew up on a farm near Hickory Flat. He spent his early years assisting his father as they grew cotton, peanuts, corn, and sweet potatoes. After the stock market crash of 1929 and the ensuing Depression, Duncan relocated with his family and stopped attending school to work full time to help support his family.

In 1944, Mr. Duncan was drafted into the United States Army and went through basic and advanced training in Virginia and Texas. From there, he was sent to England, where he fought with General George S. Patton's Third Army as a combat engineer. He delivered temporary bridges to the front-line, repaired and rebuilt damaged bridges, and demolished German military infrastructure along the way.

Upon his return home, Mr. Duncan worked as a craftsman, specializing in staircase bannisters and was active in the real estate market. Throughout his life, he has served as a community leader and an exemplary figure who has handled some of the most trying events in American history with valor and grit.

Mr. Duncan exemplifies all the values we aspire to as Americans: duty, sacrifice, reliability, and bravery. I wish him a happy birthday and best wishes for a fantastic year ahead. Semper fidelis.

HAPPY PRIDE MONTH

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

Ms. GARCIA of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to wish everyone a joyful and proud Pride Month.

In Houston, pride runs deep. We hosted one of the first nighttime parades in the country, and today it is the fourth largest in the Nation. It is not just a parade.

Groups like Fundacion Latinoamericana De Accion Social, Legacy Community Health, and the Montrose Center are doing the work every day making sure that our LGBTQIA+ neighbors have care, housing, community, and support. That is what we should be focused on. There is so much good that we can be doing.

Instead, my Republican colleagues are using their power to bully and target trans kids, children who just want to be safe, make friends, and be themselves. Those kids show more bravery than many of my colleagues here in this Chamber. We should all learn from them.

Every young person watching should know I see them, I hear them, and I will fight for them today and every day because in Texas when we say “all,” that means all.

CELEBRATING LIFE OF MARCY MAE PAIRAN

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

Mr. TAYLOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate the life of Marcy Mae Pairan.

Marcy was a lifelong resident of Ohio's Second Congressional District and a beloved wife, mother, aunt, grandmother, and great-grandmother. Marcy passed away on May 13, 2025, at the age of 82.

Marcy always put service above herself. She served as a cook at the Brooks-Yates School. Those who knew her well say Marcy never met a stranger and had a wonderful sense of humor that put everyone around her at ease.

Beyond her love of family and kindness to others, Marcy will be remembered as the queen of pee wee football. She served as a founding member and treasurer of the Pickaway County Pee Wee Football Board, working to ensure that every child who wanted to participate could do so.

Throughout her more than 50 years of involvement in pee wee football, Marcy earned the love and affection of the youth in her community. Many called her mom and knew they could always count on her to be there for them.

The greatness of America lies in ordinary citizens like Marcy who became part of something bigger than themselves. Let's all work to follow her example by being kind to one another and leading service-oriented lives.

RECOGNIZING COACHELLA FOOTBALL CLUB

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

Mr. RUIZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with pride to recognize the Coachella Football Club, an awesome soccer organization from California's 25th District that is lifting up young athletes and inspiring our entire community.

This past year, the Coachella Football Club's Premier team, our semi-pro squad, dominated the field. They were SoCal East season champions and went undefeated in the divisional playoffs. Coached by Aldo Caro and Octavio Bustillos, this team played one of their best seasons yet, and we are so proud of them.

They are not alone. The Coachella Football Club's Academy's 17-and-under boys' team also had a phenomenal run, winning the fall 2024 and spring 2025 SoCal East championships without a single loss. Thanks to Coaches Manuel Montano and Carlos Bustillos, they have set the bar for excellence, teamwork, and sportsmanship.

A special congratulations to Coachella Football Club owner Luis Bustillos, who founded the team with a vision to help players turn their dreams into reality. He calls the club a dream factory and continues to inspire his players to dream big.

I thank every Coachella Football Club player and coach for representing our district with grit, heart, and pride. Their success reminds us all what is possible when talent meets dedication.

CELEBRATING LIFE OF JOHN FERRO

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

Mr. BRESNAHAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of John Ferro, a beloved member of the East Stroudsburg, Monroe County, Pennsylvania, community, who passed away on May 13, 2025.

John was born in Sassano, Italy, and dedicated his life to service, community, and family. He was a devoted husband to Josephine for 51 years, a proud father, and a cherished friend to many.

John's commitment to his community was evident through his active participation in local organizations and his unwavering support for initiatives that aimed to improve the lives of those around him. He was the chairman of the Monroe County Municipal Waste Management Authority and an active leader with the Boy Scouts Troop 83, East Stroudsburg. He truly lived the American Dream.

I had the pleasure of hosting him here in Washington, D.C., for my swearing-in, as well as Representative RYAN MACKENZIE and Senator DAVE MCCORMICK.

His kindness, generosity, and steadfast dedication left an indelible mark on all who had the privilege of knowing him. John's legacy serves as a testament to the profound impact one individual can have through a life devoted to service and compassion.

As we remember John Ferro, let us celebrate his life by emulating his commitment to community and service. May his memory continue to inspire all of us to make a positive difference in the lives around us.

CRYSTAL LAKE MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM

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

Mr. FOSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to stand up for the community of Crystal Lake, Illinois, which, along with over 100 communities nationwide, just had a \$5.6 million student mental health program abruptly canceled by the Trump administration.

This funding, which passed with support of both Republicans and Democrats under the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act, was created in response to the Uvalde school shooting to address the growing youth mental health crisis.

I think we all remember the Republican talking point at the time that we don't have a gun problem. We have a mental health problem. Well, fine. With this grant, the Crystal Lake District 47 was able to hire trained mental health professionals and give 7,100 students access to mental health care.

Canceling this grant will disrupt critical mental health care for students who are already receiving support, weaken the district's ability to identify and intervene in early warning signs of distress, trauma, or potential violence. It undermines years of progress made in breaking the stigma around mental health.

With suicide being the second leading cause of death for children aged 10-14, gutting this funding will be life-threatening. Our kids' safety and well-being should not be a partisan issue. I urge the administration to reverse these harmful cuts.

HONORING LIFE OF BRODY JAKOB HOLT

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

Mr. BURLISON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the life of my constituent, 12-year-old Brody Jakob Holt, a beloved son, loyal friend, and admired brother.

Brody's life was tragically cut short just weeks ago in an accident that has left his family and our community grieving. He was full of life, always smiling, telling jokes, and bringing joy to those around him. He loved sports, dirt bikes, learning new things, and

had even dreamed of becoming President someday.

Most of all, though, Brody had a servant's heart. Just days before the accident, he told his mom that he wanted to be an organ donor, and in his final act of kindness, Brody gave his heart, literally, to save the life of an 8-year-old girl.

His parents raised an extraordinary young man. May his memory be a blessing and may they find comfort in knowing that Brody is watching over them from above.

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HONORING SPRINGFIELD MIDDLE SCHOOL

(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, I rise to recognize the extraordinary resilience of the students and educators of Springfield Middle School in Lucama, North Carolina.

At the beginning of the school year, a tornado tore through the community, causing significant damage to the school.

I recall walking through classrooms. Desks were all over the place. The roof was removed, gone, ripped apart. Yet, the American flag continued to stand.

Early decisions had to be made. One, in particular, was whether the students would even be able to stay at the school or be separated and go to other schools. They insisted to stay together.

As the school year now comes to an end, I made another visit to the school. The students at Springfield Middle School had an incredible school year. They were able to do this only because so many came together to make it happen.

Principal Kelly Thomas said that what could have broken them instead brought them closer together.

To the educators, staff, and the greater Lucama community, their dedication is a shining example of the best of us and who we are as Americans.

The students, those Wild Cats, are a true inspiration.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JOHN THRASHER

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

Mr. BEAN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the remarkable life of John Thrasher who climbed so many professional mountains.

Instead of resting on his laurels, John helped other people climb their mountains. While many called him speaker, senator, chairman, and president, I was fortunate to call him friend.

From the battlefields of Vietnam where John was a decorated war hero

to the halls of the Florida State Legislature where John was elected speaker of the Florida House and State senator, John was a born leader.

In 2014, it came as no surprise that John became the 15th President of Florida State University. Beside him in his many accomplishments was his wife, Jean, the heart of his world. Their boundless joy for their children and grandchildren was a true testament to the family they built together.

Mr. Speaker, we honor John as a mentor, a mentor to me, and a man of purpose and integrity. John's work here is done but his legacy will endure. Godspeed, my friend.

HONORING FATHERHOOD

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

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to discuss fatherhood. We must honor the amazing fathers throughout these buildings and across the Nation.

As a Congresswoman, founder of the 5000 Role Models of Excellence, and chair of the U.S. Commission on the Social Status of Black Men and Boys, I continue to celebrate and uplift fathers.

I proudly join my colleague Representative BURGESS in a bipartisan fashion to promote building stronger families through fatherhood.

Still, too many families are broken due to State and Federal policies resulting in mass incarceration.

We must address the many facets of public policy that hinder Black fatherhood. Organizations like the Jack Brewer Foundation play such a vital role in ensuring fathers and father figures have the tools they need to raise our children.

Today, we proudly recognize the Jack Brewer Foundation of Florida. It is all about prevention, not detention. That starts with all of us.

HONORING FIRE CHIEF JEFF WILLIS

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

Mr. OBERNOLTE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the career and honor the retirement of a remarkable public servant, Fire Chief Jeff Willis of the Big Bear Fire Department.

Chief Willis has had a career of over 40 years in providing fire protection services to our community.

I first met Chief Willis early in my own career in public service when I was a chairman of the Big Bear Lake Fire Protection District. Already, Chief Willis was an extraordinary leader. I learned so much from this man, not only about fire protection but about leadership.

Jeff went on to become not only a leader in our community but across the

State of California, commanding multiple fire incidents across the State.

We owe Jeff a debt of gratitude for his long public service to our community. We celebrate his career. We honor his retirement. We wish him the best of luck as he enters this next phase of his career.

RECOGNIZING DR. MARCY CATLETT

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

Mr. VINDMAN. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize the exceptional leadership of Fredericksburg City Public School Superintendent Dr. Marci Catlett.

Dr. Catlett has been a trailblazer in implementing forward-thinking strategies to strengthen her students' well-being.

In the summer of 2024, she launched an initiative to curb cell phone usage in schools by requiring her students to store their phones for the entire school day.

As a lawmaker in Congress, leading the effort to remove phones from schools from bell to bell nationwide, I am grateful for Dr. Catlett's commitment to helping our students unplug.

As a father of two kids, I know the importance of creating a learning environment that nurtures the academic success and mental health of our young folks.

Collaborating with educators like Dr. Catlett has been critical in working to build a stronger future for Virginia's next generation of leaders. I extend my deepest gratitude to her for advancing these critical initiatives.

PROTECTING DEMOCRACY

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

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, the Civil Georgia News of Tbilisi reports the corrupt, anti-American Georgian Dream party released a statement against democracy that said: "every single politician . . . who makes anti-Georgian statements . . . is a member of the 'deep state' network." And that: "JOE WILSON is one of the most serious manifestations. . . ."

The Georgia Dream prime minister has condemned Donald Trump with untrue charges. America stands with the Georgian people and the legitimate President Salome Zourabichvili, supporting free actions.

America supported the MEGOBARI Act with a vote of 349–42. That is 90 percent of Congress for the people of Georgia. That provides a choice to abandon the dictator Ivanishvili.

In conclusion, God bless our troops as the global war on terrorism continues. Trump is reinstituting existing laws to protect American families with peace

through strength, revealing war criminal Putin's lies, insulting Trump and defaming Trump, with murderous rocket attacks on Ukrainian civilians again today.

Congratulations to the people of Georgia and all the people of Germany for German Chancellor Merz's success meeting with President Trump this week.

STOP RENAMING SHIPS

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

Ms. BALINT. Mr. Speaker, Defense Secretary Hegseth should be one of the busiest people on the planet, defending our country and leading nearly 3 million courageous Americans in our Armed Forces. It is an awesome responsibility.

This week, Pete Hegseth spent his precious time deciding that a naval ship named after a veteran is just too gay for him.

Harvey Milk was an American hero, a civil rights leader, and the first openly gay official in California. He served his country in the Navy. He was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom. He was someone who stood up for the rights and dignity of all, and he was assassinated while serving in public office. His memory is worthy of dignity and respect.

Removing his name from a ship is small and it is petty. It is obviously an attempt to erase the history of anyone who shows resistance to this administration. That is what autocrats and authoritarians do.

Since Secretary Hegseth took the helm, the Department of Defense has been fraught with national security risks and constant drama. I urge him to stop spending his time renaming ships because he wants to pretend that we don't exist. He should do his damn job.

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HONORING JOEL WILLIS FOR 45 YEARS OF SERVICE TO GEORGIA

(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 honor a constituent of mine, Mr. Joel Willis, for his recent retirement after 45 years of serving his community in St. Simons Island, Georgia.

Mr. Willis epitomized strong leadership and an unwavering work ethic, earning him his position as CEO of Epworth by the Sea.

Through nearly 50 years of hard work at Epworth, Mr. Ellis transformed what was once a humble motel into a state-of-the-art retreat, tourist destination, and host to Christian conferences.

Epworth by the Sea undertook an incredible expansion under Mr. Willis' leadership, adding over 135 rooms and 50 employees, fostering the growth of St. Simons Island. Not only have his efforts strengthened the local economy, but Mr. Willis has made it Epworth's mission to continue giving back, as shown through its history of accommodating church-related and nonprofit groups.

Mr. Willis has exemplified the best of hard work and Southern hospitality, and it is an honor to recognize him and his service to the community of St. Simons Island.

SUPPORTING GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION PROGRAMS

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

Ms. SIMON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to oppose the administration's cuts to critical gun violence prevention programs, and I rise today in deep solidarity with the innovators of CeaseFire, violence interrupters, and community organizations around this country that spend every day, hour after hour, working on the ground and in our communities to stop gun violence.

I thank them for their work. It is so critical and needed at a time when the Trump administration has announced cuts of \$500 million to community violence intervention organizations and funding opportunities directly from the Department of Justice and over \$1 billion in gun violence prevention funding for schools from the Department of Education. Make it make sense.

Now, organizations like Youth Alive in Oakland, California, will not have the funding that they need that is so critical in this moment to do the work of violence interruption on our streets in conjunction with law enforcement and community members who have lost loved ones to violence.

June is Gun Violence Prevention Month, Mr. Speaker, and we cannot stop this work in decreasing gun violence on our streets and in our communities.

HONORING COLONEL LEN LITTON

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

Mr. HARRIGAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Colonel Len Litton, a decorated combat pilot, national security expert, and proud son of North Carolina who has spent his entire life in service to our Nation.

Born in Banner Elk and raised in Shelby, Len joined the Air Force out of The Citadel. Over a 25-year career, he flew the A-10 and B-2, trained the next generation of pilots, and led some of the most complex and high-stakes missions in our arsenal. At every level, he

brought discipline, precision, and an unshakable sense of duty.

When his time in uniform ended, his service didn't. In the White House, the Pentagon, and across the Department of Defense, Colonel Litton became the go-to leader for problems that demanded results.

