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

DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,

June 10, 2025.

I hereby appoint the Honorable PAUL A. GOSAR to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

MIKE JOHNSON,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

MORNING-HOUR DEBATE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of January 3, 2025, the Chair will now recognize Members from lists submitted by the majority and minority leaders for morning-hour debate.

The Chair will alternate recognition between the parties, with time equally allocated between the parties and each Member other than the majority and minority leaders and the minority whip limited to 5 minutes, but in no event shall debate continue beyond 11:50 a.m.

EXPRESSING GRATITUDE FOR THE FBI INVESTIGATION IN KELSO

(Ms. PEREZ of Washington was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Ms. PEREZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my profound and deep gratitude to the Kelso Police Department, the FBI, and Columbia County Sheriff's Office.

On May 19, the FBI Portland field office was given a tip that there was a potential threat to the Three Rivers Crossing, a mall located in my district in Kelso. An investigation was immediately

launched in coordination with local partners, and law enforcement was able to identify the teenage suspect the next day.

During the investigation, law enforcement had discovered the suspect had shared heinous, detailed plans for a mass shooting in online chat rooms and had the intent and means to carry out a horrific attack.

People rarely get thanked for the fires they prevent, the disasters they forestall, and the wreck that doesn't happen. I think it is incredibly important that we pause and recognize the skill, dedication, intelligence, and the bravery that these officers and law enforcement agents exemplified in preventing what would have been a horrifying event.

We are grateful for the families that weren't torn apart, the pain that wasn't caused, and the lives that weren't wrecked.

We are so grateful for the work and the diligence they represent every day, and we thank them for their dedication and work.

It is also important that we spend time understanding what the root causes of this evil are: the rot of isolation, the impotence of rage, the mental illness, the corrosion of social networks, and how we have gotten to this point where we are.

To each officer who worked to keep southwest Washington safe, from the bottom of my heart, I thank them. Families are together today because of their work.

THURSTON COUNTY NAZIS

Ms. PEREZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a recent arrest made by the Thurston County Sheriff's Office in my district.

On June 1, two men illegally gained access to Joint Base Lewis-McChord in Pierce County. Once inside, they broke into a U.S. Army Ranger operational facility, where they were discovered. After assaulting the man who found

them with both a hammer and a knife, they fled with about \$14,000 worth of stolen military equipment and weapons.

After an extensive investigation to identify the two assailants, the Army Criminal Investigation Division reached out to the Thurston County Sheriff's Office for assistance in executing an arrest warrant.

The FBI SWAT team who executed the arrest in Lacey, Washington, found 35 weapons, including rifles and a machine gun, as well as a large amount of Nazi paraphernalia in every room of that home. Both suspects were actively involved in Nazi white nationalist efforts.

Mr. Speaker, thanks to the quick work of the Thurston County Sheriff's Office, the Army, and the FBI, these two dangerous men were identified and taken into custody.

Mr. Speaker, I thank the Thurston County Sheriff's Office for keeping Washington safe.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF SERGEANT CHARLES MARTIN

(Mr. HARIDOPOLOS of Florida was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. HARIDOPOLOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the memory of Sergeant Charles Martin, a proud veteran of World War II and today's Brevard County June veteran nominee and honoree.

Charles began his service in the merchant marine, bravely taking on the dangerous mission of guarding Allied shipping routes from prowling U-boats and Stuka dive-bombers.

His commitment carried him across the globe from the Atlantic to the shores of Japan. There, he took part in the Allied occupation as a member of the 5th Air Force and, in his own words, had the incredible honor of being saluted by General Douglas MacArthur himself.

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Sergeant Martin was part of the Greatest Generation, a group of Americans who gave years to defend liberty and defeat tyranny. We owe it to them and to Charles to ensure their sacrifices are never forgotten.

So, today, Mr. Speaker, we honor Sergeant Charles Martin, our good friend from Brevard County.

RECOGNIZING AVIATOR AVA HERNANDEZ

Mr. HARIDOPOLOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Ava Hernandez, a recipient of the prestigious 2025 Ray Aviation Scholarship, an honor that will support her journey to earning a private pilot's license.

Ava was nominated for this scholarship by the Brevard County Experimental Aircraft Association chapter in appreciation of her love for aviation, constant volunteer work, dedication to flight training, and her stellar academic performance.

Ava's passion for aviation grew from her involvement in The 99th Squadron, a Brevard County-based nonprofit organization that exposes middle and high school students to the fundamentals of flight.

Ava's commitment to aviation is truly admiral, and I thank those who have encouraged youth involvement in the industry, such as the EAA and The 99th Squadron, for shaping the next generation of pilots.

Congratulations to Ava on her accomplishment, an honor well-earned.

ADDRESSING OUR EXPLODING DEFICIT

(Mr. KHANNA of California was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. KHANNA. Mr. Speaker, one of the largest challenges our country faces is exploding deficits. The Republican budget would add \$2.4 trillion over 10 years to the existing deficits.

Let me show this chart. On this chart, the yellow line shows the existing deficits as they currently are projected. The Republicans would take those existing deficits and add, over 10 years, \$2.4 trillion.

Now, Ray Dalio and Jamie Dimon have said that this is a disaster and that the bond markets are afraid.

Why are the bond markets afraid?

It is because they know that the Fed would engage in quantitative easing, buying up more Treasury bonds, as people outside view the Treasuries as more risky. This will lower the value of the dollar, and it will make basically all Americans poorer.

However, people are tired of just hearing one side bash the other side about deficits and no one doing anything about it. So, today, we are introducing a plan, a real plan, to lower deficits in America.

This plan would take the deficit down over the next 10 years to below 3 percent of GDP. The historic leverage over the last 40, 50 years has been under 4 percent of GDP.

As far as the Republican plan, by the way, independent analysis takes the

deficits to 8.6 percent of GDP. That is the highest it has ever been in peacetime. Our plan would take it back down to under 4 percent.

Mr. Speaker, here you see the Republican deficits, here you see the current deficits and here you see our plan which would reduce deficits by \$12 trillion.

Now, Mr. Speaker, you say: How are we going to do this deficit reduction?

Where are the spending cuts, and where are the revenue generators?

It is pretty simple actually. We need to start with the Pentagon and modernizing the Pentagon. This is what Elon Musk actually signed up to do with SpaceX and initially with DOGE. He wanted to cut the bloated defense contractors and the waste out of the Pentagon. We need not cost-plus accounting. We need new competition.

Secondly, we need to go after negotiating with Big Pharma. Medicare should be negotiating drug prices.

Third, we should be stopping Medicare Advantage from ripping off the American people. They are upcoding, and they are making people sicker than they actually are. We should make competitive procurement for the government.

None of this, by the way, is in the Republican plan. These are the big-ticket items that would actually start to reduce the deficit. They always say that our side is not for spending cuts. Right here are actual spending cuts of what we can be doing to reduce the deficit.

Also, Musk has called for ending fossil fuel subsidies. Let's have some revenue generators. We have to vote to cut spending and generate revenue.

Let's tax billionaires. I never understood the billionaire argument. I have more billionaires than anyone in this Chamber. There are five trillion-dollar companies in my district: Apple, Google, Nvidia, Broadcom, and Tesla. I am saying: Let's raise taxes on them.

I don't understand how this is a hard vote for 434 other Members of Congress. We should be making sure that we are taxing our stock buybacks. We should be making sure that when we have large inheritances that people who are inheriting it actually have to pay capital gains so that we, in this country, start to reward hard work again and not just speculation.

This is so we celebrate the people who are doing daily work and paying taxes as opposed to just speculators who are avoiding taxes.

Anyway, this plan would reduce the deficit, reduce debt by \$12 trillion over 10 years, and it would also reduce the interest payments on the deficit every year which would add an extra \$2 trillion of savings.

Now, I am not saying this plan is perfect, but here is what I think every Member of Congress should do: Propose how you are going to reduce the deficits, and tell the American people how the math works.

Every Member of Congress owes that to their constituents.

Mr. Speaker, if you disagree with me, then have your own plan. Here is what I do know: The Republican plan is just going to explode deficits, and it is going to hurt the American economy and make us all poorer.

I hope, Mr. Speaker, we can come together in this body to be honest with the American people, to actually have a calculator to do math, and to propose real plans for deficit reduction.

CONGRATULATING GREG PARKER, RETAILER EXECUTIVE OF THE YEAR

(Mr. CARTER of Georgia was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Greg Parker on being named 2025 Retailer Executive of the Year by Convenience Store News.

Greg, the founder and CEO of Parker's Kitchen, has grown his business from one store in 1976 to his 100th in a grand opening in April of 2025.

His brand has become a role model in business, being synonymously described as clean, friendly, profitable, and philanthropic. Greg exhibits the best characteristics of this award. He is a leader. He positively impacts his community, and he strives for business excellence.

He is often recognized for his significant philanthropic efforts, recently donating \$20 million to the Savannah Community Foundation. This generous donation is just one of many throughout his successful career.

Mr. Speaker, the First District of Georgia appreciates Greg and his many years of friendship.

SAVANNAH: OUR NATION'S TOP HONEYMOON DESTINATION

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Savannah's recent distinction as one of the Nation's top honeymoon destinations. The city was ranked sixth overall, accompanied by renowned areas such as Palm Springs, Napa Valley, and Miami.

Savannah's downtown offers visitors a plethora of experiences. The Savannah Historic District offers preserved architecture and museums for history enthusiasts. Broughton Street offers a wide range of shopping options, featuring a mix of small, local shops and larger commercial retailers.

If visitors prefer a more relaxing experience, Tybee Island is just 15 minutes away. On Tybee Island, vacationers can enjoy the serene beaches, outdoor activities, and coastal relaxation.

Savannah's distinctive blend of cultural richness and coastal beauty makes it an ideal destination for new-luweds.

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HONORING ROBERT HEADLEY

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Robert Headley, for receiving the Student Organization Leader of the Year Award at Georgia Southern University.

This award is presented annually to a student who demonstrates exceptional leadership, embodies their organization's values, and positively impacts student life on campus.

As president of the Interfraternity Council during the 2024-2025 academic year, he played an essential role in advancing Greek life and fostering collaboration among Greek organizations. Robert is an outstanding young man who has consistently excelled in all of the mentioned areas.

I congratulate Robert on this remarkable achievement. I wish him the best in his future endeavors.

HONORING NICHOLAS PAPPAS

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the late Nicholas Pappas, a distinguished gentleman who devoted more than 30 years to the restaurant scene in Savannah, Georgia.

As a longtime owner of the Olympia Cafe, he united locals and tourists with his cherished recipes, exceptional culinary skills, and warm personality. Under his leadership, the restaurant gained significant acclaim, being ranked in the top 10 percent of restaurants worldwide by Tripadvisor in 2024.

Mr. Pappas was more than just a restaurant owner. He was a loving father and a grandfather, a mentor and a role model, and an exemplary civil servant. His legacy will live on through Olympia Cafe, where countless memories and joy were brought to many. He set a superb example for others to follow through his welcoming manner and unwavering work ethic.

Today, we celebrate Nicholas Pappas' life. The community is strengthened in the one-of-a-kind service that he provided to the people of Savannah.

BACKLOG IN IRS

(Mr. SUBRAMANYAM of Virginia was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. SUBRAMANYAM. Mr. Speaker, imagine if someone owes you money and they said they would pay you back immediately, but they take weeks, months, and then years to do so.