Most recently, he led the effort to eliminate DEI mandates from the Pentagon's personnel system, refocusing it on what matters: merit, unity, and mission readiness.

Colonel Litton never sought credit. He just did the job quietly, effectively, and always in the best interests of our country.

Mr. Speaker, I thank him for a lifetime of selfless service, and I wish him fair winds and Godspeed.

DEFENDING BLACK HISTORY

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

Mr. KHANNA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the nine Black worshippers murdered at Mother Emanuel AME Church in Charleston, South Carolina. June 17 marks the 10-year anniversary of that horrific act by a white supremacist.

Representative Wendell Gilliard has introduced a hate crime bill. It still hasn't been passed. We must pass it.

Today isn't just about remembering the Emanuel Nine. It is also about confronting the attacks on Black history. President Trump called the African-American history museum oppressive and gave Vice President VANCE the power to erase Black history.

Mr. Speaker, 44 States now are debating laws to limit the teaching of Black history. One Pennsylvania district even banned children's books about Rosa Parks and Dr. King.

As we honor the Emanuel Nine, we must stand up for teaching honest Black history. I think of my friend, Representative JA Moore, who lost his sister, Myra Thompson, today. His call is not just to remove symbols of hate but to dismantle the systems of hate that Dr. King talked about.

Let the Emanuel Nine inspire us today to teach honestly about Black history and confront the systems of hate.

D-DAY AND THE BEACHES OF NORMANDY

(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, 81 years ago today, American troops, along with British and many others, stormed the beaches of Normandy.

They faced intense gunfire, landmines, and the real chance they wouldn't make it home. Actually, over 4,000 didn't, as witnessed by the beautiful cemetery that oversees those beaches in France.

Of course, it took grit, sacrifice, a deep belief, and an incredible assembly of materiel and the ability to keep it secret when all that machinery and materiel was assembled just above the White Cliffs of Dover in England.

If anyone has ever watched the movie "Saving Private Ryan," there are actual soldiers who were there at the time who say that that was one of the most accurate descriptions and depictions one would ever see of how nasty and how bad that was.

Mr. Speaker, can you imagine that front door of that landing craft opening and the hail of gunfire that was put upon those guys? Yet, they went anyway because they were required to, because it was a duty, and because they had to turn back one of the greatest threats that the world had ever seen in what Nazi Germany had been foisting upon the world for 5 years up to that point.

We owe them so much.

As Captain Miller said toward the end of that movie to Private Ryan himself: "Earn this."

We all, as citizens, will remember this day on Memorial Day to be good citizens and to uphold what the Founders gave us with this country. We earned this.

OPPOSING FUNDING FOR MUSEUM

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

Mr. GROTHMAN. Mr. Speaker, I stand today to defend President Trump in one of his initial requests for next year's budget.

One of the goals of the Biden administration, of course, could destroy the country by having unfettered immigration, but also to divide America by groups. Part of that was when he passed one of his big bills, and he put in there an American Hispanic museum. This is consistent with the Democratic policy of trying to divide America.

Our motto put in place in 1782 was E Pluribus Unum, Out of Many, One. The Democrats are trying to teach people they should always walk around hanging on to where their ancestors came from.

President Trump is right not to fund a national Hispanic museum. The wonderful accomplishments of the Hispanic Americans can be placed in other museums, including the National Museum of American History, without having every group having their own separate museum.

□ 1100

AUTHORITARIANISM

(Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2025, Mr. GREEN of Texas was recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.)

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, and still I rise. Mr. Speaker, and still I

rise, proud to be an American, proud of what this country stands for. I also rise as a person who is censured. I have been censured, but I have not been silenced.

I rise as an unbought, unbossed, unafraid, liberated Democrat. As such, I rise to speak on a topic today that I believe to be most important to the American people, most important to posterity, most important to the direction of the country, most important to who we are.

The topic is about Congress and why Congress is the court of last resort for an authoritarian President.

Let me start by saying this that I think is exceedingly important. There are many among us who would manage authoritarianism. They would want to find a way to work with it, to become a part of it if it benefits them, to make it something that is acceptable to many of the people in the classes and, perhaps, some of the people in the masses.

I am not one of the persons who would do this. I believe that authoritarianism, Mr. Speaker, must not be managed. It must be eliminated.

This country was founded upon the basic premise that it would be a democratic republic where you elect your Representatives to vote for you. This is a democracy. As such, in this democratic republic, I choose to stand and fight this movement toward authoritarianism. I stand to do so because the greatness of America is not going to be found among a very few who have power concentrated in their hands or in a single person who has power concentrated in his hands. That is not where the greatness of America is achieved.

The greatness of America is achieved by the people having the power and the people making the decisions; by having a Supreme Court that is respected, that is honored; by having a judiciary that is respected; by having a Congress that is respected; by avoiding what could become authoritarianism that metamorphoses into something even greater in harm to this country than the authoritarianism that we face today.

I rise to indicate that Congress is the court of last resort for an authoritarian President, and here is why. It is the court of last resort because when an authoritarian issues executive orders and expects them to be honored, even when the courts disagree; when an authoritarian believes that his orders supersede, supplant, if you will, the rule of law, supersede what has become commonplace in terms of understanding the rule of law in this country; when an authoritarian will defy Federal courts, including the Supreme Court, then we have to conclude that the Supreme Court may not be the court of last resort as it should be for an authoritarian President, someone who is assuming power that he should not assume with executive orders that cannot change the Constitution.

When we have a President who, by executive order, believes that he can remove people from the country without due process, and when this President is told that due process must be accorded people before he can take this extreme action, and when this President is told not only must there be due process, but if you believe that the court has made a ruling that is inappropriate, that the court has made a mistake, you must still honor that court order and appeal; that the appellate courts will then take charge of what you believe to be an incorrect decision by the courts.

When I see a President saying to the country that a court that has issued an order that he does not agree with but contends is inappropriate for various and sundry reasons, when I see that President say that the judge that issued that order should be impeached, you are now moving into authoritarianism.

When that President then sits with others in his Cabinet and they are caught on national TV indicating why they can defy the Federal court's orders, after having been told that they have to appeal, after having been told that they cannot do what they have done, after having been told that they have to facilitate the return of someone that they have improperly, and according to what members of this administration have said, removed from the country by mistake, then you have to bring that person the relief necessary for that person to raise his hand and say, You got the wrong person; for that person to say, I want my rights of due process under the law in this country.

We have a President who believes that his executive orders exceed and supersede the orders of Federal courts.

How do I know? I know because he has not returned a person to this country that he was told to facilitate the return of such that he could receive due process or just facilitate such that this person could get due process. It hasn't happened.

The lower courts have told him at the Federal level, the Supreme Court has told him, and the evidence now exists that he understands what facilitate means because there was a second person who was removed without due process, removed to another country without due process, and that person is being brought back because the judge in a Federal court said you have to facilitate the return.

They know what facilitate means. They are just being defiant. They are just ignoring the orders of the Federal courts.

□ 1110

They are flouting the orders of the Supreme Court of the United States of America.

Make no mistake about it: We are now dealing with an authoritarian President who I choose not to manage. I choose to eliminate the

authoritarianism. I don't want us to try to find a way to get along with an authoritarian.

If the Supreme Court cannot manage this authoritarian President to the extent that he would cease and desist and obey the Court's orders and if an authoritarian President now has total control of the Republicans who represent this House and the Senate—total control of them—they are not going to be able to do anything because he manages their affairs.

They have become people who look for a sense of direction. He has become their North Star. He has become the means by which they conclude that they will go this way, or they will move in that direction.

They can't do anything because they have surrendered their sovereignty. They have surrendered their power to make judicious decisions to an authoritarian President. The Supreme Court can't stop him. The Republicans who control the House and Senate won't stop him. We have an authoritarian President.

When you have an authoritarian President, you do have a court of last resort: The Constitution. Article II, Section 4 of the Constitution makes it explicitly clear that we can impeach, and we can impeach for this type of behavior. It is not in these exact words. It uses language that we are all familiar with: "high crimes," "misdemeanors," "treason," or "bribery."

Yet, we have an authoritarian President who is defying the courts, who does not respect the separation of powers. We have an authoritarian President who would demean and minimize the role of the judiciary and our system of governance.

With such an authoritarian President, impeachment and this congressional court of last resort is within the power of all 435 Members of the House because the congressional court of last resort has to have a prosecutor. Any one of the 435 can become the prosecutor once you see that impeachable actions are taking place. Any one of us can become the prosecutor.

The prosecutor will have what we will have called the equivalent of a grand jury. That will be the rest of the Members of the House of Representatives, 435 of us. Some of us can act as prosecutors. It doesn't have to be one. It can be more than one. It can be many. It could be as many as would want to sign a resolution to impeach.

Impeachment and a congressional court of last resort is where we are now. This is the room where the congressional court of last resort would be convened, and it is convened here before a prosecutor, a Member of this august body. It is not known as a prosecutor, but I am saying it to you such that you can understand this process and see that it is akin to something else that you really do understand.

This prosecutor, this person, this Member of Congress will have to stand

and read these Articles of Impeachment. This is done now because, remember, the Supreme Court can't control this authoritarian President, and my colleagues on the other side of the aisle won't control this authoritarian President. They have the power to, but they won't.

Mr. Speaker, impeachment and this congressional court of last resort, Congress is where the court of last resort lies.

I am familiar with impeachment. I understand the process. I want you to know that it is imminent. A vote takes place with this grand jury that I called to your attention, which would be the Members of Congress. We need but only a majority of the Members of Congress to vote in favor of impeachment, and a President can be removed from office. An authoritarian President can be removed from office.

If you don't like authoritarianism and you believe that you have an authoritarian President, then you would vote for the Articles of Impeachment.

Mr. Speaker, is there any proof that there are people who don't like authoritarianism and who would vote, in theory, for impeachment? Yes. Before the election that brought Donald John Trump to the Presidency this time, before he was sworn in by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, there were many among us—and I am one of the many—who talked about this very topic and who prognosticated this very behavior that we are seeing. It was not the exact behavior, but behavior that would be indicative of a person becoming an authoritarian.

There were some who said that he would be a fascist. There were some who said that he would be a dictator. The point is that there are many people who are Members of this House who made this prognostication. What is absolutely amazing is that many of them who made these prognostications and who have seen their prognostications become a reality may not vote to impeach.

I am going to give you what I believe is a rationale. I think this is a vote of conscience. People have to vote their conscience. If your conscience tells you no, then I think you should follow your conscience. I cannot, in good conscience, say the things that I have said about this authoritarian President, see it become a reality, and then take no action.

I cannot in good conscience, but there are people who can do this in good conscience. I have no ill feelings toward them. I don't count the votes. I count what is necessary to be done. It is necessary for us to take action to remove an authoritarian President from office.

The only way it can be done is right here in this Chamber. Someone has to act as a prosecutor and bring the Articles of Impeachment to the attention of this august body, at which time there would be a vote on these Articles of Impeachment. As some people will

vote to table, there is always going to be a vote to table.

Mr. Speaker, some of my colleagues on the other side have alleged that this is a great thing. This is a great thing. We are going to have impeachment again. This is a great thing. Let them bring it on.

If you truly believe this, then you vote for the Articles of Impeachment. You vote against tabling because there will be a motion to table. Vote against tabling. All of my Republican colleagues who are saying this, you vote against tabling, and then see what the other side does since you are absolutely convinced that this is going to be a benefit to an authoritarian President.

It is not going to be a benefit. We will take that vote. Those who vote to table will be voting against the Articles of Impeachment. Those who vote against tabling will be voting for the Articles of Impeachment.

I said to you that I have some experience in dealing with this. I am the person who laid the foundation for President Donald John Trump's impeachment when he was impeached the first time around. I am using a personal pronoun only to communicate, but the truth is there were other persons who engaged in this process with me. I will tell you about these other persons.

I have here something that has been removed from the wall of my office. It is something that indicates who the persons were who participated favorably, meaning indicating that there should be an impeachment, when the first Articles of Impeachment were filed. This is on the wall in my office. The press assumed that it would be only AL GREEN. They were wrong. They may be right this time. It may just be only AL GREEN.

I will stand alone because when it is a question of conscience, it is better to stand alone than to not stand at all.

The press thought that there would be probably AL GREEN and maybe one or two others, which may be the case this time. Yet, believe me, it will not deter me.

What is interesting is that I have this on my wall. By the way, many of the people who are listed here as persons who supported H. Res. 646, many of the people who supported H. Res. 646, many of them who are listed here, they have a similar document in their offices, and they will have it on their coffee tables.

When people would come in, because this became such an important issue, they were proud to display this and say, yes, I voted to impeach. Yes, I did. That was important.

□ 1120

It is going to become important again. Make no mistake about it, it will be important again.

I am not going to name all the persons on this first article of a resolution for impeachment, but I will tell you that there were 58. They were known as the first 58.

There is one person who I will mention because I am proud and he was proud to have associated with these Articles of Impeachment. I remember talking to him right in this area about impeachment.

I will not divulge the entirety of the conversation, but I am proud to say this: The Honorable John Lewis has his name on these Articles of Impeachment—the Honorable John Lewis, the first 58.

The first 58 was not sufficient, and I knew that it wouldn't be. By the way, whenever I say "I," assume that I am saying "we" because there were persons who were engaged in helping me.

I knew that it would not be enough, and I knew that we would have to continue to build on this to generate a mass such that impeachment could no longer be ignored. Many of the people who were opposed to impeachment were making it clear that certain things would have to happen before there could be impeachment.

You would have to have bipartisan support for impeachment. You would have to have—well, let's just say certain things. If I say more, I will probably say enough that you will know who I am talking about, and I don't care to mention names at this time. If I am forced to, I will.

We moved forward with a second impeachment. This was H. Res. 705. Many Members of Congress had something similar to this in their offices. It could have been a very large display that would unfold, and it was on coffee tables. It was placed in various places in congressional offices.

I placed this on the wall in my congressional office, along with the other article that I just called to your attention. This was H. Res. 705.

It did not grow by what some would consider a very large number, but it did move to 66 Members of Congress with H. Res. 705.

The reason I know Members are in possession of these documents that I have called to your attention that were displayed is because I sent them to the Members. I sent Members a thank-you, as we customarily do here, and it was something that they could display in the office. I had many Members and many people say that it was a good idea.

Continuing, knowing that 66 was not enough, we brought articles before Congress again. This time, the number hit what I call critical mass. It caused people who were antithetical to the idea to embrace the idea.

By the way, I never thought that it had to be the exact articles that I presented. I never thought it had to be that, but I knew that there had to be impeachment, and these articles that I presented had to do very much with invidious discrimination, something I will say more about later.

This time, we had 95 people who supported the articles, H. Res. 498. What is important about H. Res. 498 is this. When you add the persons who supported H. Res. 498 with the persons who

supported the other articles, you then move beyond 100 people—well beyond 100 people who were supporting impeachment.

Some supported one set of articles and some did not, but then they supported another, so you have H. Res. 498 with 95 persons supporting the Articles of Impeachment.