That is what is going on right now with our Federal Government. The IRS has a backlog of tax refunds that is costing the American people a lot of money. Instead of fixing the backlog and rooting out waste and fraud, this administration is defunding the IRS and firing tax experts. They are opening the door for more waste, fraud, and abuse, not less.

This doesn't save money. Instead, we will lose out on \$159 billion on tax revenue, and the impacts are just hypothetical. I am hearing from constituents all over my district who are tangibly impacted by this backlog and by what is going on at the IRS.

Take a small business in my district who filed for a tax refund. They are owed tens of thousands of dollars, money that is critical to running and growing their business, and now they

can't make new investments because they are waiting for their refund. There is another family whose refund has taken years now, and they continue to see delays in getting their money back.

Defunding the IRS will only make those delays worse, and firing the tax watchdogs who prevent corruption will help big corporations dodge taxes left and right.

DOGE is enabling tax fraud, and making it harder to hold corporations more accountable. If my colleagues want to save taxpayer money, how about we fix the IRS, not dismantle it. This will save more money than DOGE ever would.

RUSSELL VOUGHT AND DOGE

Mr. SUBRAMANYAM. Mr. Speaker, many people think after Elon Musk left his post and is taking shots at the administration that DOGE is over, but that is simply not true.

The real architect of DOGE is Russell Vought. Vought is the co-author of Project 2025, the memo that President Trump said he has nothing to do with during the campaign trail.

Vought currently heads the Office of Management and Budget and said himself that he wants to traumatize the Federal workforce. He said: "... we want them to not want to go to work ... We want their funding to be shut down ... We want to put them in trauma."

This includes firing hard-to-replace civil servants, scientists, and meteorologists; and intimidating and harassing those who remain in hopes of driving them out of the Federal Government, despite their expertise that we need to keep our country safe and prosperous.

Let's be clear. This is not about making government more efficient. In fact, they want to replace many of these jobs with loyalists, even setting up loyalty tests. They are driving a brain drain in our Federal Government by choosing loyalty to the President over merit and competence, creating less efficiency and more waste, fraud, and abuse, and opportunities for corruption.

Essentially, we have to stop this. Make no mistake, I will fight this every step of the way.

CELEBRATING STATION 7

Mr. SUBRAMANYAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate the new fire station that just opened off of Route 50, Station 7.

This new 23,000-square-foot facility is replacing the previous fire station that was built in 1971 and will provide crucial, lifesaving services to over 6,000 residents, covering over 40,000 square miles of response area.

Station 7 will be staffed around the clock by career and volunteer firefighters and respond to calls of all types, medical, fire, and even wildland support.

The work that these first responders do is critical, and they keep all of us healthy, safe, and protected; putting

their lives on the line for the benefit of the community.

As a former volunteer firefighter myself, I thank the crews operating out of the new Aldie Fire Station for their service and dedication to our community.

EFFECTS OF BIG, UGLY BILL ON VIRGINIANS

Mr. SUBRAMANYAM. Mr. Speaker, the big, ugly bill the House passed is actually far worse than we thought for Virginians.

A new report shows that the red tape this bill adds to Medicaid eligibility could leave over 400,000 people in Virginia uninsured. That will lead to full ERs, long wait times, and higher insurance premiums for all Virginians.

The bill also continues the attack on Virginia's Federal workforce by undermining benefits for contractors, veterans, and longtime civil servants.

And while Virginians are being squeezed by grocery prices because of tariffs, the cuts to SNAP in this bill will mean tens of thousands of kids and over 35,000 veterans could lose their access to affordable food. I don't think leaving children and veterans without food assistance is beautiful at all.

The truth is that this big, ugly bill is that it will bankrupt future generations by exploding the debt. It will hurt our economy in Virginia and leave kids and seniors without food and care.

CONGRATULATING McALLEN HIGH SCHOOL MARIACHI ORO

(Ms. DE LA CRUZ of Texas was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Ms. De la CRUZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate McAllen High School Mariachi Oro for winning their eighth Texas Association of Mariachi Educators State Championship and tenth consecutive UIL State Mariachi Festival Division 1 Sweepstakes.

At the start of this year, many of the musicians were brand new to the team, and they were seen as the underdogs to the competition. Through hard work, through dedication, and daily practices, they worked together to secure these highly competitive titles. Their vibrant performances capture the spirit of Tejano music and continues to impress audiences nationwide.

I am honored to have the students and directors here today to share the culture and the music of the Rio Grande Valley.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate the Mariachi Oro. Their community is so proud of their hard work, their talent, and their dedication.

ANTI-SEMITISM

(Ms. HOYLE of Oregon was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Ms. HOYLE of OREGON. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to speak about issues of great importance and concern to me and my constituents that are of utmost importance not just for national security but for the soul of our country.

Anti-Semitism is taking an unpredictable variety of forms and has deepened anxieties among many American Jews, and it has contributed to a sense that simply existing in public as a Jewish person is increasingly dangerous.

The number of anti-Semitic episodes in the United States in 2023, in the wake of the Hamas attack on Israel, was the highest ever recorded in a 1-year period, according to the Anti-Defamation League.

Dangerous words turn into dangerous actions, and Jewish communities simply do not feel safe or supported.

Two things can be true at the same time. The suffering in Gaza is absolutely horrific. The stories of the children in Gaza are the stories I grew up hearing because this is the history of my family, which is why I cannot be silent in the face of children and families being starved.

My family fled to this country in what here is known as the Potato Famine, but in Ireland is known as "An Gorta Mor," which is "The Great Hunger." There was plenty of food. It was a policy choice to starve the Irish.

This is what is happening in Gaza. Keeping food and medicine from women and children and elders is just wrong. Not for nothing, nobody starts a revolution on a full stomach.

Tens of thousands of civilians, mothers, children, and grandparents, have been killed or displaced. Entire neighborhoods have been reduced to rubble. Hospitals, schools, and places of worship lie in ruin.

The American people are watching in horror.

Let me be absolutely clear. Hamas' brutal October 7 attack was an atrocity. I condemn it fully and unequivocally. No cause justifies the murder of innocent people or the taking of hostages.

Israel has the right to defend itself, but what we are seeing now is not defense. It is devastation. Tens of thousands of Palestinians are dead, the majority of which are women and children.

This is not security. It is not peace. It is collective punishment, and it violates international law.

At the same time, I will say just as clearly, there is no place for anti-Semitism anywhere, ever, not in our communities, not in our political discourse, not in our movement for peace. We can and must condemn the horrors of war without feeding hatred. We can mourn Palestinian lives without denying the trauma of the Jewish people. Holding the Jewish community responsible for the actions of the Israeli government is anti-Semitic.

However, it is not anti-Semitic to speak out against what is happening in Gaza, and the U.S. is complicit in keeping food, water, and medicine from a starving and traumatized people.

The United States has a moral obligation to stand up for human rights, for international law, and for peace. That means we must press for an im-

mediate and lasting ceasefire. We must demand the release of all hostages.

This isn't about choosing sides. It is about choosing a future where Israelis and Palestinians can live in safety, dignity, and peace.

I have heard from thousands of my constituents: Jewish, Muslim, Christian, and secular, who are begging for us to lead with compassion and courage. This is a moral crossroads for our Nation, and history will remember whether we met the moment or shrank from it.

Mr. Speaker, let's work to end this war, bring the hostages home, end Hamas' reign of terror, and build a future where no parent, Israeli or Palestinian, has to bury a child because we failed to act.

RECOGNIZING DAVENPORT ASSUMPTION GIRLS' SOCCER TEAM

(Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS of Iowa was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the extraordinary achievement of the Davenport Assumption girls' soccer team, who have once again made Iowa history.

With a 2-0 victory over the number one ranked Denver Cyclones, the Knights captured their record-setting 12th Iowa State Championship. This win marks their first title since 2021 and is a testament to the perseverance, heart, and teamwork that defines Iowa athletes.

Led by senior Dru Dorsey and freshman Ruby Stevens, the Knights showed skill, leadership, and grit on the field. Dorsey scored one goal and assisted on the other, setting the tone and sealing the win. From defense to offense, the entire squad played with unity and determination.

This moment is more than a victory. It is a legacy, and it speaks to what young women in sports can accomplish when they believe in each other, never give up, and have a level playing field.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Coach Elizabeth Maus, the players, and the entire Davenport Assumption community. They have made their sport, their school, and their State proud.

RECOGNIZING CARLA EYSINK

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor an exceptional Iowan, Carla Eysink, who retired after 29 years of service as the executive director of the Marion County Development Commission.

Carla was the very first to hold this role. For nearly three decades, she worked tirelessly to strengthen economic growth, support local businesses, and champion the people of Marion County. From launching the Business Retention and Expansion Program to the Best of Red Rock Awards and the Red Rock StartUP! pitch contest, Carla's leadership left a lasting mark.

What stands out most is her deep love for the people she worked with,

the partners across Iowa, and the local citizens who showed up, rolled up their sleeves, and believed in the future of their community.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of Marion County, Iowa, and the U.S. House of Representatives, I thank Carla for her extraordinary service. Her legacy will continue to shape Marion County for years to come.

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ANTI-SEMITISM HAS NO PLACE IN AMERICA

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with urgency and determination to address the alarming rise in anti-Semitic violence that is sweeping across our Nation.

In recent weeks, two young Israeli Embassy staffers, Yaron Lischinsky and Sarah Milgrim, were shot and killed outside the Capital Jewish Museum here in Washington, D.C., by a radical Hamas supporter shouting: "Free Palestine." These two young people were soon to be engaged. Their future was stolen in an instant.

In Colorado, a man attacked a peaceful march supporting Israeli hostages with a makeshift flamethrower, injuring eight innocent people, some who are in critical condition.

Across our college campuses, anti-Semitic incidents have surged by over 80 percent, with students facing threats, vandalism, and violence simply because of their identity or their support for Israel.

Enough is enough. That is why I am introducing the commission to study acts of anti-Semitism in the United States Act, a bipartisan effort to investigate these hateful acts, uncover their root causes, and deliver concrete recommendations to Congress, local communities, and the President on how we can prevent further violence.

This is not a partisan issue. It is, however, a moral imperative. No American should live in fear for their faith or their safety.

We must stand united in saying that anti-Semitism has no place on our campuses, no place in our streets, and no place in the future of this country. I am committed to ensuring that we act, not just speak, because the time to confront rising hate is now.

CELEBRATING U.S. ARMY'S 250TH BIRTHDAY

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate the 250th birthday of the United States Army.

As a 24-year Army veteran who is married to a 30-year Army veteran, this moment hits close to home. For 2½ centuries, the Army has answered the call—not for glory but for country.

It is not just the history books or the battlefields that define the Army. It is the people. It is the young men and women from small towns and big cities who raise their hands, lace up their boots, and swear an oath to protect this Nation and its values.

I have seen what that sacrifice looks like. I have worn the uniform. I have served beside heroes, and I know what it means to be part of something bigger than yourself.

The Army isn't just celebrating a birthday. It is marking 250 years of grit, honor, service, and rolling along. Here is to those who came before us, those serving now, and those yet to wear the uniform.

Happy birthday to the United States Army.

Army Strong, always.

CELEBRATING RICHARD MILLER ON HIS BIRTHDAY

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, I wish a happy birthday to a very special person, the eldest of eight children, my brother, Richard Miller.

Richard Miller served in the Army, served in the coal mines in Pennsylvania, joined the Secret Service, and guarded four Presidents during their Presidency and Ronald Reagan post-Presidency.

After retiring from the Secret Service, he then joined the Los Angeles Police Academy, completing rigorous police academy work and then serving in local law enforcement.

Mr. Speaker, I wish Richard a very happy birthday. I am so proud that he is my brother.

CONGRATULATING CALIFORNIA'S 29TH DISTRICT'S CONGRESSIONAL ART COMPETITION WINNERS

(Ms. RIVAS of California was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Ms. RIVAS. Mr. Speaker, I am proud to announce California's 29th District's winners of this year's Congressional Art Competition.

In third place, from Ulysses S. Grant High School in Valley Glen, we have Daniel Graciano's "Whispers of the Woods." Daniel's piece shows a lonely cabin sitting quietly by the water's edge, embraced by towering pines and deep shadows. This ink drawing captures a sense of isolation of nature, where time stands still and every tree tells a story. It is a perfect escape drawn in silence. This piece will be hanging in my district office in Arleta.

In second place, from Van Nuys High School, we have Gayane Charyan's "Forlorn Art Piece." In this piece, we see a girl sitting alone on a swing. The shadow of herself is her only company. This is an important piece that lets people know that loneliness and mental health affects all of us.

Mr. Speaker, I also take this time to share the 988 lifeline that is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Help is available for everyone who needs it.

This piece will be hanging in my Washington, D.C., office.

Mr. Speaker, in first place, from PUC Lakeview Charter High School in Sylmar, we have Nevaeh Cortez' piece, "Heavy Minded." This piece shows how your inner thoughts can sometimes feel heavy. However, this piece also shows how to appreciate the beauty in the things that you find joy in. This piece will proudly be on display in the Cannon tunnel for the next year.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud of all the students who submitted their pieces for this year's art competition. This year's submissions told personal stories about what it means to be a high schooler in 2025. I thank all the students who submitted a piece, and I look forward to seeing where these students' talents carry them in their future endeavors.

TAKING AN IMPORTANT STEP FOR RURAL AMERICA

(Mr. BAUMGARTNER of Washington was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. BAUMGARTNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to praise the One Big Beautiful Bill Act and its impact on rural communities.

The House took an important step for rural America by passing the One Big Beautiful Bill Act. For communities across eastern Washington, the relief cannot come soon enough.

For years, rural communities with large amounts of Federal land faced a structural disadvantage. They can't collect property taxes on those lands, yet they are still expected to keep schools open, maintain roads, and provide public safety. The Forest Service manages millions of acres in our region, but it is our local government that is left holding the bag.

The One Big Beautiful Bill Act helps fix that broken system. It restores stable, reliable funding to rural counties that host Federal forests by reauthorizing the Secure Rural Schools program through fiscal year 2026.

That means that our county commissioners and local leaders can plan with confidence, knowing that the Federal Government will keep its promise to pay predictable-share forest revenues to the school districts that I represent.

I have heard directly from our county leaders in Asotin, Ferry, Pend Oreille, Stevens, and Walla Walla Counties. The uncertainty is real. Some are facing a 40 percent cut. This puts rural services and teaching jobs at risk.

Fortunately, the One Big Beautiful Bill Act delivers the kind of support that they need and deserve.

Now, it is time for the Senate to act. Let's get it to the President's desk and deliver for rural America. Our communities have waited long enough.

CELEBRATING U.S. ARMY'S 250TH ANNIVERSARY

Mr. BAUMGARTNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to say happy birthday to the U.S. Army.

On June 14, we will celebrate a remarkable milestone: the 250th birthday of the United States Army. For 2½ centuries, the Army has stood as a pillar of strength, sacrifice, and service. From the earliest days of our Nation's founding to today's complex challenges, Army soldiers have defended our freedoms, upheld our values, and protected the American people with unwavering courage.

This historic anniversary reminds us of the countless sacrifices made by

generations of men and women in uniform, those who have answered the call to serve, often at great personal cost.

On this special occasion, we honor their legacy of dedication and resilience that continues to inspire all of us. To the brave soldiers, past and present, I thank them for their service.

Happy 250th birthday, U.S. Army.

CONGRATULATING DR. ANJAN BOSE

Mr. BAUMGARTNER. Mr. Speaker, as a proud alumnus of Washington State University, I rise today to celebrate a tremendous achievement that brings national recognition to our State and to one of our leading institutions of higher learning.

Please join me in congratulating Regents Professor Anjan Bose of WSU for receiving the prestigious IEEE Power and Energy Society's Lifetime Achievement Award.

This is one of the highest honors in the field and a testament to Dr. Bose's groundbreaking work in power grid automation, control, and education. His research not only shaped the future of global energy systems but has also inspired and educated generations of engineers in eastern Washington and beyond.

We are fortunate to have such world-class expertise in our region, and this award is a proud moment for WSU and our entire State.

I congratulate Dr. Bose. As always, Go Cougs.

CALLING ON TRUMP ADMINISTRATION TO RESTORE FOOD AID

(Mr. MAGAZINER of Rhode Island was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. MAGAZINER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today for the 19th time to call on the Trump administration to restore funding for lifesaving food aid for malnourished children.

I am a father. I have a 3-year-old and 1-year-old at home, Max and Lucy. Like any parent, I want the very best for my kids. I am so lucky that I do not have to worry about whether they will be fed today or tomorrow. Yet, around the world, malnutrition and starvation is the number one cause of death for children.

When a child suffers from malnutrition, it stunts their growth. Their organs shut down. For toddlers, like my 3-year-old, they can have their body weight reduced to be as low as an infant's.

When they suffer from extreme malnutrition, they can't be fed traditional food anymore. In order to save their lives and to cure their malnutrition, they need this: Plumpy'Nut. It is a packet of fortified paste. They take one of these per day. After a month, they are back up to normal body weight and healthy once again.

Edesia Nutrition in North Kingstown is one of two places in the country that produces Plumpy'Nut. All the ingredients, the peanuts, soybeans, sugar, and dairy, come from American farms and

factories. It is manufactured here in the United States and, until recently, was shipped around the world, reaching 400,000 children a month.

Think about that, Mr. Speaker. That is 400,000 children a month whose lives were being saved—that is, until Elon Musk and the Trump administration cut off funding for this program.

There is nothing woke about this. This is not waste. This is not fraud. This is nutrition for starving kids, and it needs to be restored.

These production lines have been shut down. There are boxes and boxes of this stuff sitting in a warehouse in Rhode Island instead of getting to the kids who need it.

What is the impact of this halt in funding? Not only does it mean that there are more kids starving around the world by the thousands, but it also means that our adversaries, particularly China, have a golden opportunity to swoop in to the rescue and build good will with nations all around the world.

Mr. Speaker, foreign aid is not just charity. It serves our interests as a country, as well, when we build good will with nations that have rare earth minerals and can assist us in intelligence gathering against terrorist organizations and our other adversaries. This is part of how we build strong relationships around the world to make Americans safer. When we cut off this aid, which is a tiny, tiny fraction of the Federal budget, then it only helps our adversaries.

The entire funding for this program was about \$80 million a year. The Cannon House Office Building across the street is being renovated at a cost of \$800 million. We are spending 10 times as much to renovate our office building as we were spending a year to save the lives of thousands and thousands of children suffering from malnutrition. What kind of priorities are those?

Here is the thing: The good news is that Trump administration officials, including Secretary Rubio, have said over and over that they are going to restore funding for this program. They admit that this is not waste or fraud but that this is part of the core mission of what USAID was supposed to be.

That is great. Why haven't they sent the money? What is the holdup? It has been 5 months now, and they have said over and over that they intend to restore funding for emergency food aid. They just haven't done it yet. Why not? Every day that goes by is a day that children are unnecessarily going hungry.

Once again, I am going to rise in this Chamber every day until the administration keeps their word and restores funding for emergency food aid for children around the world.

HONORING SARAH MILGRIM

(Mr. ALFORD of Missouri was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. ALFORD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart to honor the life of Ms. Sarah Milgrim and to strongly condemn the horrific and heinous anti-Semitic acts of violence like this one around America.

Sarah was just 26 years old. She was a daughter, sister, friend, and peace-maker. She was born in the Kansas City area, close to Missouri's Fourth Congressional District, and attended American University here in D.C.

Sarah committed her life to building bridges across cultures, faiths, and borders. She worked in Morocco to bring communities together in pursuit of understanding, and she believed deeply in the power of people to choose compassion over hate. Just last month, Sarah was targeted and murdered because of her Jewish faith.

This was not just an attack on one person but a brutal and violent attack on our shared humanity. It was an act of anti-Semitic violence.

This horrific hate cannot have a home here in the United States of America.

I had the opportunity to visit Sarah's father, mother, and brother at the shiva at their home recently, and I assured them that this body is united in ending anti-Semitic hate in America. It cannot continue.

May we honor her memory not only with our words but with action by standing against anti-Semitism in all of its forms, by protecting our vulnerable communities, and by embracing the values that Sarah embodied each and every day.

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JUNE VETERAN OF THE MONTH COLONEL KEITH J. BUTLER

Mr. ALFORD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize our June Veteran of the Month, a new veteran, Colonel Keith J. Butler.

Colonel Butler enlisted in the Air Force in 1991 and was selected for an Air Force ROTC scholarship in 1997. He earned his commission through the University of South Carolina and served in operational, staff, and command assignments as an F-16, F-117, and B-2 pilot.

Colonel Butler has held positions at the squadron, group, wing, major command, direct reporting unit, and joint staff levels. He is currently the commander of the 509th Bomb Wing at Whiteman Air Force Base, home of the B-2 Stealth bomber, since June 2023, and he is retiring in just a few weeks.

He has flown combat missions and held several other positions all over the world. He is decorated with many awards and is respected by many. I am proud to call Colonel Butler a friend.

Mr. Speaker, I thank him for his bravery, service, and dedication to America. Congratulations on a well-earned retirement, Colonel Butler.

JUNE SMALL BUSINESS OF THE MONTH IN FULL BLOOM

Mr. ALFORD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize our June Small Business of the Month, In Full Bloom.

In Full Bloom is a flower shop just off the square in Centralia, Missouri, in my district. This shop is the result of a leap of faith. Owner Gretchen Spires' vision came to life when she started the shop where creative design meets small business.

She has grown this phenomenal floral shop over 16 years. She shared her story of prayer and faith with our team. This journey of becoming a small business owner is the American Dream, and we are proud of her success. We love stopping by to see a full display of prom corsages, flower arrangements, and beautiful gifts for loved ones.

Mr. Speaker, I thank and congratulate her for all she does for the Centralia community.

THE ONE BIG, BEAUTIFUL DEAL

Mr. ALFORD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to talk about the big, beautiful bill. We have done our part here in the U.S. House. It is time for the good folks across the hallway there in the U.S. Senate to do theirs.

The One Big Beautiful Bill Act has a big impact on rural America and the Fourth Congressional District of the great State of Missouri.

Let's talk about the tax provisions. It makes permanent enhanced debt tax relief. It makes permanent small business deductions. It extends 100 percent immediate expensing. It makes permanent double small business expensing. It provides immediate expensing for new manufacturing and production structures in America, and it will renew the opportunity zones to better target rural America.

This is a win for America. In fact, just today, The White House Office of Management and Budget estimates it will reduce our Federal deficit by \$1.4 trillion. The one big, beautiful deal is a win for the American people.