There is but one solution to an authoritarian President who cannot be controlled by the Supreme Court because he flouts the orders of the Supreme Court, who won't be controlled by Members of his party because he has control over the party. There is but one solution. There is but one place where that solution can manifest itself, and that is the House of Representatives.

Congress has become the court of last resort for an authoritarian President. As such, I pledged to many before today and pledge to the Nation today that in this month, in this month, there will be a vote on the floor of this House, a vote to advance Articles of Impeachment this month. It is necessary, and it will be done.

I truly believe in what the country stands for. I know that it has not always lived up to the expectations written in the great documents that support what the country stands for. I know that it has not always lived up to these expectations, but I also know this. It is a country with due process, with free speech, with freedom of religion. It is a country where I can vote. It is a country where I can fight to make the difference so that it can live up to these great ideals expressed in these great documents, the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution.

I am going to fight to maintain the right to fight. That is what this is all about. Not fighting in the sense that I am going to go out and harm someone, not fighting in the sense that I am going to use some means of using physicality. No, that is not what I am talking about.

I am going to fight with peaceful protests. I believe in peaceful protest. I do not in any way condone persons who go out and harm other people, and I have said as much.

Yes, I get all the backlash that others get when they say as much, but I absolutely will continue to say peaceful protest is the way to make change that can make the difference.

I can do it through peaceful protest, and I am going to do it. That is the kind of fighting I am talking about, peaceful protests.

I can also do it with litigation. We have protestation, litigation. I have signed on to many briefs, and I will continue to do so. Protestation, litigation, but we also have something else. We have legislation. That is what Articles of Impeachment are, legislation.

Protestation, absolutely, I will never give up my right to protest. I am going to fight to maintain that right to protest, protestation. Litigation, I believe in the court system. Then, of course, this whole notion of legislation.

These are the means by which we can make the difference. I assure my friends, my colleagues, persons, this is official notice. There will be a vote on articles to impeach Donald John Trump, who is now President of the United States.

I do it because conscience dictates that this be done, and it has become a moral imperative that we have to proceed with.

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Now, I close with this. This is something that came to my attention just recently. There are people who believe, I think, that I will be intimidated. They believe that I will be intimidated.

Now, these are people—other than those who have already made their many threats that have not intimidated me, but there is a new movement afoot now to do what cannot be done, as they see it, fast enough through the electoral process, meaning my removal from office.

They don't think that the electoral process works efficaciously—effectively, if you will, for them. I was saying efficaciously, but let's just say effectively for them. The Governor of my State, while I am in trial currently defending the Ninth Congressional District—I have been in trial for many years, so this is nothing unusual to defend this district, to keep this district.

It has been difficult. Lots of money has been spent just fighting to maintain the Ninth Congressional District. The Governor of my State has now decided that it is appropriate, according to the sources that have called it to my attention, and many have. Many persons in the legislative body in the State of Texas have called this to my attention—has established what is called a redistricting commission or committee.

With this redistricting commission or committee, the Governor is going to try—I am being told—to draw the lines for these congressional districts so that it will be either difficult or impossible for me to get reelected.

Here is my message to those who would stoop to this level of political shenanigans, as I see it. Here is my message to you: The people who elected me are more important than my being reelected. I am going to stand up for the people who elected me. My re-election is not the issue. You can take me out. There will be another AL GREEN. There is always going to be one more.

The world seems to be put together such that there is always someone who will stand up. You can take me out, but you are not going to intimidate me. I am saying this to the Governor of the State of Texas: Do what you may. Redraw the lines such that I could never get reelected, but I guarantee you this, as long as I am here, I may be censured, but I won't be silenced.

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

TEN RADICAL FAILED POLICIES OF GOVERNOR NEWSOM

(Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2025, Mr. KILEY of California was recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.)

Mr. KILEY of California. Mr. Speaker, this last week, a local newspaper published a letter to the editor claiming that by fighting against Governor Newsom's policies, I was not serving my constituents.

I very strongly disagree with that statement.

The fact is that we have a Governor whose policies have turned the greatest State in the country into the most popular State to leave.

We have a Governor who believes that because he has a supermajority in the legislature, he can run roughshod over the rights of Californians and continue to cause the quality of life in our State to decline.

Here in Congress, we have tools to fight back. I set out at the beginning of this year to use whatever tools are available to fight back against Governor Newsom's most harmful policies, and I believe that is precisely how I can best serve not only my constituents but all Californians and, indeed, all Americans because the Governor has himself said that his failed policies are "a model for the Nation."

I will go through the 10 areas, the 10 radical failed policies of Governor Newsom, which have prevailed in California that we set out to reverse, to fight to overturn or to, at least where we can, mitigate the harm.

I will give a progress report on where we are with respect to each of those 10 items.

Very quickly, the 10 are: Number one, crazy EV mandates; number two, free Medicaid for illegal immigrants; number three, out-of-control homelessness; number four, reckless crime policies; number five, the high-speed rail disaster; number six, the sanctuary State disgrace; number seven, failing public schools; number eight, manmade water shortages; number nine, catastrophic wildfires; and number 10, chaotic elections.

The good news is we have made significant progress when it comes to each of those 10 items.

When it comes to EV mandates, just about a week and a half ago, the Senate followed in the House's footsteps and passed my resolution to overturn Gavin Newsom's ban on gas-powered vehicles.

Any day now, President Trump will sign my resolution into law and Gavin Newsom's unworkable gas car ban, where he wanted to dictate what millions of Californians drive, will be reversed and Californians will be able to drive the car of their choice.

Not only that, we are reversing Newsom's EV mandate when it comes to trucks, and we have already seen the reversal of his mandates when it comes to trains, when it comes to buses, when

it comes to lawnmowers, and when it comes to leaf blowers.

Number Two, on free Medi-Cal for illegal immigrants, a policy that no other State in the country has, a policy that has literally driven our Medicaid system to the point of insolvency, I introduced the No Medicaid for Illegal Immigrants Act.

We have been applying pressure in every way we can, and finally Gavin Newsom has bowed to that pressure. He has announced that he is sunsetting his own policy, ending it at the conclusion of this year.

Of course, he still has not gone far enough because he wants to keep it going for those who have already enrolled, but this is a significant victory in forcing the Governor's hand.

When it comes to homelessness, California has by far the worst homelessness in the country, where the population of homeless has skyrocketed during Newsom's tenure as Governor, where he spent \$24 billion and a State audit determined that he lost track of the money as homelessness, again, continued to go up.

What is worse is, we had this decision from the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals that said that local communities weren't able to do anything about homelessness. The decision said you are not allowed to regulate camping, you are not allowed to regulate homeless encampments in public spaces, even in front of schools or in parks.

Well, last year, we had a significant victory before the U.S. Supreme Court, to overturn that lower court decision. Here is the thing: Newsom wanted to keep the Ninth Circuit decision in place, whereas I advocated in an amicus brief that we reverse that decision and we restore the power of local communities to regulate homelessness in a commonsense way.

Because of that victory before the Supreme Court, you are now seeing, across California, order returning to our public spaces. Even far left, very heavily democratic jurisdictions like Fremont and San Francisco have acted on this new ability provided by the Supreme Court decision that I advocated for to clean up their streets, and we are starting to actually see the situation improve.

Number Four, when it comes to crime, we had an enormous victory last November when it came to Prop 36, an initiative that I helped to lead and qualify for the ballot that has made crime illegal again in California by restoring some basic consequences for theft and open drug use and dealing fentanyl.

Now, of course, Gavin Newsom and the supermajority in California fought against Prop 36 each and every step of the way. They even concocted corrupt schemes to take it off the ballot and deny Californians the opportunity to vote, but each and every one of their schemes failed.

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Despite Governor Newsom leading the opposition to this initiative to

make crime illegal again in California, it passed overwhelmingly. It passed with a higher percentage than any initiative on the ballot. It passed in each and every one of California's 58 counties, even Gavin Newsom's and Kamala Harris' San Francisco.

As a result, you are seeing law enforcement throughout California that now has a new ability to restore order and arrest people who commit crimes. We are starting to see real improvements across the State that we have not seen in a very long time.

Five, when it comes to high-speed rail, the biggest public infrastructure failure in United States history, which Gavin Newsom has continued to pour billions and billions of dollars into, at the beginning of this year, I introduced legislation to say that it shall receive no more Federal funding.

I then joined Secretary of Transportation Sean Duffy at Union Station in Los Angeles to announce an investigation, an audit, and a compliance review by the Federal Department of Transportation into California High-Speed Rail and the billions it has received in Federal funding. Just this week, we got the results of that audit, finding that California is woefully out of compliance and that there is no viable path forward for the project.

I believe that with this Federal money now stopped, this is the beginning of the end of the high-speed rail disaster in California.

Six, when it comes to the sanctuary State, we have taken a number of measures. I introduced a bill, the No Sanctuary for Criminals Act. I also introduced the Freedom to Cooperate Act to allow local authorities to cooperate with Federal immigration enforcement. We have also seen a number of executive orders making it very clear that sanctuary jurisdictions are unacceptable and are in defiance of Federal law.

In California, U.S. Attorney Bill Essayli has found a way to circumvent effectively the sanctuary State using the powers of Federal law enforcement, so we have come a long way toward ending the disgrace of the sanctuary State in California.

When it comes to California's failing public schools, which are just about the worst in the entire country, we have the lowest literacy rate of any State in the country. We continue to see attacks on high-performing schools from Governor Newsom and his enablers in the legislature.

We also have some good news on this front. I am chair of the House Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education, and we have been fighting to give Americans school choice. In this reconciliation bill, H.R. 1, there is a provision that would ignite a school choice revolution across America by providing tax credits that can then be used to allow students to attend a school of their choice. We believe this could enable meaningful school choice for 2 million students across the country.

I am also continuing to advocate for the High-Quality Charter Schools Act, a bill I have introduced that would enable a similar measure of school choice for students in the public school system through charter schools, potentially tripling the number of students attending charter schools across America.

Eight, when it comes to the absurdity of California's man-made water crisis, where, for example, when we had heavy storms in California that caused 20,000 cubic feet of water per second to be cascading out of Folsom Dam, we at the same time had a drought emergency still in effect because we don't have adequate water storage to capture the water when it comes. We don't have the ability to level out these cycles of wetness and dryness that are utterly predictable in California. On top of that, we have crazy policies that divert water to the ocean for the most absurd of reasons.

The good news is that we are starting to see some of this diversion of water come to an end, and we have secured Federal funding for the most significant water project in California in decades, Sites Reservoir, which is now well on its way to substantially expanding water storage in California. We are also taking steps to raise the level of Shasta Dam to provide additional water storage there, as well.

Nine, when it comes to the catastrophic wildfires, which have afflicted my district in searing and tragic ways and which the whole world saw on tragic display in Los Angeles at the beginning of this year, we know that California's failures to adequately manage its forests have precipitated many of these catastrophic fires in addition to several other policy failures.

The good news is that we are restoring common sense when it comes to forest management. We just passed on a bipartisan basis a couple of months ago the Fix Our Forests Act, which will streamline the sort of environmental regulations that stop us from appropriately managing our forests. It passed the House with bipartisan support, and I expect to see it pass the United States Senate very soon.

Finally, when it comes to California's election system, it is much more chaotic than any other State in the country. We take a month just to count votes, so the entire country is waiting for California to finish a process that takes everyone else a matter of hours or a few days.

We have passed in the House of Representatives the SAVE Act, which advances a commonsense proposition that you should provide proof of citizenship in order to register to vote. A recent survey showed that 72 percent of California's Democrats, Republicans, and Independents support this commonsense policy.

In addition, I have introduced the Election Results Accountability Act, saying that California has to count its votes in a timely manner. Finally, I believe that Californians will have a

chance in the next election to vote on a proposition to establish voter ID in California elections.

On each of these fronts, we have made significant progress, and it is improving the quality of life for Californians. Once again, this is a concern for all Americans because by making California sane again, we will help to bring about and continue this golden age in this country and chart a future that truly lives up to the founding ideals of our country.

California has always been at the leading edge of the American Dream. When California thrives, the rest of the country does, as well.

RESPONDING TO CALIFORNIA HIGH-SPEED RAIL
AUTHORITY STATEMENT

Mr. KILEY of California. Mr. Speaker, I want to take a moment to respond to the statement put out by California's High-Speed Rail Authority in response to the audit from the Department of Transportation that came out yesterday.

This audit began a few months ago. I joined Secretary of Transportation Sean Duffy in Los Angeles to announce the investigation into California's 17-year-long failure to build anything despite receiving massive funding at the State and Federal levels.

The audit specifically looked at what happened to the \$4 billion in Federal funds that were provided through recent grants. The result of the audit showed that the State is woefully out of compliance, that it has built nothing, and that there is no viable path forward for the project; therefore, those grants can now be terminated.

The High-Speed Rail Authority came out with this statement, which, frankly, defies belief. It said: "The Authority strongly disagrees with the [Federal Rail Administration's] conclusions, which are misguided and do not reflect the substantial progress made to deliver high-speed rail in California."

Mr. Speaker, I almost cannot believe those words: "the substantial progress to deliver high-speed rail in California." What progress has been made, let alone substantial progress? There literally has not been any track laid in 17 years. There has not been one passenger in 17 years. There have been five CEOs of the rail authority, by the way, so the CEOs of the rail authority outnumber the passengers 5-0. Mr. Speaker, \$17 billion has been spent already, and literally nothing has been built.

By the way, the initial projection was that this thing was going to be done in 2020. That is what we were told when it was proposed in 2008, that by the year 2020, we will have a high-speed rail system, that you could hop on it in Los Angeles, and it will take you swiftly to San Francisco. Wouldn't that be nice?

We are now in the year 2025, and nothing has been built. We are 5 years past the deadline for the whole thing to be done. Nothing has been built, and the rail authority has the audacity to

claim that substantial progress has been made.

By the way, we were also told that, by the year 2030, we would have 100 million riders per year. We now know for a fact that the number of riders per year by the year 2030 will be 100 million less than forecast. There will be zero riders still by the year 2030. We are told, no, no, substantial progress has been made.

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Mr. Speaker, how do we know there will be no riders by the year 2030? The rail authority has said so itself. It has continued to scale back its initial leg of the system but has continued to push back the completion date for that initial segment.

The initial segment of the system from Bakersfield to Merced would span 119 miles. For those who are not from California, these are not exactly population centers. They have set a deadline to complete that by 2033. They are now saying that even that deadline will not be met.

Mr. Speaker, in 2033, we will not even have the initial segment of 119 miles from Bakersfield to Merced. By 2020, we were initially promised we would have the whole thing from L.A. to San Francisco. By 2030, we would have 100 million riders.

The CEO of the rail authority came out recently and said he has a new and very ambitious plan that by the year 2045, 20 years from now, not only will we have this Bakersfield to Merced segment done but we will also have Gilroy to Palmdale.

For those who don't know California geography, where are these places? Neither is especially close to San Francisco or Los Angeles.

Let's give him the benefit of the doubt. Let's assume this actually happens. By 2045, we have Palmdale to Gilroy. There is no reason to believe that will be true since every single other deadline has been missed and has been pushed back. Let's give him the benefit of the doubt.