SOUNDING THE ALARM ON A CRISIS THREATENING AMERICA'S FUTURE

(Ms. JOHNSON of Texas was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Ms. JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to sound an alarm on a crisis threatening America's future. I am talking about the Trump brain drain.

Donald Trump and Republicans in this House are launching a full scale assault on our Nation's ability to think, learn, and to innovate.

Let's look at the facts. Trump's budget cuts funding for the National Science Foundation, National Institutes of Health, STEM education, and even basic K-12 public schools. He has tried to crush public service loan forgiveness and gut Head Start, all while trying to give tax breaks to those who don't need them.

This isn't cost savings. It is self-sabotage.

In Dallas, we are home to UT Southwestern Medical Center, one of the top research institutions in this country. We have innovators, world-class hospitals, biotech startups, and students

ready to change the world. They can't do that when Federal research funding is drying up and educational support is being pulled out from under them.

Dallas ISD alone has over 150,000 students, many from middle-class families. Cuts to programs like Head Start, Title I, and after-school STEM enrichment don't just hurt, they derail students' futures.

Texas colleges and universities share one of the largest enrollments compared to almost any other State. Yet, under Trump's budget, millions of them would lose access to workstudy jobs and to affordable student loans. That is not just an educational crisis, it is an economic time bomb attacking our workforce development.

This country has long been a magnet for global talent. Engineers, scientists, and doctors come here to help build our future, but Trump's anti-immigrant crusade is scaring them off. Whether it is blocking student visas, slashing green cards, or denying people their due process, he is slamming the door on the very people who fuel our economy.

Dr. Kseniia Petrova, a brilliant Harvard scientist whose research could lead to breakthroughs in early cancer detection, was charged with a felony by the Trump administration for failing to declare preserved frog samples at customs, which is normally a very minor infraction handled by a mere warning.

Instead, she is locked up in an ICE detention center in Louisiana, facing possible deportation to Russia. This isn't just cruel, it sends a chilling message to scientists and international students around the world: Come to America, and you may be imprisoned instead of empowered.

Then there is Ardem Patapoutian, who came to the U.S. from war-torn Lebanon at 18. He worked nights delivering pizza to become eligible for the University of California. Years later, with the help of an NIH research grant, he launched a lab making groundbreaking discoveries on how humans sense touch and went on to win the Nobel Prize in 2021.

However, thanks to Trump's cuts to science funding, his Federal grant has been frozen. Just like that, China offered to fund his lab for the next 20 years in any city, any university, anywhere he wants. China is winning this war.

That is what countries like China are doing. They are investing in students, in science, and in research because they want to win the future while Trump wants to only tweet about the past and harm American innovation.

We should be doubling down on education and innovation. We should be building labs and funding scholarships, not building walls.

Here is the truth: You don't make America great again by making Americans dumber. You don't build up the economy by draining it of talent and opportunity. This is not just about

spreadsheets and budget lines. It is about real people: students trying to become the first in their family to graduate, young scientists working on the next breakthrough, and teachers trying to give every child a chance.

Trump's budget doesn't just threaten programs. It threatens progress. We must fight back.

Let's protect our students, support our researchers, and defend the right for everyone to dream big and achieve greatness in the United States of America.

STOP DEFENDING LAWLESSNESS

(Mr. ARRINGTON of Texas was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. ARRINGTON. Mr. Speaker, it is really difficult for me to be in this Chamber and hear my Democrat colleagues disparage our country and how we treat immigrants.

The fact is, they are defending lawlessness. They are defending the invasion of our sovereign country. They are promoting and defending people breaking the law, cutting the line of millions of people who are respecting our laws, our country, and the safety of our citizens.

What you won't hear from my Democrat colleagues this morning is to condemn what is happening in L.A., and the violence being perpetrated against our law enforcement agents who are simply trying to uphold the laws of the land.

That is how upside down and backward the Democratic Party has become. You won't hear any of that. These people are risking their lives for you and for me and our families and our communities to stop the flood of drugs and crime pouring into this country. It is unacceptable.

HONORING THE UMC EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES TEAM

Mr. ARRINGTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a group of heroes that have been a lifeline for the people of Lubbock County for 50 years: the UMC Emergency Medical Services team.

Since their first 911 response back in November 1975, well before the University Medical Center Hospital even opened its doors, UMC EMS has been on the front lines of saving lives and serving our communities in west Texas.

We are fortunate to have the highest level of healthcare and emergency response professionals protecting our families. In fact, UMC EMS is one of just 46 EMS systems worldwide with a dual accreditation. Their team has earned the American Heart Association's Mission: Lifeline Gold Award every year since 2019, a well-deserved honor.

Mr. Speaker, I thank everyone at UMC EMS, past and present, for their unparalleled care, for their endless compassion, and most of all, their commitment to excellence and service to the people of west Texas. I congratu-

late them on 50 years of incomparable service, and here is to 50 more.

God bless America, and go west Texas.

CONGRATULATING COAHOMA HIGH SCHOOL BULLDOGETTES

Mr. ARRINGTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an extraordinary group of young ladies that have accomplished something that no other Texas softball team has in the history of softball in Texas, the Coahoma High School Bulldogettes have secured their third straight championship.

This historic achievement speaks to their drive, their determination, and overall commitment to excellence as well as, of course, the leadership and commitment of their coach, Alex Orosco.

The Bulldogettes have put their community on the map, and all of Texas is taking notice. I congratulate the young ladies on such an unprecedented accomplishment. I thank them for representing the best of west Texas. They are all winners on and off the field and in every sense of the word.

Again, God bless America, and go west Texas.

Mr. Speaker, may I inquire as to the time remaining.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BABIN). The gentleman from Texas has 2 minutes remaining.

BIG, BEAUTIFUL BILL'S POSITIVE IMPACT ON RURAL AMERICA

Mr. ARRINGTON. Mr. Speaker, I think I can say a few things in 2 minutes, believe it or not, about some of the comments my colleague, Representative BAUMGARTNER, said about the One Big Beautiful Bill Act and its positive impact on rural America, the heartbeat of this country.

The food, fuel, and fiber capital of the world, west Texas, I can tell you, appreciates what is in this big and beautiful bill. It is more than just stopping a 22 percent increase in taxes for hardworking Americans who suffered an inflation tax of about 20 percent over the last 4 years. It is beyond sustainable.

We could go through the list of the largest spending cuts of wasteful, woke, and fraud in this Federal Government. That is two times the deepest cut to wasteful spending in the history of our country.

We can talk about energy dominance, the most significant commitment to opening up energy resources in this country to bring down the cost of energy prices for our families and to make American energy dominant again.

We are so blessed by our natural resources. I will talk about the farm bill reforms. Republicans are strengthening the safety net, the risk management tools to stabilize the ag economy with respect to the volatile prices, the volatility in weather and the investment in trade promotion to open up new markets and opportunities for ag products made here and grown here in the USA.

We have provisions in there that strengthen rural hospitals so they can

provide basic care to the hardworking farmers and ranchers and energy producers and their families. We have welfare reforms that stop trapping people in dependence on the Federal Government and encourage them to get out and work and do something with their hands and be blessed by it and to restore the dignity of work.

Mr. Speaker, I know my time is up. God bless rural America, and God bless west Texas.

RECOGNIZING NEW FREEDOM FARM AND LOIS MCGILL

(Mr. CLINE of Virginia was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. CLINE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the remarkable impact of New Freedom Farm in Botetourt County, Virginia, and to honor its founder, Lois Dawn McGill, as she prepares for a well-deserved retirement.

Since 2016, New Freedom Farm has served as a place of healing for veterans, first responders, and rescue animals, offering a sanctuary where pain met purpose and isolation gave way to hope.

Through Lois' tireless dedication, lives were transformed and bonds were forged between heroes and horses. As the farm prepares to close on July 31, we reflect not with sorrow but with deep gratitude. The legacy of New Freedom Farm will live on in the hearts it healed and the community it united.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Lois for her vision, compassion, and unwavering service. She has left an indelible mark on all she has touched.

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HONORING RETIREMENT OF FIRE CHIEF TIM WILLIAMS

Mr. CLINE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize and commend an extraordinary public servant, Shenandoah County Fire Chief Tim Williams, who will retire on October 1 after an astounding 50 years of dedicated service in fire and rescue.

Chief Williams began his journey as a volunteer with the Strasburg Volunteer Fire Department in 1975. He went on to serve 25 years with Fairfax County, ultimately retiring as a captain, and then brought his leadership to Shenandoah County, where he has served since 2005, including the past 9 years as chief.

Chief Williams has been a unifying force, skillfully bridging the gap between volunteer companies and career staff. Under his leadership, the department launched a strategic plan that brought all stakeholders together and set a path for the future. His guidance has ensured operational readiness and the expansion of essential services, even as challenges grew more complex.

Chief Williams leaves behind a legacy of integrity, collaboration, and tireless dedication. I thank him for his service, leadership, and enduring commitment to the safety of our communities. He

has truly earned this next chapter in his life.

ELIMINATING WASTEFUL FEDERAL SPENDING

Mr. CLINE. Mr. Speaker, the House is finally doing what the American people have demanded for years. We are cutting wasteful spending and restoring fiscal sanity.

This week, we are voting on a rescission package sent by President Trump to eliminate \$9.4 billion in reckless spending. That includes \$3 million for Iraqi Sesame Street, \$500,000 for electric buses in Rwanda, and millions more for climate projects in Southeast Asia and Latin America, as well as taxpayer dollars that have been flowing to radical gender ideology programs around the world. That is not the role of the Federal Government, and that is not an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars of American citizens.

Taxpayer dollars should not be used to fund woke projects overseas or bloated government programs at home. They should be funding efforts that protect our border, defend our Nation, and serve the American people.

House Republicans promised to root out waste, fraud, and abuse. H.R. 4 keeps that promise and takes a critical step forward toward a leaner, more accountable government. I urge my colleagues to support it.

RECESS

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

Accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 1 minute a.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

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

PRAYER

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

Holy God, in this simple act of prayer, help us to realize that we unleash a power far greater than we can possibly imagine. You alone have the authority to move mountains, bringing every hill low and lifting up every valley. It is You who levels uneven ground and smooths the rough paths.

Such power is too wonderful for us to conceive and yet You listen carefully to our feeble voices. Your might is unfathomable and yet You give us access to it that we can wield it when we but ask.

Temper our desire to use this privilege for our personal gain. But enlighten us to the needs of those who are powerless over their present circumstance.

Guide us to discern, in response to local and global challenges, how and

when to act. And direct us in the use of the wealth of resources You have made available to us to steward.

Humbled before You and honored to serve You, may we yield ourselves to You, that You would use us as instruments of your powerful love and abounding mercy.

In the strength of Your name we pray.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to clause 1 of rule I, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Mr. MCGOVERN led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

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

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

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

RECOGNIZING ROCKINGHAM COUNTY VETERANS TREATMENT COURT

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

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I rise to commend the Rockingham County government and Kevin Berger, chairman of the Rockingham County Commissioners Board, in the planning and implementation of the Rockingham County Veterans Treatment Court.

In October of last year, the Rockingham County government received a \$900,000 grant to help fund this novel endeavor. It was one out of five counties within the United States to receive this level of funding for such programs.

This money will go on to make a real difference in the lives of veterans by offering evidence-based treatment for substance abuse and mental health.

The process of obtaining this grant was very competitive, and I am immensely pleased that Rockingham County has this opportunity to make a real difference in the lives of our Nation's heroes.

END HUNGER NOW—SNAP SKIMMING

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

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, last December, Democrats and Republicans negotiated a bipartisan deal to extend the law replacing stolen SNAP benefits for an additional 4 years.

At the eleventh hour, Speaker JOHNSON and Republicans reneged on that deal, blocking reimbursement of stolen SNAP benefits.

Since that time, thieves have stolen \$10 million from 20,000 families in Massachusetts alone, leaving them with decimated food budgets and nowhere to turn, through no fault of their own.

Now, some Republicans of Congress seem to be just discovering this problem after being shamed by their constituents. They are rolling out new bills to reimburse benefits.

I ask my Republican colleagues, where were you in December when the law expired? Republicans tanked the bipartisan deal to continue benefit replacement.

We don't need more gratuitous bills from Republicans who just voted to cut SNAP by \$300 billion. We need them to step up and tell Speaker JOHNSON to schedule a vote on benefit replacement this week.

Hungry families can't wait another 6 months for relief. Unlike so many of my Republican colleagues, they don't get invited to fancy dinners at Mar-a-Lago or billionaire-hosted fundraisers.

Let's get serious and protect families from theft and end hunger now.

CCP, PUTIN MOCK TRUMP

(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, war criminal Putin, the Chinese Communist Party, and the illegitimate Georgian Dream party are betraying the people of Georgia.

The Chinese Communist Party aids Putin with mass murder in Ukraine. According to Media Center Ukraine, the Russian-occupied Ukraine is being illegally mined for granite using Chinese equipment.

In April, Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelenskyy said: "Chinese representatives are engaged in production of weapons in Russia."

Additionally, a Georgian port on the Black Sea awarded to Georgian, European, and American companies was terminated and given to Chinese companies. The Georgian Dream is colluding with the CCP.

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 more war criminal Putin lies, insulting Trump and mocking Trump with increasing mass murder of civilians of Ukraine with world-record illegal drone attacks.

RECOGNIZING GWEN WATSON

(Mr. DESAULNIER asked and was given permission to address the House

for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DESAULNIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and service of Gwen Watson, who worked to uplift vulnerable populations throughout her life in my community in the East Bay of the San Francisco Bay Area and throughout the State of California.

Gwen began her career as a teacher in Louisiana, working with high school students seeking vocational services.

She later moved to the San Francisco Bay Area where she served Contra Costa County's homeless population through the St. Vincent de Paul Hope Conference and the Interstate Faith Council of Contra Costa.

Gwen also served as the president of the League of Women Voters Diablo Valley, overseeing the "You Don't Need a Home Vote" project. In addition, in that position on the League of Women Voters, she facilitated candidate forums. I remember many years ago when I first ran for the Concord City Council, Gwen was there doing her civic best with the League of Women Voters.

Sadly, Gwen passed away in May. She will be remembered for her advocacy and her commitment to service. She was an inspiration to all of us who knew her and called her a friend. Please join me in honoring Gwen Watson for her invaluable contributions to her community and to our country.

RECOGNIZING AVIATION PROFESSIONALS

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

Mr. KENNEDY of Utah. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of our Nation's aviation professionals and their need for mental health support.

Scientific studies of aviation professionals reveal that many are hesitant to seek mental health treatment due to fears of professional consequences. For example, pilots often speak about their careers with deep passion, and the prospect of losing their wings is seen as one of the worst possible outcomes. As a result, many choose not to self-report mental health concerns, fearing they might be grounded or face stigma within the industry.

As a physician, I understand how deeply mental and physical health are connected. When a profession so crucial to our daily lives faces this challenge, I believe it is time we take a second look and see how we can aid in combating this.

Destigmatizing mental health treatment for FAA employees and pilots is essential to fostering a culture of safety, trust, and well-being in aviation. Encouraging open dialogue and providing confidential, nonpunitive access to mental health support helps ensure pilots receive the care they need without fear of professional repercussions.

We cannot allow these essential professionals to suffer in silence. Instead, let's create a system that supports their well-being and keeps our skies safe.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 884, PROHIBITING VOTING BY NONCITIZENS IN DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ELECTIONS; PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2056, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA FEDERAL IMMIGRATION COMPLIANCE ACT OF 2025; PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2096, PROTECTING OUR NATION'S CAPITAL EMERGENCY ACT; AND PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF S. 331, HALT ALL LETHAL TRAFFICKING OF FENTANYL ACT

Mrs. HOUCHIN. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 489 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 489

Resolved, That upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to consider in the House the bill (H.R. 884) to prohibit individuals who are not citizens of the United States from voting in elections in the District of Columbia and to repeal the Local Resident Voting Rights Amendment Act of 2022. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived. The amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted. The bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. All points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended, are waived. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill, as amended, and on any further amendment thereto, to final passage without intervening motion except: (1) one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform or their respective designees; and (2) one motion to recommit.

SEC. 2. Upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to consider in the House the bill (H.R. 2056) to require the District of Columbia to comply with federal immigration laws. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived. The amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform now printed in the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution, shall be considered as adopted. The bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. All points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended, are waived. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill, as amended, and on any further amendment thereto, to final passage without intervening motion except: (1) one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform or their respective designees; and (2) one motion to recommit.

SEC. 3. Upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to consider in the House the bill (H.R. 2096) to restore the right to negotiate matters pertaining to the discipline of law enforcement officers of the District of

Columbia through collective bargaining, to restore the statute of limitations for bringing disciplinary cases against members or civilian employees of the Metropolitan Police Department of the District of Columbia, and for other purposes. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived. The amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted. The bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. All points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended, are waived. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill, as amended, and on any further amendment thereto, to final passage without intervening motion except: (1) one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform or their respective designees; and (2) one motion to recommit.

SEC. 4. Upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to consider in the House the bill (S. 331) to amend the Controlled Substances Act with respect to the scheduling of fentanyl-related substances, and for other purposes. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived. The bill shall be considered as read. All points of order against provisions in the bill are waived. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill and on any amendment thereto to final passage without intervening motion except: (1) one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce or their respective designees; and (2) one motion to commit.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. MOORE of Utah.) The gentlewoman from Indiana is recognized for 1 hour.

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

GENERAL LEAVE

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

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

There was no objection.

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

Last night, the Rules Committee met and produced a rule, House Resolution 489, providing for the House's consideration of several pieces of legislation.

House Resolution 489 provides for closed rules for S. 331, H.R. 884, H.R. 2056, and H.R. 2096.

The rule provides 1 hour of debate equally divided by the chair and ranking member for the Committee on Energy and Commerce, or their respective designees, for consideration of S. 331.

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Additionally, the rule provides for 1 hour of debate each for H.R. 884, H.R. 2056, and H.R. 2096, equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking member of the Committee on Oversight

and Government Reform or their respective designees.

Mr. Speaker, starting with S. 331, the HALT Fentanyl Act, important legislation that the House considered back in February when 98 Democrats supported it, this bill would permanently classify all fentanyl-related substances as illegal and give our law enforcement officers more tools to combat the crisis. The bill also ensures that medical professionals can research fentanyl-related substances so that we can better understand their effects on human health.

In 2023, more than 100,000 people nationwide, including 2,190 from my home State of Indiana, died from a drug overdose. National numbers from the same year indicate that approximately 75,000 people died an overdose death related to synthetic opioids. Fentanyl deaths account for as much as 77 percent of adolescent overdose deaths, and it is the leading cause of death in the 18- to 49-year-old age bracket.

We cannot stand by and do nothing while this scourge exists. The bottom line is that this overwhelmingly bipartisan bill is necessary to assist our law enforcement officers in combating fentanyl.

Mr. Speaker, I will transition to the issue of free and fair elections and H.R. 884.

In 2022, Washington, D.C., enacted a dangerous law: the Local Resident Voting Rights Amendment Act, D.C. Act 24-640, which allows noncitizens, including illegal immigrants, foreign agents, and diplomats, to vote in local elections.

We should not allow foreign entities who are hostile to the United States to vote in our elections, period. We should not allow illegal immigrants to vote in our elections. This is a direct assault on the value of American citizenship, and it undermines the voices of lawful voters.

Worse, it is part of a broader effort by the left to chip away at Congress' constitutional authority over our Nation's Capital. The Constitution is clear: Congress has the power to legislate in all cases whatsoever concerning Washington, D.C. Under the Home Rule Act, we have the duty to review and reject laws that threaten the integrity of our elections and our constitutional system.

Even Mayor Bowser withheld her signature from those actions, and I thank her for that.

Of all places, we must not let the Nation's Capital become a model for illegal voting.

Additionally, this rule provides for H.R. 2096, the Protecting Our Nation's Capital Emergency Act.

In 2023, the D.C. Council passed the so-called Comprehensive Policing and Justice Reform Amendment Act, a bill that singles out the Metropolitan Police Department, making it the only union in the District stripped of its ability to collectively bargain on disciplinary matters.

H.R. 2096 puts an end to this antipolice policy and restores fairness to the bargaining process for D.C.'s law enforcement officers.

Finally, this rule includes H.R. 2056, the District of Columbia Federal Immigration Compliance Act, which simply ensures that D.C. follows Federal immigration law. That is because no city, especially not our Capital, should get a free pass to ignore the laws of the land.

In 2019, D.C. Mayor Bowser approved the Sanctuary Values Amendment Act of 2019, which, according to the Mayor's Office, "limits the District's cooperation with Federal immigration agencies, including by complying with detainer requests from Immigration and Customs Enforcement ('ICE') absent a judicial warrant or order issued by a Federal judge or by providing to Federal immigration agencies information about when or where someone will be released."

This is ludicrous. In other words, D.C. will make it harder for ICE to detain dangerous criminals and otherwise impede their ability to do their jobs.

Mr. Speaker, you can't make this stuff up. While my colleagues continue to double down on their America-last policies, House Republicans are charging forward and standing up for hard-working families and vulnerable Americans.

The legislation before us is common sense, pro-law enforcement, and necessary.

Mr. Speaker, I look forward to the consideration of these important pieces of legislation. I urge the passage of this rule, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman from Indiana (Mrs. HOUCHIN) for yielding me the customary 30 minutes, and I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, the bills in this rule today are nothing more than a cheap distraction and another smokescreen from House Republicans, who are desperate to change the subject. I get why. After all, it was just 2 weeks ago that nearly every single Republican in this Chamber voted for what may be the most shameful piece of legislation that this body has produced in years, the GOP tax scam.

Mr. Speaker, it is bad enough that it gives massive tax breaks to billionaires and wealthy donors, but it does that by literally taking food out of the mouths of hungry seniors and children and ripping healthcare away from more than 16 million Americans.

In case it wasn't clear, Republicans are gutting Medicaid and even targeting Medicare, programs that millions of families depend on. It is not because they have to but because they want to.

Mr. Speaker, I know my friends across the aisle hate to hear us say the truth out loud. It makes them uncomfortable because they know what they are doing is wrong. Yet, that is just the cold, hard truth, Mr. Speaker.

In the process, Republicans are adding trillions of dollars to the very national debt that the majority loves to complain about when it is politically convenient. That is also the cold, hard truth.

Numbers don't lie. Look at the Congressional Budget Office's analysis. The Republicans' math does not add up. Again, this adds trillions of dollars to the debt.

Since the backlash has been swift and deserved, Republicans are scrambling to do everything they can to sweep it under the rug and change the narrative. That is what these bills are about—political misdirection, not meaningful solutions.