They work hard for 20 years. They continue to spend tens of billions of dollars. They build Palmdale to Gilroy by 2045. How exactly would we utilize this system if we wanted to go from L.A. to San Francisco? Here is what we would have to do.

We would have to get on one rail system. It would take about 2 hours to get from L.A. to Palmdale. A passenger would then have to get off and hop onto the high-speed train. They probably have to wait for it.

That would take about 2 hours to then get to Gilroy. At Gilroy, a person would get off and wait for another train, one that is not a high-speed one. That would take them from Gilroy into San Francisco.

Overall, the trip at a minimum would take 6 hours and would span three different transit systems. It wouldn't be doable until 2045 at a minimum.

Right now, today, for decades, a traveler could take a flight on Southwest

or several other airlines from L.A. to San Francisco in about an hour.

No, we are told that this vision, this new plan, amounts to substantial progress such that the results of the audit are—let's see, what were the words here?—misguided. They do not reflect the substantial progress that has been made.

By the way, the Governor has hired a gentleman who specifically goes around on X attacking people like me who criticize anything that the Governor is for. Newsom is completely for spending billions and billions on the high-speed rail. In fact, he just doubled the amount that will be spent this year through the cap-and-trade fund.

This gentleman responded to my criticism of the high-speed rail by saying that we are creating all these jobs. That is what this is about.

I am all for creating jobs. In fact, it would be great if we had more jobs in California. As it is, under Governor Newsom, California has the highest unemployment rate in the country. A recent jobs report showed literally zero job growth in California. I would love to create more jobs.

We could create jobs by hiring people to dig a hole and hire more people to come and fill the dirt back in, which isn't that far from what is actually happening with the high-speed rail.

It is better to create jobs doing something that actually creates value, that improves the quality of life of Californians, and that stimulates economic activity. Then there are actually more jobs because those are jobs associated with the economic activity that results from having something useful when it comes to transportation.

I do believe that this compliance review is the beginning of the end for high-speed rail in California. I am now calling on the House to pass my bill which provides that not only will Federal funds continue to be unavailable during this administration but that the project will be ineligible for any further Federal funding going forward.

Once we eliminate the possibility of future Federal funding, the State will have no choice but to acknowledge reality and finally wind down this embarrassing and disastrous project. This is the worst public infrastructure failure in U.S. history.

They will use those funds where they are truly needed, which is on our roads, on our other transportation infrastructure, or, frankly, on literally anything else.

GRADING FOR EQUITY INITIATIVE

Mr. KILEY of California. Mr. Speaker, last week, San Francisco announced a new grading for equity initiative. As the chair of the Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education, this caught my eye.

What they are proposing is truly beyond belief. This grading for equity initiative in San Francisco was in a sense a brilliant solution to San Francisco's problem of having so many failing schools. It would simply fiat that kids would not be failed.

Anyone who got an F would just magically be given a C. Even if a student got a B-minus all the way down to 81 percent, that would actually be considered an A under this grading for equity initiative.

By the way, there would be no grading on anything—not homework, not attendance, not midterms, or anything like that. Grades wouldn't be given at all. The only thing that would actually matter for grades is a final exam. Even then, a student would get to keep re-taking it until the student got the grade that he or she wanted.

Last week, I raised some concerns about this new initiative. Just for some context, it should be understood that San Francisco has had among the very worst student achievement gaps in the State and anywhere across the country. During COVID, they were just about the last place in the country to reopen their schools.

Students were attending class every day with no problem throughout the country and even in other parts of California. Yet, this corrupt school district refused to open its schools. Instead, what it spent its time on was creating a commission to rename schools.

They came up with such interesting recommendations as removing the name of Abraham Lincoln from an elementary school. Lincoln was not woke enough for this commission. They even went so far as to suggest removing the name of Dianne Feinstein from a school. All the while, these schools were closed, and students were continuing to fall behind.

Sadly, it didn't surprise me to see San Francisco come out with this absolutely preposterous grading for equity initiative.

The good news is that after we focused attention on this and folks spoke out against it, the district has now reversed course and has said they are not going to implement this in the coming school year as planned.

That is good news for all Californians because the crazy ideas that often start in San Francisco then often spread throughout the rest of the State and can even spread to the rest of the country.

I am hopeful that this will be a wake-up call that the way to solve the problem of failing public schools is not simply to lower expectations, arbitrarily raise grades, and make it so that failure just simply isn't within the grading system. Rather, it is to raise expectations and follow the forms of accountability and flexibility and other education reforms that have elevated student achievement in much more forward-looking jurisdictions across the country.

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CALIFORNIA STUDENTS TRAPPED IN FAILING SCHOOLS

Mr. KILEY of California. Mr. Speaker, yesterday, in my home State of California, the California State Assembly passed one of the most despicable

education bills that we have seen in a long time. Assembly Bill 84 is the latest all-out attack on charter school families and students in California.

It is part of what has been a war against charters since Governor Gavin Newsom came into office. Indeed, we are seeing that reach a truly concerning level right now, even before this bill.

Across California, we are seeing new legislation passed by the supermajority and signed by Newsom used to devastating effect to target high-performing charter schools and to shut them down or to stop new charters from starting up, forcing families to return to neighborhood schools that they had chosen not to attend and that, in many cases, are failing to teach students the basics.

We have many examples now of high-performing charters in the State being nonrenewed, but this bill, AB 84, makes things even worse. It specifically targets independent study and homeschool-based charters, which are very important for many families throughout California and which are very important, for example, for students with special needs.

It seeks to defund these schools and force them to shut down, taking this option away from those families and forcing them to go back into a system that wasn't working for them. It seeks to further trap students in failing schools and ensure that California remains as having among the worst education outcomes in the country, especially for students in underserved communities.

The bill is so bad and disgraceful that almost 20 Democrats just didn't even vote at all. They abstained. They knew it was terrible, but they didn't want to go against their party, the Governor, or special interests. They simply abstained from the vote.

This is a measure that absolutely cannot be allowed to pass. It still needs to go through the California State Senate, but I would encourage folks throughout the State to get in touch with their Senator about it.

The fact that we have this continued assault on students and families and their schools, this continued attempt to continue educational inequities in our State to continue our State and country's decline when it comes to education, this makes it all the more imperative that we do everything that we can here to provide choice to families and advance educational excellence.

While California is the worst of the worst when it comes to how our school system is run and the policies that the Governor has imposed, across the country, we have seen continued decline when it comes to student achievement. Spending has continued to go up, and student achievement has continued to go down. We are falling behind other countries, and it is putting our country at significant risk for the future.

Millions of kids in California and throughout the country are not getting

the education that they deserve. As chair of the Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education Subcommittee, I am committed to reversing these trends.

The good news is that I am sponsoring the Educational Choice for Children Act. The basic concept of that bill is to enable school choice for millions of kids across the country. It is now included in the reconciliation bill, H.R. 1, which I believe is one of the most important facets of this bill.

I am also strongly advocating for a similar measure, the High-Quality Charter School Act, to be passed either as a standalone bill or, perhaps more relevantly, as part of the same reconciliation bill, H.R. 1.

We believe this measure could triple the number of students attending high-performing charter schools across the country, and it would be a great help to California families who are being attacked by their own State government.

If we could ignite this school choice revolution across the country, then what the data shows is that this will help not only those millions of families that choose to enroll in a public charter or a private school, but it will lift all boats. It will advance student achievement for kids all across the country. It will reverse this decline that we have continued to see in our education system. It will give families the opportunities that they deserve and that they are entitled to. It will put our country on much stronger footing for generations to come.

CONGRATULATING TAHOE YACHT CLUB

Mr. KILEY of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Tahoe Yacht Club as they celebrate their 100-year anniversary.

In 1925, many San Francisco families discovered and became drawn to the beauty of Lake Tahoe. A small group of individuals formed the Tahoe Power Boat Club to organize seasonal boat regattas, which quickly became a highlight of the Tahoe Basin. In 1938, the organization officially became the Tahoe Yacht Club, the name it proudly holds today.

Over the following decades, membership grew exponentially to around 600. The organization later established the Trans-Tahoe Race, the organization's largest sailing event, which soon became internationally acclaimed. It attracted people from across the world. This July will mark the 62nd annual Trans-Tahoe Regatta.

The Tahoe Yacht Club has exhibited endurance and resilience over the past century, briefly closing over COVID-19 but overcoming the challenges of that time to reopen to a wave of new members. Today, the Tahoe Yacht Club boasts a membership of 450 individuals and maintains a year-round calendar of outdoor activities, environmental cleanup days, and strong community engagement.

It is an honor to represent exemplary organizations like the Tahoe Yacht Club in Congress. The Tahoe Yacht

Club contributes to the Tahoe Basin's status as an international destination, and its contributions have had a positive and lasting impact on the region.

Therefore, on behalf of the United States House of Representatives, I am honored to recognize the Tahoe Yacht Club for their 100-year anniversary.

NATIONAL TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK:
DANNA MCCOY

Mr. KILEY of California. Mr. Speaker, in the spirit of National Teacher Appreciation Week, I wish to take a moment to highlight a teacher from the Colfax Elementary School District, Danna McCoy, who has dedicated the past 4 years of her career to educating the young students of her community.

Mrs. McCoy is an invaluable member of the Colfax Elementary team. She started as a paraeducator before going back to school to become a teacher. Now, she has many different roles at Colfax Elementary, serving as their resource specialist program teacher, working on the multitiered system of support team, coordinating the tier 2 check-in, check-out program, and acting as the SST coordinator.

Mrs. McCoy's efforts are critical to ensuring that students' individualized education plans, IEPs, are being met, and she has built an educational environment dedicated to helping all students reach their full potential. She also creates schedules for all of her school's paraprofessionals to ensure smooth support across the campus.

Mrs. McCoy's efforts do not go unnoticed. She is an exceptional educator, and she continues to make a strong impact in the educational journey of her students. She is known by others for her hard work, determination, strong ability to collaborate with other colleagues and work in a team, and for the brightness and positivity that she brings to the school.

It is a true honor to represent exemplary teachers like her in Congress, and I commend Mrs. McCoy for her exceptional dedication to education and promoting student success and academic achievement.

Therefore, on behalf of the United States House of Representatives, I am pleased to recognize Mrs. Danna McCoy for her significant contributions to the Colfax Elementary School District and the young students of the Colfax community.

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RECOGNIZING CHRIS WARDLAW

Mr. KILEY of California. Mr. Speaker, in the spirit of National Teacher Appreciation Week, I wish to take a moment to recognize a teacher from the Western Placer Unified School District, Mr. Chris Wardlaw, who has dedicated 25 years of his career to educating the students of his community.

Mr. Wardlaw became passionate about teaching when he had the opportunity to be a teaching assistant in graduate school when he was studying to become a research biologist. In that capacity, university students knew

him for going above and beyond by holding extra weekly office hours, meeting with study groups in the library before midterms, and helping however he could. His true passion for teaching that was ignited in that role has continued to this day.

His current high school students know him similarly as the teacher who is always willing to help, no matter the time or the place. He teaches during lunch, before school, after school, into the evening, and sometimes over the weekend before an upcoming important test, dedicating countless hours towards promoting the success of his students. He even extends himself at times to help students that aren't specifically in his class. He brings enthusiasm, positivity, and perseverance to the classroom and uses these traits as tools to help inspire students to learn and apply math and science to their day-to-day lives.

Additionally, Mr. Wardlaw created a summer bridge course after seeing a critical need among students transitioning from middle school to high school, with a goal of closing that gap. The success of the program is evident as nearly all students in his program are thriving in math for the first time.

Mr. Wardlaw exemplifies what it means to be a dedicated, compassionate, selfless, and skilled educator. He is a source of support for not only his students but also his colleagues in the school. Mr. Wardlaw is an exceptional educator, and he continues to make a profound impact on the educational journey of his students.

It is a true honor to represent exemplary teachers like him in Congress, and I commend Mr. Wardlaw for his dedication to education and for promoting student success in academic achievement.

Therefore, on behalf of the United States House of Representatives, I am pleased to recognize Mr. Chris Wardlaw for his significant contributions to Western Placer Unified School District and to the students of the Lincoln community.

RECOGNIZING DR. JENNIFER SANDFORT

Mr. KILEY of California. Mr. Speaker, in the spirit of National Teacher Appreciation Week, I wish to take a moment to highlight a teacher from the Folsom Cordova Unified School District, Dr. Jennifer Sandfort, who has dedicated 25 years of her career to educating the students in her community.

Beginning her career as a fifth grade teacher in 2000, Dr. Sandfort later earned her doctorate with a focus on inclusive education for students with autism. Her research has shaped teaching practices both in her classroom and across the district. Dr. Sandfort has spent the last 10 years teaching at Empire Oaks Elementary in Folsom, where she has become known for her innovative, inclusive approach, and deep commitment to student growth.

In her teaching style, Dr. Sandfort emphasizes collaboration, relation-

ships, and the transformative power of learning. Her tireless devotion to her role has made a meaningful impact in the lives and learning outcomes of her students. Not only does she empower her students academically, but she also plays a pivotal role in supporting her colleagues and fellow educators, reflecting her ongoing commitment to public service and civic responsibility.

Dr. Sandfort exemplifies the highest standards of educational excellence and leadership, which led her to be recognized recently by the Folsom Cordova Unified School District as the 2024-2025 Teacher of the Year.

I am proud to represent outstanding educators like Dr. Sandfort in Congress, and I commend her for her more than two decades of dedication to education and to promoting student success and academic achievement.

Therefore, on behalf of the United States House of Representatives, I am pleased to recognize Dr. Jennifer Sandfort for her significant contributions to the Folsom Cordova Unified School District and to the students of the Folsom community.

RECOGNIZING SARAH GRIMKE TAYLOR

Mr. KILEY of California. Mr. Speaker, in honor of National Teacher Appreciation Week, I wish to take a moment to highlight a teacher from the Eastern Sierra Unified School District, Sarah Grimke Taylor, who has dedicated 29 years of her career to educating the students of her community.

Ms. Taylor graduated from Amherst College in 1991, earned her teaching credential from UC Berkeley, and earned her master's degree in English from UC Irvine. In 1994, she began teaching English, and in the last 15 years has taught both English and Drama at Lee Vining High School. Due to the high standards of her performance, she has received a number of awards recognizing her exceptional teaching abilities, including the Outstanding Teachers of America Award from the Carlston Family Foundation, the Olmsted Prize for Excellence in Secondary School Teaching from Williams College, and most recently the Teacher of the Year Award from Mono County.

Ms. Taylor is known for her empathy and attentiveness to the differing needs of her students, as well as for the high expectations she sets, and the corresponding support she provides to empower her students to reach their full potential. She is regarded as a bedrock of the school and is one that students can turn to for college and career advice, academic assistance, or just to be a listening ear. Not only is she an invaluable role model to her students, but she also is a leader among her colleagues and was instrumental in creating a program that mentors early career teachers, helping them hone their craft and build a positive learning environment in their classrooms.

I am proud to represent educators like Ms. Taylor in Congress, and I commend her for her exceptional dedication to education and to promoting student success.