Let's be clear. Three of the bills this week meddle in D.C.'s local governance. It is not because there is some urgent crisis but because Republicans want to score cheap political points and take power away from a local government that they weren't elected to make decisions for.

In fact, Republicans referred to the District of Columbia as "property" in last night's Rules Committee hearing. Who talks like that? I thought I was watching "Gone with the Wind."

This is so incredibly offensive. The people who live in D.C. are not the Republicans' property. Their land is not Republicans' property. Their money is not the property of the Republicans. The majority should keep their hands off of it and keep their hands off of them.

Republicans, Mr. Speaker, are on a power trip. These bills either chase problems that don't exist or duplicate efforts already underway. That is not legislating. That is performative politics.

Here is the real kicker: If my Republican colleagues were serious about public safety in D.C., as my colleagues on the other side of the aisle claim, then the first thing to do is restore the \$1 billion in the city's funding that they slashed earlier this year.

I want to be clear. This is not Federal money. We are literally talking about the city being able to spend their own money that D.C. residents have paid in taxes for the District. That money, taken from D.C.'s budget and paid by D.C. taxpayers, goes toward supporting public safety, social services, and critical infrastructure that residents and tourists alike rely on.

The Senate already passed the fix. The bill is ready for us to vote on. Even Donald Trump says he supports it. I can't believe it, but he says that he supports it.

Mr. Speaker, why is it that House Republicans here in Congress are dragging their feet? I thought they did everything Trump directed them to do, Mr. Speaker. Why are Republicans willing to stand strong against Trump on this, but when it comes to taking away healthcare and food assistance from their constituents, my colleagues on the other side of the aisle suddenly have no backbone and go along with Trump on that? Give me a damn break.

The fourth bill this week makes formatting changes to the HALT Fentanyl Act, a bill that we have debated before.

I will be very clear. The fentanyl crisis is real. It is deadly, and it demands serious action. Yet, that action must be more than slogans and symbolism. You can't say that you are serious about fighting fentanyl while slashing funding for mental health services, addiction treatment, and Medicaid. That is hypocrisy, and that is dangerous.

Yet, this is the Republican playbook. Republicans pay lipservice to real problems, undercut the solutions that actually work, and shovel more tax breaks to the ultrawealthy—rinse and repeat.

Mr. Speaker, the American people deserve a hell of a lot better. They deserve better than a party taking away their healthcare in the middle of the night. America's hardworking moms and dads, who may work multiple jobs but still don't make enough to afford groceries under this administration, deserve to know that they can rely on SNAP during rocky times so that their 7- and 8-year-old kids have something to eat.

Seniors deserve to have full fridges and access to healthcare that they have paid into so that they can live out their remaining years with dignity.

If seniors are paying their fair share in taxes, billionaires, hedge fund managers, and people who can afford to dump millions into political campaigns should pay their fair share, too.

People are tired of all of these giveaways to multibillionaires while hardworking, middle-class families or those struggling to get into the middle class get screwed over.

What we saw from Republicans in the last week of May, Mr. Speaker, is reprehensible. It is not what the American people deserve. We must do better, and I reserve the balance of my time.

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

Mr. Speaker, I have said this again and again. The rhetoric from our Democratic colleagues on the One Big Beautiful Bill Act is just not true.

In fact, we are preserving benefits for those who need it most by preventing people who are illegal and ineligible from accessing Medicaid. We are also ensuring that able-bodied adults have a mandatory work requirement of just less than 20 hours per week. It includes the ability for participating in education, job search, and community engagement to all count toward that work requirement.

What we were trying to do in the One Big Beautiful Bill Act is ensure that limited resources are protected for pregnant women, children, seniors, and individuals with disabilities. That is the truth.

With reference to the CBO, the CBO has been wrong again and again. It is on record as being wrong by more than \$1 trillion. We cannot count on the CBO's score alone as a measure of how

well or what savings this bill will have or not have.

In fact, the Democratic-led CBO has overestimated the cost of Trump's tax cuts, underestimated the cost of the Affordable Care Act, and overestimated the impact of the Inflation Reduction Act.

I will note something about this being political misdirection, as my colleague noted. He said that this is not an urgent crisis. Mr. Speaker, my colleagues may want to take a look at the lawlessness that is happening in California. That is not a crisis? I think it is, and it is certainly something that we don't want to see in our Nation's Capital, in Washington, D.C., which is exactly the type of thing that we are trying to prevent by passing this legislation.

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

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

Mr. Speaker, I hate to be the one to have to inform the gentlewoman of this fact, but the head of CBO, according to The Wall Street Journal, is a registered Republican.

Now, we are being told by the Republicans that we can't trust the non-partisan Congressional Budget Office to give us correct numbers on how much things are going to cost or how much the tax cuts are going to cost. Who do we rely on for that? Is it Elon Musk? Maybe not anymore because Elon and Trump are fighting.

The bottom line is that CBO has been kind of the gold standard that both parties have pointed to in various debates on budgetary bills over the years.

I should also point out, because I think I want it to be very clear, there is no Federal funding in Medicaid that goes to provide support for undocumented immigrants. CBO also states that, so that little red herring out there is just, again, to distract. It is just not truthful. That is not truthful. I think everybody in this Chamber knows that. Enough of that.

Mr. Speaker, if we defeat the previous question, I am going to offer an amendment to the rule to bring up H.R. 2753, the Hands Off Medicaid and SNAP Act of 2025, which would block the Republican budget from cutting Medicaid or SNAP benefits and kicking people off of these lifesaving programs.

Mr. Speaker, 3 weeks ago, House Republicans jammed through their multi-trillion-dollar budget scam by a one-vote margin. Some Republicans didn't even know what was in the bill. They rushed it through so fast that we are reportedly going to have to revote on it later this week to fix all the errors in the bill.

While we stand here debating three bills to micromanage the affairs of the District of Columbia, which has its own Mayor and city council, who are perfectly capable of representing their constituents, Republicans are moving forward with more tax breaks for billionaires and corporations while lower

income Americans are made worse off through their largest cuts to healthcare and food assistance in our Nation's history.

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We live in the richest country in the history of the world. I will inform the gentlewoman and those in this Chamber that we have 46 million people in the United States of America who are hungry or food insecure. We should all be ashamed of that. Rather than trying to address that problem, by the way, which is a costly problem, the Republicans instead chose to cut \$300 billion out of the SNAP program.

They have also cut funding out of a whole range of other nutritional benefit programs, as well. Before they have a chance to vote again on their big bill later this week, I urge my Republican colleagues to correct their mistakes and to vote to protect healthcare. Don't throw American citizens off of healthcare. We should be protecting their healthcare and protecting SNAP for millions of Americans.

This is not about undocumented immigrants. Stop that nonsense. This is about American citizens. Stop these cuts by voting to bring up the Hands Off Medicaid and SNAP Act.

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

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

There was no objection.

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1½ minutes to the gentlewoman from California (Ms. SIMON) to discuss our proposal.

Ms. SIMON. Mr. Speaker, as a new Member of Congress, I was under the understanding that our job here is to lift up the voices of those in this country that hold our Nation together with their own hands: The working parents who will absolutely go hungry and will come home to empty refrigerators when their SNAP benefits are cut under the majority's big, cruel bill. Then there are those who cannot sleep at night because their child has a rare form of cancer and are worried about Medicaid not covering their care.

The Republicans say it won't affect her. Today, if you go to the children's hospital here in Washington, D.C., and sit with the mother who is praying over her dying child, who had to quit her job and who now qualifies for Medicaid expansion, under their bill she will be cut. Tell her you will not harm her.

Unfortunately, this is the America that the majority wants to create. The majority has sent a bill to the Senate that, Mr. Speaker, is not a piece of legislation. It is a piece of forgetting.

It is forgetting who we are, and it is forgetting who we owe. The big, cruel

bill breaks the basic covenant of government that the people who suffer the most should be seen first.

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

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I yield an additional 1 minute to the gentlewoman from California.

Ms. SIMON. It is without apology that when you write legislation that cuts into the flesh of the working poor, you cannot call it policy. When you cut into the flesh of working-class Americans, you don't call it policy. You call it what it is: cruelty. When you kick 16 million people off of healthcare, you don't call it policy. You call it heartless.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues today to vote "no" on the previous question.

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

Mr. Speaker, one of the things that my colleague mentioned was the people who are food insecure. I note something that we should be ashamed of is the inflationary policies of the Biden administration that drove up food costs leading to more people being food insecure.

I am glad to hear that my colleague on the other side of the aisle is interested in preserving healthcare for those who need it most. I hope that means he will vote for H.R. 1.

One of the things we heard just in the last few minutes is that children with cancer and the mother of a child with cancer will not be covered. That is just not true. The One Big Beautiful Bill Act protects benefits for those children.

Democrats are fighting to protect healthcare for 1.4 million illegal immigrants. They are fighting to protect billions of dollars in fraud, waste, and abuse.

The number that they keep referencing just keeps going up. It has been 13.7 million, 14 million, and now it is 16 million. That is just not true. Even The New York Times said that the numbers that the Democrats have been saying about people who will "lose their healthcare" is not true.

If you are illegal, if you are ineligible, if you are able-bodied and could work, those are the people that this bill will target.

Finally, I will say that, once again, taking it back to the issues at hand, we are here to do the important work of safeguarding our elections in the United States, supporting the police, and ensuring that local jurisdictions aren't obstructing immigration enforcement.

Similar bills on these topics have gained support from some Democrats. Instead of trying to belittle these issues or endlessly debate H.R. 1 at every possible turn, they can stop and reflect about their opposition to these commonsense bills, bills supported by the agenda that voters backed months ago.

Democrats just can't seem to help themselves. President Trump's multi-

faceted approach to immigration enforcement is working. Illegal border crossings are down 95 percent. Daily border encounters are down by 93 percent. Got-aways are down by 99 percent. Fentanyl flows are down 54 percent. Mr. Speaker, there were 2,000 ICE arrests every day recently. ICE is finally cleaning up the open-border policy of the Biden administration. Yes, they were open-border policies.

Mr. Speaker, I hope that our colleagues will support the underlying rule and the bills that we have considered before us today because we need to secure our elections and stand up for our police and the rule of law.

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

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

Mr. Speaker, let me respond to the gentlewoman when she wants to know why the numbers keep on going up in terms of the number of uninsured. The reason is the Republicans continuously changed their bill and made it worse. That is why. The majority has made it worse.

The bill that we voted on throws more people off of healthcare. Boy, that is something to be proud of. There is no denying the fact that their big, ugly bill cuts SNAP by \$300 billion. They cut SNAP by \$300 billion.

This is a benefit that, on average, is about \$2 per person per meal, and they cut \$300 billion. They want us to believe there will be no adverse impacts. Everything will just be beautiful. Really? I mean, come on.

They cut \$300 billion out of the SNAP program. That is going to impact senior citizens, veterans, and children. Let me tell you, the savings that is going to be garnered from the \$300 billion cut that the Republicans are using to offset the cost of tax cuts for billionaires, that is going to be very costly because hungry kids don't learn when they go to school. Senior citizens who take their medication on an empty stomach end up in an emergency room. People who don't have access to decent nutrition end up with chronic illnesses that last a lifetime. Workers who are hungry are less productive in the workforce. That is what my friends are doing.

Don't give me this garbage about undocumented immigrants. CBO made it clear that there is no Medicaid funding going to undocumented immigrants in this country. It is clear. That is a smoke screen so that people don't focus in on how their big, ugly bill is going to hurt regular people in this country.