Therefore, on behalf of the United States House of Representatives, I am pleased to recognize Ms. Sarah Grimke Taylor for her significant contributions to the Eastern Sierra Unified School District and to the students of the Eastern Sierra community.

RECOGNIZING DEPUTY JEFF BILODEAU

Mr. KILEY of California. Mr. Speaker, as part of the California Congressional District Three Police Honor Roll and in honor of National Police Week 2025, I wish to recognize Deputy Jeff Bilodeau of the Placer County Sheriff's Office for his unwavering commitment to serving and protecting the Placer County community.

Deputy Bilodeau serves as the Loomis traffic deputy and is known for going above and beyond the normal call of duty to serve his community. He reads books to children at the local library, partners with schools to improve traffic flow and safety, provides educational presentations about accident investigations, gives public safety presentations to the town, and so much more. Through local partnerships, he has assisted in contributing numerous bicycles and helmets to underprivileged children in order to ensure that they have safe and reliable transportation options.

His passion and commitment to mentorship, education, outreach, and public safety make such a positive impact in our community. As such, he has received several honors, including the Roseville Elks Lodge Officer of the Year Award, and the soon to be induction into the United States Police and Fire Olympics Hall of Fame.

It is an honor to represent such exemplary law enforcement officers in Congress.

On behalf of California's Third Congressional District and the United States House of Representatives, I would like to thank and honor Deputy Jeff Bilodeau for serving and protecting the region as a dedicated public servant.

RECOGNIZING DEPUTY CHAD BLAIR

Mr. KILEY of California. Mr. Speaker, as part of the California Congressional District Three Police Honor Roll and in honor of National Police Week, I wish to recognize Deputy Chad Blair of the Sacramento County Sheriff's Office for his unwavering commitment to serving and protecting the community of Sacramento, California.

Deputy Blair began his career in 2019, working in the Investigation Service Unit where he collaborated with the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation to gather intelligence from inmates, analyze trends in violence and narcotics distribution, and monitor gang activity. Deputy Blair enhanced his training by becoming a jail training officer and the team leader for the Custody Emergency Response Team.

Subsequent to his service in corrections, he was assigned to patrol where he utilizes technologies and community engagement to help prevent crime and build bridges between the community and law enforcement. Because of his dedication to community engagement, he was selected for the Problem-Oriented Policing Team. In addition to his regular duties, Deputy Blair is also a member of the Sheriff's Critical Incident Negotiations Team in which he assists with hostage and barricade situations through the use of negotiation and crisis management skills. Within these roles, Deputy Blair has continually demonstrated professionalism and commitment to service and community.

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Deputy Blair is known by others for his expertise and highly trained skill set, as well as for his dedication to enhancing trust between law enforcement and community members to prevent crime and promote public safety. He stands out as a daily example of excellence in law enforcement and is a model to those around him.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to represent exemplary individuals like Deputy Chad Blair. On behalf of California's Third Congressional District and the United States House of Representatives, I thank and honor Deputy Blair for serving and protecting the region as a dedicated public servant.

RECOGNIZING LIEUTENANT JASON DOOLITTLE

Mr. KILEY of California. Mr. Speaker, as part of the California Third Congressional District Police Honor Roll and in honor of National Police Week 2025, I recognize Lieutenant Jason Doolittle for his unwavering commitment to serving and protecting Placer County.

Lieutenant Doolittle joined the Placer County Sheriff's Office in 2002 after he graduated from the police academy. He started his career in law enforcement as a reserve deputy and later as an extra help deputy, which allowed him to obtain experience in both patrol and corrections. In 2003, Lieutenant Doolittle was brought on as a full-time deputy sheriff and worked in the jail.

In 2005, Lieutenant Doolittle was transferred to patrol. He was responsible for the I-80 corridor, all the way from Bell Road in Auburn to Donner Summit. During this time, Lieutenant Doolittle developed strong self-reliance and proficiency, and his work did not go unnoticed. He received the Mothers Against Drunk Driving Award in both 2006 and 2008 for the most DUI arrests in the department and was awarded the Sheriff's Pin by then-Undersheriff D'Arcy.

While on patrol, Lieutenant Doolittle became a field training officer, which gave him the responsibility of training new deputies in law, policy, tactics, and procedures. In 2009, he joined the special enforcement team, which is the equivalent of a SWAT team, and was selected as the element leader for the chemical agents unit.

That year, Lieutenant Doolittle was also assigned as a detective to the investigations unit. He handled cases involving burglary, theft, fraud, stalking, homicides, sexual assaults, and assaults with deadly weapons. Lieutenant Doolittle was very effective, with nearly all of his cases resulting in guilty pleas from the defendants, and he was recognized by the district attorney's office for the thoroughness of his work.

In 2012, he received a promotion to sergeant. He went on to take such roles as a team leader for the critical incident response team at the jail, developing a supervisory training manual for the division, and working in patrol. He has overseen teams of deputies and supervised numerous high-risk and tactical incidents.

In 2024, Lieutenant Jason Doolittle was promoted once again, this time to field operations lieutenant. He currently serves as the commander of the south Placer substation located in the town of Loomis. He manages the youth and community services unit, which oversees public outreach and school resource officers, and works closely with local government and business leaders.

Lieutenant Jason Doolittle's service does not stop there. He also serves as an adjunct instructor at Sierra College's modular police academy and teaches courses in firearms, weaponless defense, chemical agents, introduction to criminal law, evidence, and professional policing in the community. On top of this, he serves as a recruit training officer, a position that allows him to mentor and guide new recruits.

Lieutenant Jason Doolittle's leadership, commitment to excellence, and ongoing involvement in our community sets him apart, and it is an honor to represent exemplary individuals like him in Congress.

Therefore, on behalf of California's Third Congressional District and the United States House of Representatives, I thank and honor Lieutenant Doolittle for his ongoing commitment to serving and protecting Placer County as a dedicated public servant.

RECOGNIZING SHERIFF MIKE FISHER

Mr. KILEY of California. Mr. Speaker, as part of the California Third Congressional District Police Honor Roll and in honor of National Police Week 2025, I recognize Sheriff Mike Fisher of the Sierra County Sheriff's Office for his unwavering commitment to serving and protecting the Sierra County community.

Sheriff Fisher has served his community for 25 years, starting his career as a deputy with the Sierra County Sheriff's Office, then a detective. Finally, he was elected as Sierra County sheriff in 2018 and reelected in 2022.

Sheriff Fisher exemplifies what it means to be a dedicated public servant, consistently prioritizing the needs of Sierra County and serving as a strong representative of his community.

His passion for championing the rural and ranching communities of Sierra County sets him apart as a leader,

and his steadfast commitment to safeguarding life, liberty, property, and Sierra County's community values is unparalleled.

Sheriff Fisher is known for being a trusted leader and has earned the respect of those who have the privilege to know him. It is an honor to represent exemplary individuals like Sheriff Mike Fisher. On behalf of California's Third Congressional District and the United States House of Representatives, I thank and honor Sheriff Fisher for his nearly three decades of serving and protecting the region as a dedicated public servant.

RECOGNIZING DETECTIVE DAN HEATON

Mr. KILEY of California. Mr. Speaker, as part of the California Third Congressional District Police Honor Roll and in honor of National Police Week 2025, I recognize Detective Dan Heaton of the Sacramento County Sheriff's Office for his unwavering commitment to serving and protecting the communities of Sacramento, California.

Detective Heaton began his career with the Sacramento County Sheriff's Office in 2014. He spent 2 years in corrections before moving on to become a patrol officer. He eventually became a field training officer, where he was responsible for training new deputies under his watch. He was then assigned to the problem-oriented policing team, and then was promoted to his current rank of detective, being assigned to the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force.

Throughout Detective Heaton's career and decade of public service, he has achieved a wide diversity of accomplishments to improve the safety of our communities.

One accomplishment of particular note occurred last year, in which he led and implemented a proactive investigation across nine counties, including close to 30 agencies, that located and served warrants on more than 21 suspects who were preying on children. This was truly a heroic effort that spared many young lives from becoming victims.

Detective Heaton is known by others for his strong leadership, innovative techniques, understanding of the law, and the high standards by which he holds himself and others. He makes himself available to assist other law enforcement officers and agencies, sharing the skills that he has worked so hard to develop. His passion and dedication to the protection of children is unparalleled, and his tireless efforts have made a meaningful impact in our communities.

Mr. Speaker, it is an honor to represent exemplary individuals like Detective Dan Heaton. On behalf of California's Third Congressional District and the United States House of Representatives, I thank and honor Detective Heaton for serving and protecting the region as a dedicated public servant.

RECOGNIZING POLICE OFFICER BRETT SCHNEIDER

Mr. KILEY of California. Mr. Speaker, in honor of National Police Week, I

recognize and honor Officer Brett Schneider of the Lincoln Police Department for his unwavering commitment to serving and protecting the Lincoln community.

Officer Schneider was hired by the Lincoln Police Department in June 2006. Over his last 19 years with the department, Officer Schneider has held various roles, including EMT, field training officer, corporal, active-shooter response instructor, UAV coordinator, accident reconstructionist, department instructor, and he is currently assigned as a motorcycle officer with the traffic unit.

Throughout Officer Schneider's nearly two decades of public service, he has achieved a wide diversity of accomplishments to improve the safety of our communities. One accomplishment of particular note arose in 2023, when Officer Schneider was assigned to a full-time role to supervise the traffic unit that was disbanded as a result of the financial crisis in the mid-2000s.

Officer Schneider was given no funding and was directed to create a unit that provides the best possible traffic enforcement. Since the start of this formidable task, Officer Schneider has not only met but repeatedly exceeded expectations.

Through his efforts within the traffic unit, he has been able to secure grant funding, allowing the Lincoln Police Department to acquire essential vehicles and equipment that promote traffic safety, including traffic motorcycles, a DUI enforcement vehicle, multiple DUI checkpoints and patrols, specialized equipment for targeted traffic enforcement operations, and a truck to transport these resources.

Additionally, Officer Schneider secured funding to purchase a preliminary drug screening device, which is utilized in DUI investigations involving drugs, making Lincoln the first city in the region to utilize this type of device.

The funding he has acquired has enhanced accuracy and expanded capabilities within the department, leveraging innovative and new technologies. Not only has Officer Schneider secured equipment for the department, but he also has established the traffic safety committee to actively engage with the community and to enhance traffic safety.

Officer Schneider has harnessed GIS and drone technology to enable the department to recreate the scenes of accidents, allowing them to see accurate depictions of the chain of events.

With his levels of experience and expertise in the field, Officer Schneider has become the department's subject matter expert on traffic matters, leading the city to new heights and addressing traffic concerns through the implementation of positive and advanced solutions.

Officer Brett Schneider is known for his exceptional skill set, ambition, determination, and tireless devotion to preventing crime and promoting safety

in the city of Lincoln. His efforts have made a meaningful impact on the Lincoln community.

It is an honor to represent exemplary individuals like Officer Brett Schneider in Congress.

On behalf of California's Third Congressional District and the United States House of Representatives, I thank and honor Officer Schneider for his ongoing commitment to serving and protecting the region as a dedicated public servant.

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RECOGNIZING DETECTIVE STERLING WOLFE

Mr. KILEY of California. Madam Speaker, as part of the California Third Congressional District Police Honor Roll and in honor of National Police Week 2025, I wish to recognize Detective Sterling Wolfe of the Rocklin Police Department for his unwavering commitment to serving and protecting the Rocklin community.

Detective Wolfe has served as a police officer for over a decade. He has held numerous specialized roles, including Rapid Containment Team member, drone pilot, crime scene investigator, and, now, detective. Throughout every position, he has displayed and exemplified the highest levels of professionalism, leadership, and service.

During Detective Wolfe's time in public service, he has achieved a wide diversity of accomplishments to improve the safety of our communities. Over the past year alone, he has authored more than 35 search warrants, performed numerous arrests, and successfully led complex investigations.

One particular accomplishment of note was his use of advanced technology, complex search warrants, social media searches, and multiple agency coordination to identify key suspects to bring a high-value theft ring spanning across northern California to justice.

Detective Wolfe's commitment to his role and public safety is evident by the various recognitions he has received. He was recognized by a deputy district attorney from Placer County and was also honored with a lifesaving award earned after extinguishing a vehicle fire and rendering lifesaving aid to the pinned driver while responding to a solo vehicle collision.

Detective Wolfe embodies the spirit of teamwork by mentoring fellow officers and fostering collaboration and open communication across the department. He is proactive and dedicated, and he has become an invaluable resource for both his peers and the community. As such, he embodies the core values of the Rocklin Police Department through his integrity, skill, and dedication.

It is an honor to represent exemplary individuals like Detective Sterling Wolfe in Congress.

On behalf of California's Third Congressional District and the United States House of Representatives, I

thank and honor Detective Wolfe for serving and protecting the region as a dedicated public servant.

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

HONORING WHAT D-DAY HEROES FOUGHT FOR

(Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2025, Mr. ROY of Texas was recognized for 30 minutes.)

Mr. ROY. Madam Speaker, I recognize that today is an important day in the history of our country. As we all know, 81 years ago, on June 6, 1944, we had over 150,000 Allied troops who attacked the beaches at Normandy, knowing full well what they were walking into.

You had 150,000 Allied forces, tens of thousands of Americans who stormed the beaches, jumped out of boats into stormy waters, walked into a virtual wall of bullets, went through the fire, went to the cliffs, got shot at on the cliffs, scaled the cliffs, to then have to fight for every yard for the privilege of then getting all the way to Bastogne to sit in foxholes in the freezing cold on Christmas of 1944 while being bombarded by Germans as they were mounting their last offensive.

What would cause young men from all over this country to do that? Why would they do that, knowing a huge number of them would not make it through the day? They knew that, but they did it anyway. They knew that when they were jumping out of planes in the middle of the night, many of them wouldn't survive.

I saw yesterday on social media photos of dozens of young men who didn't make it through that day, photos from them. They lead up to that morning and the day before in training. What would cause these young men to do that?

The reason is that they knew that this country was worth fighting for, not simply because of the existence of the country but because of what this country represents in terms of opportunity to live free and prosper according to your own talents and to be able to live according to your own conscience under our Constitution and under the principles that were advanced in the Declaration and that are central to Western civilization.

That is what those young men did. We had 400,000-plus Americans who lost their lives to defend this country in World War II. Precious few who survived that conflict are still alive.

Madam Speaker, if you go down to the memorial here in Washington, the World War II Memorial, there are 4,000-plus stars that are across the monument, each representing 100 young men who did what I just described or who did something similar in Iwo Jima or did something similar in the Doolittle Raid.

Again, what would cause them to do it? It is to live free. That is what it is about.

I have a letter from a dear friend of mine named Victoria Coates, who served in the first Trump administration, from her grandfather Howard. I want to read the letter really quickly.

"Jane darling, yep, honey, it is true. Your boyfriend is in it now. I can't tell you how long I have been here or where I am. That will have to come later when I get home. It is the most serious thing I have been in during all of my life.

"I am well, though, darling, and still all in one piece. As you said in the last letter I got from you, the one you wrote on invasion day, I am well-trained and will take care of myself.

"Of course, the men come first, and our mission, but I am not taking any chances personally, except those in the line of duty. Most all of our officers and men are reacting fine to these new conditions. I have my own platoon and my own headquarters out in the field.

"Fact is, I am sitting in my CP now writing this letter. I have Charlie Mugford here as my executive officer, and he is very capable in the field. My staff sergeant is a boy by name of Vabek from Pittsburgh. He is Polish and a darn good man. The Germans killed his grandparents in their invasion into Poland, so you can well imagine his reaction to all of this.

"The morale of the men is good, and that makes the job easier. Golly, I like my little field setup. Have good radio equipment, also a nice switchboard. . . . I have a Jeep and weapons carrier for my CP, plus my CP personnel. . . . We get a special dehydrated ration that requires only the adding of a little water. . . . For supper last night, we had, as an example, baked beans, sausage, cold-packed tomatoes, rice pudding, biscuits, jam and butter, coffee.

"I haven't received the picture yet but am very anxiously awaiting it. Please write regularly. I need it. We haven't received any mail since coming to France but hope to get some soon. That helps plenty.

"Well, darling, you are ever in my thoughts over here and are my big driving force. I, like the thousands of other Americans, am doing my damn best to get this war over with and get home safely to my family."

What did they fight for? I can tell you what they didn't fight for. They didn't fight for a Congress to come here and continue \$36 trillion of debt and mortgage their children, their grandchildren, and their great-grandchildren's futures.

They didn't come here for this Congress to run away from the fight of policy. They didn't risk everything and walk into a wall of bullets so that people in this Chamber can be afraid of tweets or constituents that come in and talk about, oh, but you are cutting some program. They expected us to actually defend this country in this Chamber.

A trillion dollars of interest every year—we are spending more on interest than on the entirety of our national defense.

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I have to be honest with you, I don't know whether the big, beautiful bill is beautiful enough to support. I have to be honest.

I voted for it off of the floor to send it to the Senate. There were a lot of important provisions in it, and I need to level set some of those provisions right now because it is not appropriate for us to run away from the fight now that these young men 80 years ago ran into the fight to preserve.

This country will not survive if we mortgage it away, and that is what we are doing. President Reagan was correct when he said that every Member of Congress when they come to this floor and they offer a new bill for a new program should all bring a tax increase to go alongside of it.

Because everybody in this Chamber, particularly on this side of the aisle, are all too fine offering tax cuts because it is like selling dessert, but refuse to put forward the spending cuts so that people have to eat the broccoli. That is why we are \$36 trillion in debt and growing. That is why we have a trillion dollars of interest.

By the way, as interest rates go up, the price of that debt goes up. We are going to be at \$1.5 trillion, \$2 trillion of interest payments because we can't do our job correctly.

Now, let's go through the big, beautiful bill. The bill is what I would call the good, the bad, and the ugly because that is the truth.

I am not going to get into personalities and squabbles and back and forth. The President is right that we need to move a bill through here with tax cuts and spending restraint so that he can get the agenda done that he campaigned on. He is 100 percent right, and we should do that. Elon is right that this bill doesn't cut enough. That is the truth.

Two things can be true at the same time. The barrier to actually achieving the greatness of moving the big, beautiful bill through and that would achieve the President's agenda and achieving what Elon is rightly saying, which is that we should cut more, the barrier is right here in this Chamber. It is right over there in the Senate.

We have people unwilling to face their constituents and tell them the truth. Well, I am going to try to sit here on the floor and tell the truth.

I had to hold my nose to vote for this bill 2 weeks ago off the House floor to the Senate. Why? It does not cut enough, and it is not even close to cutting enough.

My colleagues say: Oh, but CHIP, it is the biggest spending decrease in history. Let's be very clear: It is a reduction in future increases of about \$1.6 trillion.

Yes. That is the biggest amount ever. But guess what? We have sizably more debt and sizably more spending than ever, so, of course, it should be, but it should be more.

Madam Speaker, \$1.6 trillion in cuts on future reductions is really about

\$160 billion a year over 10 years. That is the truth. The truth is that our whole budget has grown from about \$3.6 trillion a decade ago to \$7.2 trillion now. It has doubled.

Everybody wants to applaud themselves for \$160 billion of reductions in increases. I am sorry. I don't think that is good enough. The fact is, our budget, the budget we passed to get the big, beautiful bill through says that we should be at \$6.5 trillion for 2026, but after this bill, if it is passed this way out of the Senate, we would be at \$7.2 trillion.

That is a lot of numbers. You want me to tell you back home—the fact of the matter is, unless we have record economic growth for an entire decade, deficits will go up. That is the truth.

This bill front-loads all of the cost for the first 4 years, 2026, 2027, 2028, 2029 deficits are up. That is, by the way, on a dynamic basis. You are going to hear a lot of people taking shots at the CBO, and they should.

The CBO is biased. The CBO is left leaning, and the CBO doesn't always get it right. But guess what? No economist ever gets it right. The fact is, we took care of that, at least in part, in the Budget Committee by assuming growth. We assumed economic growth of 2.6 percent, higher than the last two decades averaged, lower than the historic average.

Why does that matter? Because we have already accounted for what you call dynamic scoring, meaning the impact of the tax cuts on revenue.

What does that mean in simple terms? It means that if you look at our analysis, even assuming economic growth and more revenue from that growth, we will still have \$400 billion of deficits added to the existing \$2 trillion deficit in 2026 because of the bill.

Those deficits will go up even more and will be another \$400 billion or so in 2027 and 2028, we add to the deficits, 2029 we add to the deficits.

Finally in 2030, the deficits go down. If you look across the entirety of the 10 years under this bill, you are basically—it is somewhere around break-even on the impact on deficits.

Now, again, everybody understand what I am saying. The deficits of roughly around \$1.8 trillion to \$2 trillion a year will continue. This bill will adjust taxes and adjust spending, will increase deficits for 3 or 4 or 5 years, and then cut deficits in the outer 5 years if you believe that will ever happen. Only in this town do you assume that the good things will happen in 5 years and accept the bad things in the first years, but that is what we are doing.

Now to be clear and to be fair, this does not account for tariff revenue, which is up. Of course, tariff revenue has to be factored into the economic impact of the tariffs. You have got to stir all that in the pot and decide what you think is going to happen. If you ask me to weigh all of this, I will tell you that on the simple question of

whether this bill will add to or decrease deficits, I think it will add to the deficits.

Because for the first 5 years, even dynamically scored, they add to the deficits. Even if you assume the current rate of about—I don't know—\$250 billion of tariff revenue, which you can't assume because they change, you are still going to be adding to the deficits even factoring in for the economic impact of growth.

Okay. That is all a lot of nerdy speak. Everyone sent us here to save the country. You can't save the country if you are adding to the deficits. You can't save the country if interest rates aren't going to be able to go down because you are being fiscally responsible and the bond markets respond.

That is the simple truth, but here we are. Why are we here? Why, despite what I just said, did I hold my nose and vote for the bill?

Well, A, as part of the process and I am hopeful the Senate might work its will to make the bill better. Probably not a good bet. The Senate rarely makes things better.

Okay. B, we did get some serious reforms to Medicaid. I am proud of those reforms, but I do have to be honest with you, they are kind of like breathing.

When I tell you the reforms, you are going to be, like, wait. We don't do that already. We are simply going to reverse a lot of the damage of the Biden administration and reverse a lot of the damage of the expansion of ObamaCare by simply saying this: You shouldn't be on Medicaid if you are able-bodied and can work and you are not working.

Now, Democrats will say: Oh, you are slashing Medicaid. No, we are not. They are not telling you the truth about that. What we are doing is simply saying you should have to work. It is the same thing for food stamps. My Republican colleagues will say: Oh, my gosh, these are the biggest savings in history. This is the greatest thing since sliced bread.

Every American I talk to says: Why weren't you doing that already? It is like the basic business of commerce. Why would you do that? Why would you provide benefits to people who are able to work and don't? It is insane.

We are going to say: Oh, my gosh, we saved hundreds of billions of dollars on Medicaid reform by tightening and making sure we are enforcing eligibility and that only the vulnerable get it instead of the able-bodied.

But we are not doing anything to stop the money laundering scam. We are not doing anything to stop the fact that expansion States under ObamaCare get seven times more money for the able-bodied than the vulnerable. We are going to do nothing about that.

We are going to do nothing about the provider taxes that are part of that scam, that have blue States getting money to give money to illegals and to

people at Planned Parenthood and other things because they launder the money through Washington to get a multiple to give it to hospitals and insurance companies and then give them a tax break on the back end.

It is well documented, well reported, and this body is doing not a damn thing about it because they are too afraid. They are too afraid to take on the insurance lobby. They are too afraid to take on the hospital lobby. They are too afraid to be honest with the American people.

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Yet, I voted for the bill. Why? Because if we don't, we keep operating under the current system, which means we keep giving Medicaid to people without work requirements.

Therefore, I am faced with a conundrum: Do I vote for the bill so I can actually have the common sense of a Medicaid work requirement start in 2026 or do I vote "no" on the bill because I think deficits are going to go up and I think this is the bare basics of reform we should do while we are not doing anything to stop the money laundering scam that will likely encourage the 10 nonexpansion States to expand and cement ObamaCare permanently?

This is the Hobson's choice that someone like me or some of my other colleagues face, all under the bluster of what this bill does or does not do, which 90 percent of the people in this body can't even explain, much less the American people or anybody in the media. That is the truth.

We add lots of new tax cuts. Here is the little secret that everybody should understand: All of the new tax cuts expire after 4 years or 5 years. You want to know a classic Washington gimmick? That is one. You are getting absolutely the bait-and-switch by Republicans in the House and the Senate by saying we are going to have these tax cuts only be applied for 4 years because they will expire, don't you know, in 4 years, so you don't have to score them now. They always say: Don't worry, over 10 years this thing, man, it reduces deficits. However, they don't score the last 5 years because the tax cuts expire.

Now, let me ask you a question. If you are watching this, all 12 of you on C-SPAN, tell me whether you think if we put in place the \$500 enhanced child tax credit—I don't care whether you like the policy or not. I have my concerns with the policy. I think it is a giveaway. I don't think it is actually all that helpful. I don't think it creates economic growth, but, okay, we are all in the giveaway business in this Chamber. We are going to give away another \$500 for every child in this country, even though it costs thousands to raise them, but we are only going to do it for 4 years.

I am not allowed to speak and address the audience, I have to address the Speaker, but for anybody who happens to be listening in the Chamber or

on C-SPAN, would you go to Vegas and bet yes or no that those tax credits would be expanded in 5 years? You know damn well they will be expanded in 5 years, but we don't score that. That is a Washington gimmick.

There are seven of those, I think, or more of these tax cuts that expire in 4 or 5 years but are not then scored for the outer 5 years so that everything can balance, but it doesn't. That is \$1.6 trillion of additional lost revenue.

Now, again, let me be clear: I support a lot of those policies. I don't think we should be taxing Social Security on seniors either at all or certainly as much. I don't think we should have taxes—let me restate it.

I think we should give tax benefits for moving manufacturing to the United States and give rapid depreciation expensing for those companies. I am for that policy. That might actually be one of the few that might pay for themselves with the growth.

How about the auto loan tax deduction? We have got that in there now. Well, do you think that is going to pay for itself? Do you think they will let that expire in 4 years when everybody is used to deducting their auto interest? Maybe it is fine policy, but shouldn't we pay for it?

Shouldn't we have more spending reductions, or are we going to keep up the fiction that we can continue to do these policies? All my Republican colleagues go: CHIP, they all pay for themselves. Are you a tax raiser? That is what they do. They go: CHIP, you are out there, you are saying we have got to raise taxes.

There is a reason, as I said a minute ago, Ronald Reagan said if you come down here with a new idea, you ought to have a tax increase attached to it. Everybody in this Chamber cannot say no to the Farm Bureau when they come in and they want more money, when the ALS people come in and say they need more research, when the cancer people come in and say they need more research.

I am a cancer survivor, and I tell them no because, damn it, we don't have any more money. But everybody in this Chamber just says: Okay, we are going to authorize more spending, and I am going to go do a tax cut because, oh, that is your money, you get to keep your taxes, I agree.

Let me be clear: They are all going to sit there and play some clip; CHIP ROY is for tax increases. It is all crap. The truth is everybody in this Chamber says every tax cut pays for itself. What if I cut taxes to 1 percent? Do those all pay for themselves? No, they don't. And we owe \$36 trillion.

Everybody watching this: Your kids, your grandkids, your great-grandkids are holding the bag because you wanted all your free crap. As I have said before in a speech, this is always the United States House of free crap, and that is what we do, we just write checks.

The Inflation Reduction Act, the green new scam, I am going to tell you

the one reason I voted for this bill—one. Yes, I like the Medicaid requirements; yes, I like a lot of the extensions of the tax cuts; yes, I like some of the policies that stop funding Planned Parenthood; yes, I like some of the policies that stop funding transgender surgeries. All of those are good, but in my opinion, we needed more spending restraint, if you want to be honest about deficits.

I voted for this bill for one reason, and this is why I am on the floor today, because I need the United States Senate to hear this as clearly as I can say it: We got restrictions on the green new scam to ensure that about 55 or 60 percent of those subsidies that are going to enrich billion dollar corporations to put money in the pockets of the Chinese, to undermine our grid with unreliable energy and undermine natural gas and undermine nuclear, all while bolstering wind and solar, which is littering our fields and littering our landscape, all to provide unreliable energy.

We fought like hell to get restrictions on that, to get 60 percent of the green new scam basically terminated. The President campaigned on terminating all of it, but this weak-ass Congress and Senate are going to not do that because, oh, we can't disrupt the existing flow of the \$400 billion of subsidies going into the pockets of all those big companies raking in the money so they can get free money. While you guys all subsidize, they are getting rich, and your grid gets weaker.

This Congress is going to do that, and we fought like cats and dogs to get that 60 percent. Everybody in town, the K Street lobbyists are freaking out: Oh, no, we are not going to be able to have our subsidies to build more wind farms and solar farms. We are going to have more giveaways because their energy won't compete. That is the one reason I voted for this bill.

My message to the Senate: This will get clipped. It will get sent to the Senate. I am looking at you, THOM TILLIS. I am looking at you over there in the Senate, you backslide one inch on those IRA subsidies, and I am voting against this bill. I want the White House to hear it. I want the Senate to hear it because it is the only reason I voted for this bill. Those God-forsaken subsidies are killing our energy, killing our grid, making us weaker, destroying our landscape, undermining our freedom, and I am not going to have it.

You do what you want to do in the Senate, House of Lords, have your fun, but if you mess up the Inflation Reduction Act green new scam subsidies, I ain't voting for that bill. We have a duty to actually honor those who fought 81 years later.

All these colleagues of mine, both sides of the aisle, they will go out. You watch, today, D-day, there will be a tweet from everybody. June 14, the 250th birthday of the Army, there will be a tweet from everybody. July 4, they

will get in their parades, they will walk around with the flag. They will kiss babies. Yay.

What will they do on Veterans Day?

What did they do on Memorial Day?