It really is astounding to me. I thought we all came here, no matter what our politics might be, to help people.

They are pushing forward a bill that is going to hurt people. It is going to hurt almost everybody in this country except if you are well-off and well-connected. If you are a billionaire, if you are a big donor, if you hang out at Mar-a-Lago, you are doing fine, but not everybody else.

The other thing that Republicans are doing is cutting medical research, cutting NIH. If you want to talk about lifesaving investments, let's find a cure for cancer. Let's find a cure for diabetes. Let's find a cure for Alzheimer's. Instead the Republicans are cutting that research.

Mr. Speaker, I will just take a couple minutes here to talk about something else because this is a rules debate, and this is something that I find particularly annoying at this moment.

I will take a moment to talk about process. Perhaps the only noteworthy thing the Republican majority achieved last Congress was shattering their own record for the most closed Congress ever. That is not something you want to be known for.

To be clear, they made history for running the most closed, antidebate Congress we have ever seen. In total, Republicans issued 115 totally closed rules, meaning 115 times where the House could not debate a single amendment on the House floor. Republicans basically told us: nope, no debate, no amendments, no input to make these bills better. Just do whatever we tell you to do.

This wasn't an accident. It was the whole game plan, a legislative lockdown that delivered the most unproductive, dysfunctional Congress in modern American history.

Did they learn anything from it? No, they did not learn a thing. This Congress they have taken that broken model and somehow made it worse.

As of last night, they have racked up over 50 closed rules in just 5 months. More than 90 percent of the bills they bring up have no amendments, no discussion, no democracy. It is just take it or leave it.

At this rate, Republicans are on track to issue over 200 closed rules this Congress. What are we even doing here?

In just 5 months, we have seen Republican leadership block over 800 amendments. These are amendments that our colleagues, Democrats and Republicans alike, have submitted to make bills better. Only 14 amendments were selected by Republican leadership to be debated across just four bills. That is a 98 percent rejection rate. They block 98 out of every 100 ideas they receive.

What does this look like in practice? It looks like a complete destruction of the deliberative process. Republicans have blocked—get this—debate on amendments that would protect SNAP and Medicaid for millions of Americans and debate on amendments to protect access to the ballot box, the foundation of our democracy.

They even blocked debate on bipartisan amendments which would provide a permanent pay fix for Federal wildland firefighters and allow grants to help with fentanyl prevention and education efforts.

No wonder nobody likes Congress. The issues that are important to the American people are not even allowed

to be debated. As we see here today, Republicans are okay with debating trivial issues passionately but important ones not at all.

Mr. Speaker, when I chaired this committee, back when we gave a damn, we welcomed ideas. We let the House work the way it is supposed to work. In our first 5 months, Democrats allowed over 25 percent of all amendments, more than 200 thoughtful proposals to be debated.

Here is the kicker: We gave Republicans more chances to debate their ideas than their own leaders do. In 5 months, only 6 of the 220 Republicans, over 97 percent of Republicans in this Chamber, have had an amendment made in order. That is not by mistake. That is a design flaw; a big one.

I don't understand how my Republican colleagues, some of which were so excited about having a bigger, better, open process, can say with a straight face that this is what they wanted. They have no voice in improving legislation. Amendments that we offered last night were blocked.

At this point in the 117th Congress, Mr. Speaker, under Democratic governance, over half of all bipartisan amendments were made in order. This Congress, we have yet to see a single bipartisan amendment make it to the House floor this year. Not even one.

Mr. Speaker, this Republican leadership seemed to have forgotten that this institution is a democratic legislative assembly. Instead, they are running it like a wannabe authoritarian dictatorship.

I know that Donald Trump speaks admiringly of Vladimir Putin all the time, but this place is becoming like Russia.

Come on. Have some respect for the House of Representatives. Let's open this place up a little bit more. This process right now is a disgrace and the American people deserve so much better than this.

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

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

Mr. Speaker, fear-mongering is not a solution to the problems that we face today. If we are not going to find savings across all agencies by rooting out waste, fraud, and abuse, we are not going to safeguard these programs for the future.

Unfortunately, my colleagues are against rooting out even waste, fraud, and abuse. By doing so, they are not protecting the very programs they claim that they are fighting to protect.

Again, with the CBO, according to the White House press secretary, there hasn't been a single staffer in the entire Congressional Budget Office that has contributed to a Republican since the year 2000, but guess what? Many of the staffers within the CBO have contributed to Democratic candidates and politicians in every single cycle since.

Unfortunately, it is not an institution in our country that is bipartisan. It has become partisan and political, which is why conservatives and Republicans on our side are skeptical of the CBO and what they report.

My colleague referred to closed measures, so I just want to note that it is true, there have been 53 closed measures, but the number needs context. Twelve were in the rules package, which passed 2 weeks before the 119th Rules Committee even organized to begin meeting. An additional 21 measures were either CRAs or received no amendments, making them closed by definition, so only 17 measures have been closed by discretion of the committee.

Mr. Speaker, again, I would like to make the emphasis what it should be today, which is on safeguarding our elections, supporting local law enforcement, and trying to eliminate the deadly scourge of fentanyl across the United States.

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

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

Wow, the gentlewoman is defending this process.

I just want to repeat, when I was chairman, I made one out of every four amendments in order. My Republican friends are making 1 out of every 50 amendments in order, and 0 bipartisan amendments.

Again, I don't quite know—well, I guess I do know. I mean, again, the way the Republican leadership is operating here is that, again, we don't debate serious proposals on the House floor. They don't want to have votes. They don't want to have debates. They just want to bring things to the floor under a closed process and tell people to take it or leave it. Then they do this other thing of sneaking things in the rules so we can't even have a vote up or down on major changes. However, that is not the way this place is supposed to run.

In terms of, again, the Congressional Budget Office, the head of the Congressional Budget Office, according to The Wall Street Journal, is a registered Republican. If we are not going to rely on the Congressional Budget Office for analyses, who are we supposed to rely on? What, Stephen Miller? I mean, who? I mean, I am just trying to figure out who. Are we supposed to take your word for it or just take the President's word for it? I mean, this is a guy who doesn't read anything. He says he watches everything on TV.

I don't even understand. This new position of the Republican Party is that there is no such thing as objective analysis unless it always agrees with them. Well, that is just not the way it is.

In terms of fear-mongering, I mean, your big, ugly bill that you passed a couple of weeks ago is going to throw millions of people off of healthcare. It is going to throw—millions of people

are going to lose their SNAP benefits, their nutritional benefits, and the reason why is because you are making major cuts. It has nothing to do with undocumented immigrants. You can say that all you want.

The gentlewoman knows that Medicare does not provide healthcare for undocumented immigrants. She knows that. Republicans know that. They keep on repeating it anyway because they don't want people to focus in on the reality. I think the American people are beginning to see through all of this. Again, they don't like what they see.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. AMODEI of Nevada). Members are reminded to direct their comments to the Chair.

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

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

Mr. Speaker, I just want to say that it is not just CBO saying that your big, ugly bill costs trillions of dollars, it is the Joint Committee on Taxation, Budget Lab at Yale, Penn Wharton Budget Model, and the right-leaning Tax Foundation. All of them, all of them say that your big, ugly bill is going to add trillions to the deficit, will explode the deficit, add to the debt, and that is—I mean, it is just everybody.

The only people who are saying this is not going to explode the deficit are my Republican friends here in the House. I think they think if they keep on saying that it is not going to cost anything, then people will believe that. That is just not the case.

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

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

Mr. Speaker, many of the entities that my colleague on the other side of the aisle mentioned do not account for growth. The growth measure is significant in reducing the deficit, and I believe that under President Trump's One Big Beautiful Bill Act, we will have record amounts of growth.

Our version of the bill only accounts for about 2.6 percent of growth. Some of these agencies are accounting for only 1.8 percent growth counting toward the calculations in this bill. If we are not accounting for robust growth, which I think we will get, then we will have an unclear picture, which is why I am leaning into OMB Director Russ Vought's assessment of the bill.

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

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

Mr. Speaker, I hate to tell the gentlewoman this, but every one of the organizations that I mentioned actually do account for growth. I have the charts here. I am happy to share them with you. From the Tax Foundation to the Penn Wharton Budget Model to Budget

Lab at Yale to the Joint Committee on Taxation, here is the graph. I am happy to share that with you so you can see. If your leadership is telling you that they don't, then they are not being honest with you about the extent of this. Mr. MASSIE, a member of the Republican Party, has also talked about how your big, ugly bill is going to add trillions to the deficit and the debt.

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

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

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, may I inquire of the gentlewoman, how many more speakers she has on her side?

Mrs. HOUCHIN. Mr. Speaker, I am prepared to close.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Massachusetts has 6½ minutes remaining.

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

Mr. Speaker, the truth is that these bills are nothing more than window dressing to cover up a truly grotesque set of priorities. Let's not forget, Republicans just voted to rip healthcare away from 16 million people, not undocumented immigrants, but 16 million American citizens. They voted to deny food assistance to children, seniors, and veterans. They are set to explode the deficit by trillions—trillions—just to reward their wealthy donors.

Now, with even their own Members having second thoughts and regrets about that vote, as The New York Times reported last week, they are desperate to change the conversation. However, these bills, these distractions won't work because the American people are paying attention. They see what is happening. They see the cruelty behind these choices, and they are not fooled. This isn't about policy. This is about morality, about what kind of country we want to be, about whether we stand with working families or with billionaires; whether we choose compassion or cruelty.

I know Democrats will keep fighting. We will keep speaking truth to power, and we will make damn sure that the public knows exactly who is responsible when services disappear, when costs go up as a result of these crazy tariffs, and when families are left behind.

I urge my colleagues to reject these bills, to reject the politics of distraction, and start doing the hard work the American people sent us here to do. People want us to fight for them. They want us to be focused on their priorities, on making their lives better; not on the priorities of the Elon Musk-wing of the Republican Party, the billionaire class. They want us to focus in on what matters to them.

Prices are going up, life is hard, and life is challenging. Rather than dealing with bills that might make their life better, we are dealing with this stuff.

This is crazy. The American people want us to rise to the occasion, to be about something more than just politics as usual. This is about people's lives.

I will tell you: We owe the American people much better than this Congress is delivering. Really, it is shameful that week after week after week we come up with these distractions that mean nothing in people's lives. Even worse, we pass this big, ugly bill that we did 2 weeks ago that is going to hurt my constituents and the gentlewoman's constituents, as well. There is no denying that people will lose their food benefits and their healthcare benefits in order to pay for tax cuts for billionaires. It is grotesque.

Mr. Speaker, I urge a "no" vote on the previous question. I urge a "no" vote on the rule. If the rule passes, I urge "no" votes on all these damned bills, and I yield back the balance of my time.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentlewoman from Indiana has 17½ minutes remaining.

Mrs. HOUCHIN. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time for the purpose of closing.

I have got just a couple of things I would like to note in my closing, and this is reasons why the One Big Beautiful Bill Act is the best chance in a generation to pass critical reforms that the American people voted for:

It delivers tax relief, the largest tax cut in American history, meaning an extra \$5,000 in Americans' pockets with double-digit percent decrease to their tax bills.

It makes the Trump tax cuts permanent, preventing the largest tax increase ever.

It raises Americans' take-home pay by as much as \$13,300 and wages by as much as \$11,600.

It reverses the spending curse plaguing Washington, D.C.