What are we doing to actually honor the memory of those who gave the last full measure of devotion, who walked into the wall of bullets, who died for this country? So that we can be \$36 trillion in debt? So that we can subsidize the green new scam? So that we can run away from the fight of having a tough conversation with constituents that there, in fact, is no more room in the inn, that we are out of money?

I have got to tell you; this bill does not meet the moment. I voted for it because I believe strongly in stopping those green new scam subsidies and for a variety of other good provisions, but we ought to do better. The Senate ought to do better. If the Senate weakens it, shame on the Senate. If the House just takes it, shame on the House.

The President of the United States campaigned on terminating the green new scam. We should terminate it.

The President of the United States said that we should get rid of waste, fraud, and abuse in Medicaid. Well, we should, including the money laundering scam enriching blue States at the expense of red States, expansion States at the expense of nonexpansion States, and enriching the able-bodied at the expense of the vulnerable.

The President campaigned on tax relief. We should deliver it. But we should have the commensurate spending cuts to go alongside of it to ensure that deficits go down to do what the President also campaigned on, which is balancing the budget of the United States.

I do not believe this bill yet will do that. We will see what the Senate does over the next week, but we will do a disservice to the memories of those that we are celebrating today on the 81st anniversary of D-day, and we will do a disservice to the memory of all those who came before us who fought and died and bled for this country. But more importantly, we will do a disservice to their ancestors, a disservice to our kids and our grandkids, who are the ones left holding the bag of rampant inflation, high interest rates, and a bond market that is teetering on the edge of a knife's edge because we refuse to do our job.

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Mr. Speaker, we have an obligation to do it. I hope the Senate will step up and make this bill better.

If they leave it the same, they can send it to the President's desk. If they leave it basically the same and they send it back, I guess a lot of us will hold our nose again and say: Well, I guess that is the best this Congress is capable of doing.

It is like General Patton's quote in the movie:

“‘What did you do in the great World War II?’ You won't have to say, ‘Well, I shoveled crap in Louisiana.’”

What is Congress going to say that they did at this moment in time and in history to save this country? I hope the Senate will listen and make this bill better. I hope they will make it deserving of the President's campaign and mandate and deliver for the American people. They better darn well not backslide.

Frankly, it was hard to hold my nose to vote for that bill in the first place because I am over a barrel. I am trying to actually make Medicaid work, trying to make these subsidies get repealed, and trying to do the job that the President campaigned on, while we are too inclined to want to have giveaways that don't simply add up.

This is a moment for us to rise up and deliver. I hope the Senate will do it, and I hope the House will follow.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. RULLI). Members are reminded to address their remarks to the Chair and not to a perceived viewing audience.

SENATE ENROLLED BILL AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS SIGNED

The Speaker announced his signature to an enrolled bill and joint resolutions of the Senate of the following titles:

S. 160.—An act to amend the Wildfire Suppression Aircraft Transfer Act of 1996 to reauthorize the sale by the Department of Defense of aircraft and parts for wildfire suppression purposes, and for other purposes.

S.J. Res. 13.—A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency of the Department of the Treasury relating to the review of applications under the Bank Merger Act.

S.J. Res. 31.—A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to "Review of Final Rule Reclassification of Major Sources as Area Sources Under Section 112 of the Clean Air Act".

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. ROY. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 1 o'clock and 2 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Monday, June 9, 2025, at noon for morning-hour debate.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. GRAVES: Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. H.R. 188. A bill to require that the Amtrak Board of Directors comply with the open meetings requirements of section 552b of title 5, United States Code, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 119-144). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. GRAVES: Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. H.R. 2390. A bill to amend title 46, United States Code, to clarify that port infrastructure development program funds may be used to replace Chinese port crane hardware or software, and for other purposes (Rept. 119-145). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. GRAVES: Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. H.R. 248. A bill to require Amtrak to install baby changing tables in bathrooms on passenger rail cars (Rept. 119-146). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. GRAVES: Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. H.R. 2035. A bill to amend title 46, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Transportation to ensure that all cargoes procured, furnished, or financed by the Department of Transportation are transported on privately-owned commercial vessels of the United States, and for other purposes (Rept. 119-147). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. GRAVES: Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. H.R. 252. A bill to amend title 46, United States Code, to prohibit certain contracts for port operations and management, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 119-148). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. GRAVES: Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. H.R. 2351. A bill to direct the Commandant of the Coast Guard to update the policy of the Coast Guard regarding the use of medication to treat drug overdose, and for other purposes (Rept. 119-149). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. GRAVES: Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. H. Res. 137. A resolution designating the House Press Gallery, Rooms H-315, H-316, H-317, H-318, and H-319 in the United States Capitol, as the "Frederick Douglass Press Gallery", with amendments (Rept. 119-150). 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. SCALISE:

H.R. 4. A bill to rescind certain budget authority proposed to be rescinded in special messages transmitted to the Congress by the President on June 3, 2025, in accordance with section 1012(a) of the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974; to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. MASSIE (for himself, Mr. DAVIDSON, Mr. MCDOWELL, and Mr. NEHLS):

H.R. 3795. A bill to provide for the first true audit of gold owned by the United States in more than 65 years and to conduct subsequent audits every 5 years; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. BEGICH:

H.R. 3796. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Transportation to authorize the use of unmanned aircraft systems and satellites in inspections of rights-of-way of certain pipeline facilities; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. BURCHETT:

H.R. 3797. A bill to codify Executive Order 14278 (relating to preparing Americans for high-paying skilled trade jobs of the future); to the Committee on Education and Workforce.

By Mr. BURCHETT:

H.R. 3798. A bill to codify Executive Order 14233 relating to establishment of the strategic Bitcoin reserve and United States digital asset stockpile; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. BURCHETT:

H.R. 3799. A bill to codify the executive order relating to Enforcing Commonsense Rules of the Road for America's Truck Drivers; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. LAMALFA (for himself, Ms. MATSUI, and Mrs. KIM):

H.R. 3800. A bill to amend the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968 to prohibit the deferral of the issuance of letters of map revision based on the placement of fill or conditional letters of map revision based on the placement of fill, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. BURCHETT:

H.R. 3801. A bill to codify Executive Order 14280 (related to reinstating common sense school discipline policies); to the Committee on Education and Workforce, and in addition to the Committees on the Judiciary, and Armed Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. BURCHETT:

H.R. 3802. A bill to codify Executive Order 14190 (relating to ending radical indoctrination in K-12 schooling); to the Committee on Education and Workforce, and in addition to the Committees on Armed Services, and Foreign Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. BURCHETT:

H.R. 3803. A bill to codify Executive Order 14285, titled "Unleashing America's Offshore Critical Minerals and Resources"; to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committees on Armed Services, Foreign Affairs, and Financial Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. CARBAJAL:

H.R. 3804. A bill to direct the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment to conduct a study on the feasibility of carrying out a grant program to assist communities affected by noise from space launch activities of the Department of Defense; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. CARTER of Louisiana:

H.R. 3805. A bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to modify the definition of franchise fee, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Ms. DE LA CRUZ (for herself, Mr. BABIN, Mr. ROY, Mr. PFLUGER, Mr. TONY GONZALES of Texas, Mr. GOODEN, Mr. CRENSHAW, Mr. MCCAUL, Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas, Mr. NEHLS, Mr. ARRINGTON, and Mr. GILL of Texas):

H.R. 3806. A bill to direct the Secretary of Agriculture to study and report on strategies to combat the New World screwworm and enhance the United States' preparedness and response capabilities against potential outbreaks; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. FALLON (for himself and Mr. VINDMAN):

H.R. 3807. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Defense to procure software and data as a service to support the development of artificial intelligence systems, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. FITZPATRICK (for himself and Mr. TONKO):

H.R. 3808. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve access to mental health services under the Medicare program; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. FLOOD (for himself, Mr. LUCAS, Mr. PANETTA, Mr. SORESENSEN, and Mr. MOSKOWITZ):

H.R. 3809. A bill to waive certain legal requirements to permit the Director of the National Weather Service to expeditiously hire for positions that are critical for public safety, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

By Mr. FONG (for himself, Mr. VALADAO, Mrs. KIM, and Mr. McDOWELL):

H.R. 3810. A bill to require the Attorney General to report to Congress on Federal, State, and local efforts to combat access device fraud, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. GOTTHEIMER (for himself, Ms. CRAIG, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Ms. GARCIA of Texas, Mr. MOSKOWITZ, Mr. TONKO, Ms. NORTON, Ms. DELBENE, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Mr. GARCIA of California, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Mr. TORRES of New York, Mr. CARSON, Mr. LANDSMAN, Mr. SOTO, and Ms. FRIEDMAN):

H.R. 3811. A bill to establish a task force to combat the rising elder abuse of LGBTQI+ individuals; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. GRAY:

H.R. 3812. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to prohibit the collection of a health care copayment by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs from a veteran under certain conditions attributable to a failure of the Department of Veterans Affairs to process certain information within applicable timeliness standards, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. GREEN of Tennessee:

H.R. 3813. A bill to amend the Arms Export Control Act to provide to the United Kingdom an exemption for licensing of defense items for export in the absence of a relevant bilateral agreement; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. HERNÁNDEZ (for himself and Mr. HUFFMAN):

H.R. 3814. A bill to require the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct a study on the effects of coastal erosion on tourism and other businesses in Puerto Rico, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Ms. LEE of Pennsylvania (for herself, Ms. SCANLON, Ms. TLAI, Ms. NORTON, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Ms. CROCKETT, Ms. BROWN, Mr. CLEAVER, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, Ms. JAYAPAL, Mrs. FOUSHEE, Ms. PRESSLEY, and Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania):

H.R. 3815. A bill to authorize the Attorney General to make grants to strengthen the provision of legal representation to individuals in judicial proceedings that take place after the individual has been arrested in connection with a criminal offense, including at initial appearance; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LUCAS (for himself, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. SCOTT FRANKLIN of Florida, Ms. BONAMICI, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Ms. STEVENS, Mr. MILLER of Ohio, Ms. ROSS, Mrs. BICE, Ms. LEE of Pennsylvania, Mr. FLEISCHMANN, Mr. FROST, Ms. TENNEY, Mr. FEENSTRA, Mr. CRAWFORD, and Mr. FLOOD):

H.R. 3816. A bill to improve the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's weather research, support improvements in weather forecasting and prediction, expand commercial opportunities for the provision of weather data, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, and in addition to the Committees on Natural Resources, Energy and Commerce, and Foreign Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. MAST:

H.R. 3817. A bill to require the Corps of Engineers to notify affected communities before releasing water contaminated with cyanotoxins from flood risk management structures, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. MAST:

H.R. 3818. A bill to require the Corps of Engineers to prohibit certain discharges of water at Lake Okeechobee, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. MAST:

H.R. 3819. A bill to modify the project for Central and Southern Florida to include public health considerations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin (for herself, Mr. STEIL, Mr. POCAN, Mr. FITZGERALD, and Mr. WIED):

H.R. 3820. A bill to name the Department of Veterans Affairs women's health clinic in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, as the Anna Mae Robertson VA Well Woman Clinic; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Ms. MORRISON (for herself, Mr. LAWLER, Ms. MATSUI, Mr. CLINE, Mr. FITZPATRICK, and Mr. BACON):

H.R. 3821. A bill to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to require the label of a drug intended for human use to identify each ingredient in such drug that is, or is derived directly or indirectly from, a major food allergen or a gluten-containing grain, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. PERRY:

H.R. 3822. A bill to amend title 23 and title 49, United States Code, to prohibit funds from certain programs to be used to fund streetcars, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. QUIGLEY (for himself, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Ms. NORTON, Mr. THANEDAR, Mr. MOULTON, Mr. TORRES of New York, Mr. KENNEDY of New York, Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY, Mr. CLEAVER, Mr. AUCHINCLOSS, Mr. BELL, Mr. NEGUSE, Mr. LATIMER, Mr. DESAULNIER, Mr. CASTEN, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Ms. JOHNSON of Texas, Mrs. FOUSHEE, Mr. BEYER, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, and Mr. GOLDMAN of New York):

H.R. 3823. A bill to prevent the illegal sale of firearms, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. ROUZER (for himself, Mr. SESSIONS, Ms. MALOY, Mr. NEWHOUSE, and Mr. EVANS of Colorado):

H.R. 3824. A bill to amend the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act

and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to clarify Congressional intent regarding the regulation of the use of pesticides in or near navigable waters, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on 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. SCHMIDT (for himself, Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas, Mr. ESTES, and Mr. MANN):

H.R. 3825. A bill to amend the Communications Act of 1934 to require providers of a covered service to provide location information concerning the telecommunications device of a user of such service to an investigative or law enforcement officer or an employee or other agent of a public safety answering point in an emergency situation involving risk of death or serious physical harm or in order to respond to the user's call for emergency services; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Ms. SCHRIER (for herself, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Ms. DELBENE, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, and Ms. NORTON):

H.R. 3826. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to improve access to diabetes outpatient self-management training services, to require the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Innovation to test the provision of virtual diabetes outpatient self-management training services, 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 Ms. VAN DUYNE:

H.R. 3827. A bill to require that any sanctuary jurisdiction return any Federal funds provided to it during a particular period; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Ms. VELÁZQUEZ (for herself, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Mr. CASAR, Ms. NORTON, Ms. RIVAS, Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ, and Ms. GARCIA of Texas):

H.R. 3828. A bill to amend section 287 of the Immigration and Nationality Act to prohibit immigration officers or agents of the Department of Homeland Security from wearing clothing or other items bearing the word "police"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. VELÁZQUEZ (for herself and Ms. WATERS):

H.R. 3829. A bill to require the Director of the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network and the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to enter into a memorandum of understanding to ensure the dissemination of covered information, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services, and in addition to the Committee on Small Business, 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. VINDMAN (for himself and Mr. KELLY of Mississippi):

H.R. 3830. A bill to award a Congressional Gold Medal to all United States nationals

who voluntarily joined the Canadian and British Armed Forces and their supporting entities during World War II, in recognition of their dedicated service; to the Committee on Financial Services, and in addition to the Committee on House Administration, 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. WEBSTER of Florida (for himself and Mr. SOTO):

H.R. 3831. A bill to amend the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to prohibit feeding sharks in the exclusive economic zone off the State of Florida; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. MCCLINTOCK (for himself, Mr. BIGGS of Arizona, and Mr. PERRY):

H.J. Res. 99. A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to provide that new States may be admitted to the United States upon a concurrence of two thirds of each house of Congress; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. PFLUGER (for himself, Mr. ARRINGTON, Mr. ELLZEY, Mr. GOODEN, Mr. BABIN, Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas, Mr. GOLDMAN of Texas, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mr. JACKSON of Texas, and Mr. BACON):

H. Con. Res. 36. Concurrent resolution recognizing the life, achievements, and public service of former First Lady Barbara Pierce Bush on the occasion of her 100th birthday; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Ms. BONAMICI (for herself, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Ms. SALAZAR, and Mr. BEYER):

H. Res. 482. A resolution recognizing World Oceans Day and the need to protect, conserve, maintain, and rebuild the ocean and its resources; to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. CROW (for himself, Mr. CARTER of Texas, Mr. MCCORMICK, Mr. TRAN, Ms. KING-HINDS, Mr. DIAZ-BALART, Mr. MOULTON, Mr. WOMACK, Mr. CLOUD, Ms. STRICKLAND, Mr. MOORE of Alabama, Mr. HUDSON, Mr. FALLON, Mr. CAREY, Mr. DELUZIO, Mr. MOLENAAR, Ms. STEFANIK, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Ms. TENNEY, Mr. STRONG, Mr. FITZGERALD, Mr. MANN, Mr. SORESENSEN, Mr. SCHMIDT, Mr. JACKSON of Texas, Mr. WITTMAN, Mr. ROUZER, Mr. CRAWFORD, Mr. ADERHOLT, Mr. BACON, Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina, Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Mr. CALVERT, Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana, Mr. KELLY of Mississippi, and Mr. ISSA):

H. Res. 483. A resolution recognizing the 250th birthday of the United States Army; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mrs. DINGELL:

H. Res. 484. A resolution expressing support for the recognition of "Hidradenitis Suppurativa Awareness Week"; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. EVANS of Colorado (for himself, Mr. CRANK, Ms. BOEBERT, and Mr. HURD of Colorado):

H. Res. 485. A resolution denouncing the antisemitic terrorist attack in Boulder, Colorado; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Mr. FITZPATRICK:

H. Res. 486. A resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3001) to advance commonsense priorities; to the Committee on Rules.

By Mr. OWENS (for himself and Mr. DONALDS):

H. Res. 487. A resolution expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that fatherhood is essential to the development of all children, and that the increased involvement of fathers in the home will lead to economic prosperity, educational excellence, and improved social mobility for children across all racial and ethnic groups; to the Committee on Education and Workforce, and in addition to the Committees on the Judiciary, and 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.

CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY STATEMENT

Pursuant to clause 7 of rule XII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the following statements are submitted regarding the specific powers granted to Congress in the Constitution to enact the accompanying bill or joint resolution.

By Mr. SCALISE:

H.R. 4.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I Section 9 Clause 7

By Mr. MASSIE:

H.R. 3795.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I Section 8

By Mr. BEGICH:

H.R. 3796.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1 Section 8

By Mr. BURCHETT:

H.R. 3797.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8

By Mr. BURCHETT:

H.R. 3798.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8

By Mr. BURCHETT:

H.R. 3799.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8

By Mr. LAMALFA:

H.R. 3800.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 14

By Mr. BURCHETT:

H.R. 3801.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8

By Mr. BURCHETT:

H.R. 3802.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8

By Mr. BURCHETT:

H.R. 3803.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8

By Mr. CARBAJAL:

H.R. 3804.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

The constitutional authority of Congress to enact this legislation is provided by Article I, Section 8, clause 14 of the United States Constitution which provides Congress with the power of military rules and regulations.

By Mr. CARTER of Louisiana:

H.R. 3805.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

This bill is introduced pursuant to the powers granted to Congress under the General Welfare Clause (Art. 1 Sec. 8 Cl. 1), the Commerce Clause (Art. 1 Sec. 8 Cl. 3), and the Necessary and Proper Clause (Art. 1 Sec. 8 Cl. 18).

By Ms. DE LA CRUZ:

H.R. 3806.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8

By Mr. FALLON:

H.R. 3807.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8

By Mr. FITZPATRICK:

H.R. 3808.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 18

By Mr. FLOOD:

H.R. 3809.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 18

By Mr. FONG:

H.R. 3810.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Clause 3 of Section 8 of Article I of the Constitution

Clause 18 of Section 8 of Article I of the Constitution

By Mr. GOTTHEIMER:

H.R. 3811.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8

By Mr. GRAY:

H.R. 3812.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8

By Mr. GREEN of Tennessee:

H.R. 3813.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8 of the Constitution.

By Mr. HERNANDEZ:

H.R. 3814.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8

By Ms. LEE of Pennsylvania:

H.R. 3815.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Art. I, Sec. 8

By Mr. LUCAS:

H.R. 3816.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 18:

"The Congress shall have Power . . . To make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States, or in any Department or Officer thereof."

By Mr. MAST:

H.R. 3817.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Section 8 of Article I

By Mr. MAST:

H.R. 3818.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Section 8 of Article I

By Mr. MAST:

H.R. 3819.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8

By Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin:

H.R. 3820.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8

By Ms. MORRISON:

H.R. 3821.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Section 1 of Article 1 of the Constitution:

All legislative Powers herein granted shall be vested in a Congress of the United States, which shall consist of a Senate and House of Representatives.

By Mr. PERRY:

H.R. 3822.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. QUIGLEY:

H.R. 3823.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 3 of the U.S. Constitution

By Mr. ROUZER:

H.R. 3824.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8

By Mr. SCHMIDT:

H.R. 3825.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

clause 3 of section 8 of article I of the Constitution
clause 18 of section 8 of article I of the Constitution

By Ms. SCHRIER:

H.R. 3826.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

This bill is enacted pursuant to the power granted to Congress under Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution.

By Ms. VAN DUYN:

H.R. 3827.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8

By Ms. VELÁZQUEZ:

H.R. 3828.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article IV, Section 3, Clause 2

The Congress shall have Power to dispose of and make all needful Rules and Regulations respecting the Territory or other Property belonging to the United States; . . .

By Ms. VELÁZQUEZ:

H.R. 3829.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article IV, Section 3, Clause 2

The Congress shall have Power to dispose of and make all needful Rules and Regulations respecting the Territory or other Property belonging to the United States; . . .

By Mr. VINDMAN:

H.R. 3830.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 18 of the U.S. Constitution

By Mr. WEBSTER of Florida:

H.R. 3831.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8

By Mr. MCCLINTOCK:

H.J. Res. 99.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article V

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 7 of rule XII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions, as follows:

H.R. 255: Mr. JACKSON of Texas.

H.R. 280: Mr. FINSTAD.

H.R. 381: Mr. CISNEROS.

H.R. 404: Mr. BARR.

H.R. 429: Mr. SORENSEN.

H.R. 516: Mrs. FISCHBACH and Mr. LAMALFA.

H.R. 539: Mr. BERGMAN.

H.R. 648: Mr. WIED.

H.R. 764: Ms. HOYLE of Oregon.

H.R. 771: Ms. TOKUDA.

H.R. 785: Ms. STRICKLAND.

H.R. 793: Mr. MOULTON.

H.R. 827: Mr. MFUME.

H.R. 924: Mr. DAVIS of Illinois.

H.R. 979: Mr. GARAMENDI, Ms. BROWN, Ms. NORTON, Ms. BROWNLEY, Ms. STANSBURY, and Mr. MCGOVERN.

H.R. 1181: Mr. JACKSON of Texas.

H.R. 1236: Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina.

H.R. 1262: Mr. JACKSON of Texas.

H.R. 1268: Mr. FITZPATRICK.

H.R. 1317: Mrs. HINSON.

H.R. 1340: Mr. WEBER of Texas.

H.R. 1492: Mr. FITZGERALD and Mrs. HINSON.

H.R. 1518: Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina.

H.R. 1521: Mr. BABIN.

H.R. 1529: Mr. OWENS.

H.R. 1564: Mr. LICCARDO.

H.R. 1595: Mr. LAMALFA.

H.R. 1657: Mr. MFUME.

H.R. 1733: Ms. STRICKLAND.

H.R. 1851: Mrs. MCCLAIN DELANEY.

H.R. 2036: Mr. MOULTON and Mr. SCHMIDT.

H.R. 2081: Mr. KENNEDY of New York.

H.R. 2175: Mr. LEVIN.

H.R. 2191: Mrs. SPARTZ and Mr. BERA.

H.R. 2283: Mr. BERGMAN.

H.R. 2481: Mr. SHREVE and Mr. LAWLER.

H.R. 2496: Mr. WIED.

H.R. 2531: Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ, Ms. LOFGREN, Ms. SCHOLTEN, and Ms. CRAIG.

H.R. 2570: Mr. JACKSON of Texas.

H.R. 2585: Ms. SHERRILL and Ms. STEVENS.

H.R. 2605: Mr. FINSTAD.

H.R. 2673: Mr. FROST.

H.R. 2678: Mr. GOTTHEIMER.

H.R. 2708: Mr. MCDOWELL.

H.R. 2725: Mr. LEVIN and Ms. DE LA CRUZ.

H.R. 2729: Mr. LAWLER and Mr. NEWHOUSE.

H.R. 2736: Mr. ESPAILLAT.

H.R. 2799: Mr. SUOZZI.

H.R. 2814: Mr. WEBER of Texas.

H.R. 2821: Mr. CROW.

H.R. 2854: Mr. SORENSEN and Mr. MANN.

H.R. 2911: Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina.

H.R. 2926: Mr. FINSTAD.

H.R. 2961: Mr. CROW.

H.R. 3035: Mr. GRAY.

H.R. 3037: Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin.

H.R. 3049: Mrs. MCIVER.

H.R. 3113: Mrs. MCCLAIN DELANEY.

H.R. 3146: Mr. RILEY of New York.

H.R. 3226: Ms. NORTON.

H.R. 3304: Mr. RUTHERFORD and Ms. GOODLANDER.

H.R. 3425: Mr. FIGURES.

H.R. 3447: Mr. LAWLER and Mr. SHERMAN.

H.R. 3454: Mr. ESPAILLAT, Mr. CASTEN, Mr. TRAN, Mr. VARGAS, and Mrs. FLETCHER.

H.R. 3484: Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas.

H.R. 3499: Mr. CRANE.

H.R. 3514: Mr. VASQUEZ, Ms. MENG, and Mr. ROUZER.

H.R. 3524: Mr. FITZPATRICK.

H.R. 3529: Mr. FITZPATRICK.

H.R. 3533: Mr. HUIZENGA.

H.R. 3555: Mr. COSTA.

H.R. 3559: Mr. COSTA.

H.R. 3569: Mrs. FOUSHEE, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mrs. FLETCHER, Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois, and Mr. CISNEROS.

H.R. 3583: Mr. BAIRD.

H.R. 3605: Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia.

H.R. 3644: Ms. CLARKE of New York.

H.R. 3698: Ms. BROWNLEY.

H.R. 3699: Mr. FLEISCHMANN.

H.R. 3710: Mr. LANDSMAN.

H.R. 3720: Mr. MOYLAN.

H.R. 3722: Ms. BOEBERT.

H.R. 3725: Mr. DOWNING.

H.R. 3744: Mr. SELF.

H.R. 3770: Mr. CLYDE, Mr. CRENSHAW, and Mr. MCCORMICK.

H.R. 3778: Mr. MOORE of West Virginia.

H.R. 3780: Mr. KNOTT and Mr. DOWNING.

H.R. 3787: Mrs. BIGGS of South Carolina.

H.J. Res. 80: Ms. LEE of Pennsylvania.

H. Res. 470: Mr. COSTA.

H. Res. 481: Mr. BALDERSON, Ms. FOXX, Ms. FEDORCHAK, Mr. SHREVE, and Mr. PERRY.

DISCHARGE PETITIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XV, the following discharge petition was filed:

Petition 6, June 4, 2025, by Mr. GOLDEN of Maine on House Resolution 432, was signed by the following Members: Mr. Golden of Maine, Mr. Fitzpatrick, Mr. Pappas, and Mr. Bacon.

DISCHARGE PETITIONS— ADDITIONS AND WITHDRAWALS

The following Members added their names to the following discharge petitions:

Petition 2 by Mr. CASTEN on House Resolution 250: Mr. Courtney.

Petition 4 by Mr. MEEKS on House Resolution 391: Ms. Johnson of Texas, Mr. Takano, Mr. Bishop, Mr. Fields, Mr. Subramanyam, Ms. Pressley, Mr. Himes, Ms. Friedman, Mr. Courtney, Ms. Titus, Ms. Elfreth, Ms. McBride, Mr. McGovern, Mr. Mullin, Ms. Escobar, Mr. Jackson of Illinois, Mr. Figures, Ms. Underwood, Ms. McCollum, Mrs. McBath, Mr. Foster, Ms. Meng, Ms. Salinas, Mr. Whitesides, Ms. Bonamici, Ms. Houlahan, Mr. Green of Texas, Ms. Tokuda, Mr. Garcia of California, Mr. Thanedar, Ms. Randall, Mr. Espaillet, Ms. Ansari, Ms. Lois Frankel of Florida, Mrs. Ramirez, Mrs. Fletcher, Ms. Chu, Mrs. Torres of California, Mr. Bell, Ms. Dean of Pennsylvania, Mr. Cisneros, Mr. Tonko, Mr. Casten, Ms. Balint, Mr. Casar, Ms. Matsui, Mr. Thompson of California, Mr. Vargas, Mr. Lieu, Ms. Kaptur, Mr. Pappas, Mr. Huffman, Mr. Nadler, Ms. Scanlon, Mrs. Trahan, Mr. Swalwell, Ms. Pelosi, Ms. Gillen, Mr. Beyer, Mr. Mfume, Mr. Costa, Mr. Torres of New York, Ms. Omar, Mrs. McIver, Mr. Cleaver, Mr. Scott of Virginia, Mr. Hoyer, Mr. Neguse, Mr. Davis of Illinois, Mr. Correa, Ms. Waters, Ms. Brown, Mr. Vindman, Ms. Velázquez, Ms. Brownley, Mr. Clyburn, Ms. Goodlander.

Petition 5 by Mr. MEEKS on House Resolution 393: Ms. Johnson of Texas, Mr. Takano, Mr. Bishop, Mr. Fields, Mr. Subramanyam, Ms. Pressley, Mr. Himes, Ms. Friedman, Mr. Courtney, Ms. Titus, Ms. Elfreth, Ms. McBride, Mr. McGovern, Mr. Mullin, Ms. Escobar, Mr. Figures, Mr. Jackson of Illinois, Ms. Underwood, Ms. McCollum, Mrs. McBath, Mr. Foster, Ms. Meng, Ms. Salinas, Mr. Whitesides, Ms. Bonamici, Ms. Houlahan, Mr. Green of Texas, Ms. Tokuda, Mr. Garcia

of California, Mr. Thanedar, Ms. Randall, Mr. Espaillet, Ms. Ansari, Ms. Lois Frankel of Florida, Mrs. Ramirez, Mrs. Fletcher, Ms. Chu, Mrs. Torres of California, Mr. Bell, Ms. Dean of Pennsylvania, Mr. Cisneros, Mr. Tonko, Mr. Casten, Ms. Balint, Mr. Casar, Ms. Matsui, Mr. Thompson of California, Mr. Vargas, Mr. Lieu, Mr. Pappas, Mr. Huffman, Mr. Nadler, Ms. Scanlon, Mrs. Trahan, Mr. Swalwell, Ms. Pelosi, Ms. Gillen, Mr. Beyer, Mr. Mfume, Mr. Costa, Mr. Torres of New York, Ms. Omar, Mrs. McIver, Mr. Cleaver, Mr. Scott of Virginia, Mr. Hoyer, Mr. Neguse, Mr. Davis of Illinois, Mr. Correa, Ms. Waters, Ms. Brown, Mr. Vindman, Ms. Velázquez, Ms. Brownley, Mr. Clyburn, and Ms. Goodlander.