The bill delivers the largest deficit reduction in nearly 30 years, with \$1.6 trillion in mandatory savings, the largest single reduction in mandatory spending in our country's history.

It delivers no tax on tips and no tax on overtime.

It provides historic tax relief for seniors.

It finishes President Trump's border wall. It boosts Border Patrol and ICE agents on the front line, with the largest border security investment in history.

It increases the child tax credit to \$2,500 per family.

It protects Medicaid for Americans who truly need it.

It implements popular work requirements for able-bodied Americans receiving taxpayer-funded benefits.

It eliminates hundreds of billions of dollars in green new scam tax credits. It reverses electric vehicle mandates that let radical climate activists set the standards in American energy.

It ends Biden's war on American energy.

It streamlines onerous permitting processes so America can get building again.

It refills the Strategic Petroleum Reserve to safeguard America's energy security.

It repeals and rescinds every green corporate welfare subsidy.

It stops illegal immigrants from receiving tax credits and tax remittances sent to foreign countries.

It supports small businesses by increasing the section 199A deduction to 23 percent.

It incentivizes made in America.

It creates new Trump savings accounts for newborns. It expands access to childcare for hardworking families.

It provides historic increases in funding for the U.S. Coast Guard.

It supports building new factories to grow domestic business operations.

It helps American farmers, producers, and ranchers compete and sell products in foreign markets.

It holds woke elitist universities accountable by increasing the endowment tax on large universities.

It protects hardworking taxpayers by canceling Biden's illegal and unfair student loan bailouts.

It ends taxpayer-funded gender transition procedures.

It is a once-in-a-generation chance to revolutionize our Nation's defense capabilities and protect the homeland against new threats by funding President Trump's Golden Dome.

It enhances the capacity of America's naval fleet.

It modernizes air traffic control.

It strengthens SNAP benefits.

It implements critical program integrity and cost-containment provisions in Medicaid to strengthen it for future generations.

It safeguards the Second Amendment by removing tax and registration requirements for firearm silencers and eliminating silencers from the National Firearms Act.

It provides critical disaster recovery funding to farmers, producers, and ranchers.

It provides funding to rebuild America's military.

It expands health savings accounts to give Americans greater choice and flexibility in how to spend their money.

It gives \$10,000 bonuses annually over the next 4 years to Border Patrol and ICE agents on the front lines.

It incentivizes scholarships that empower American families and students to choose the education that best fits their needs.

It repeals Democrats' insane attack on the gig economy.

It reforms and streamlines the Federal student loan program to drive down tuition costs and simplify repayment plans.

It strengthens accountability for students and taxpayers on Federal student loans and implements critical reforms

to Pell grants to make sure they prioritize students who truly need financial assistance while promoting completion.

It increases timber sales on Federal lands.

It authorizes the sale of expanded spectrum megahertz to strengthen rural broadband and secure America's technological dominance in AI and other emerging technology.

It creates permanent fees that illegal immigrants must pay for their applications so American taxpayers aren't saddled with covering these costs.

It protects family farmers.

It ends abusive financing practices in Medicaid by freezing provider taxes and prohibiting new provider taxes.

It reins in the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, and it rolls back harmful Biden-era regulations that increase costs and administrative burdens with limited flexibility for States.

□ 1300

Mr. Speaker, we are not here today to talk about the One Big Beautiful Bill Act. We are here today to talk about the many provisions that are important to the safety and security of the United States. We are talking about a rule that includes provisions to secure American elections, protect and support our police, and target the deadly scourge of fentanyl across the United States.

Despite what my colleagues on the left may say, that this is a distraction, we say it is necessary and that we can multitask by doing these things and the One Big Beautiful Bill Act.

The American people understand the importance of immigration enforcement and the need to provide law enforcement with the tools necessary to stop the deadly flow of fentanyl. That is why 77 million Americans voted to end the Biden-Harris administration's reckless handling of the border and their disregard for the rule of law.

Today's measures crack down on fentanyl, safeguard our elections, and back the blue. It is about law, order, and protecting the American people.

I look forward to moving these bills out of the House this week, and I ask my colleagues to join me in voting "yes" on the previous question and "yes" on the rule.

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

AN AMENDMENT TO H. RES. 489 OFFERED BY
MR. McGOVERN OF MASSACHUSETTS

At the end of the resolution, add the following:

SEC. 5. Immediately upon adoption of this resolution, the House shall proceed to the consideration in the House of the bill (H.R. 2753) to amend the Congressional Budget Act of 1974 to provide for a point of order against reconciliation measures that cut benefits for Medicaid or the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, and for other purposes. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived. The bill shall be considered as read. All points of order against provisions in the bill are waived. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill and on any amendment thereto, to

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

SEC. 6. Clause 1(c) of rule XIX shall not apply to the consideration of H.R. 2753.

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

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

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

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

The yeas and nays were ordered.

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

RECESS

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

Accordingly, at 1 o'clock and 1 minute p.m., the House stood in recess.

□ 1330

AFTER RECESS

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

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Proceedings will resume on questions previously postponed. Votes will be taken in the following order:

Ordering the previous question on House Resolution 489; and

Adoption of House Resolution 489, if ordered.

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

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 884, PROHIBITING VOTING BY NONCITIZENS IN DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ELECTIONS; PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2056, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA FEDERAL IMMIGRATION COMPLIANCE ACT OF 2025; PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2096, PROTECTING OUR NATION'S CAPITAL EMERGENCY ACT; AND PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF S. 331, HALT ALL LETHAL TRAFFICKING OF FENTANYL ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfinished business is the vote on ordering

the previous question on the resolution (H. Res. 489) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 884) to prohibit individuals who are not citizens of the United States from voting in elections in the District of Columbia and to repeal the Local Resident Voting Rights Amendment Act of 2022; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2056) to require the District of Columbia to comply with federal immigration laws; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2096) to restore the right to negotiate matters pertaining to the discipline of law enforcement officers of the District of Columbia through collective bargaining, to restore the statute of limitations for bringing disciplinary cases against members or civilian employees of the Metropolitan Police Department of the District of Columbia, and for other purposes; and providing for consideration of the bill (S. 331) to amend the Controlled Substances Act with respect to the scheduling of fentanyl-related substances, and for other purposes, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

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

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 213, nays 206, not voting 13, as follows:

[Roll No. 160]

YEAS—213

Aderholt	Ellzey	James
Alford	Emmer	Johnson (LA)
Allen	Estes	Johnson (SD)
Amodei (NV)	Evans (CO)	Jordan
Arrington	Ezell	Joyce (OH)
Babin	Fallon	Joyce (PA)
Bacon	Fedorchak	Kean
Baird	Feenstra	Kelly (MS)
Balderson	Fine	Kelly (PA)
Barr	Finstad	Kennedy (UT)
Barrett	Fischbach	Kiggans (VA)
Baumgartner	Fitzgerald	Kiley (CA)
Bean (FL)	Fitzpatrick	Kim
Begich	Fleischmann	Knott
Bentz	Flood	Kustoff
Bergman	Fong	LaHood
Bice	Fox	LaLota
Biggs (AZ)	Franklin, Scott	LaMalfa
Biggs (SC)	Fry	Langworthy
Bilirakis	Fulcher	Latta
Boebert	Garbarino	Lawler
Bost	Gill (TX)	Letlow
Brecheen	Gimenez	Loudermilk
Bresnahan	Goldman (TX)	Lucas
Buchanan	Gonzales, Tony	Luna
Burchett	Gooden	Luttrell
Burlison	Gosar	Mace
Calvert	Graves	Mackenzie
Cammack	Greene (GA)	Malliotakis
Carey	Griffith	Maloy
Carter (GA)	Grothman	Mann
Carter (TX)	Guest	Massie
Ciscomani	Guthrie	Mast
Cline	Hageman	McCaul
Cloud	Hamadeh (AZ)	McClain
Clyde	Haridopolos	McClintock
Cole	Harris (MD)	McCormick
Collins	Harris (NC)	McDowell
Comer	Harshbarger	McGuire
Crane	Hern (OK)	Messmer
Crank	Higgins (LA)	Meuser
Crawford	Hill (AR)	Miller (IL)
Crenshaw	Hinson	Miller (OH)
Davidson	Houchin	Miller (WV)
De La Cruz	Huizenga	Miller-Meeks
Diaz-Balart	Hunt	Mills
Donalds	Hurd (CO)	Moolenaar
Downing	Issa	Moore (AL)
Dunn (FL)	Jack	Moore (NC)
Edwards	Jackson (TX)	Moore (UT)

Moore (WV)	Rutherford	Tenney
Moran	Salazar	Thompson (PA)
Murphy	Scalise	Tiffany
Nehls	Schmidt	Timmons
Newhouse	Schweikert	Turner (OH)
Norman	Scott, Austin	Valadao
Nunn (IA)	Sessions	Van Drew
Oberholte	Shreve	Van Dwyne
Ogles	Simpson	Van Orden
Onder	Smith (MO)	Wagner
Owens	Smith (NE)	Walberg
Palmer	Smith (NJ)	Weber (TX)
Patronis	Smucker	Webster (FL)
Perry	Spartz	Westerman
Pfluger	Stauber	Wied
Reschenthaler	Stefanik	Williams (TX)
Rogers (AL)	Steil	Wilson (SC)
Rogers (KY)	Steube	Wittman
Rose	Strong	Womack
Rouzer	Stutzman	Yakym
Roy	Taylor	Zinke

NAYS—206

Adams	Golden (ME)	Omar
Aguilar	Goldman (NY)	Pallone
Amo	Gomez	Panetta
Ansari	Gonzalez, V.	Pappas
Auchincloss	Goodlander	Pelosi
Balint	Gray	Perez
Barragan	Green, Al (TX)	Peters
Bell	Harder (CA)	Pettersen
Bera	Hayes	Pingree
Beyer	Himes	Pocan
Bishop	Horsford	Pou
Bonamici	Houlihan	Pressley
Boyle (PA)	Hoyer	Quigley
Brown	Hoyle (OR)	Ramirez
Brownley	Huffman	Randall
Budzinski	Ivey	Raskin
Bynum	Jackson (IL)	Riley (NY)
Carbajal	Jacobs	Rivas
Carson	Jayapal	Ross
Carter (LA)	Jeffries	Ruiz
Casas	Johnson (GA)	Ryan
Case	Johnson (TX)	Salinas
Casten	Kamlager-Dove	Sanchez
Castor (FL)	Kaptur	Scanlon
Castro (TX)	Keating	Schakowsky
Cherfilus-	Kelly (IL)	Schneider
McCormick	Kennedy (NY)	Scholten
Chu	Khanna	Schrier
Cisneros	Krishnamoorthi	Scott (VA)
Clark (MA)	Landsman	Scott, David
Clarke (NY)	Larsen (WA)	Sewell
Cleaver	Larsen (CT)	Sherman
Clyburn	Latimer	Simon
Cohen	Lee (NV)	Smith (WA)
Conaway	Lee (PA)	Sorensen
Costa	Leger Fernandez	Soto
Courtney	Levin	Stansbury
Craig	Liccardo	Lieu
Crockett	Lieu	Stanton
Crow	Lofgren	Stevens
Cuellar	Lynch	Strickland
Davids (KS)	Magaziner	Subramanyam
Davis (IL)	Mannion	Suozi
Davis (NC)	Matsui	Swalwell
Dean (PA)	McBath	Sykes
DeGette	McBride	Takano
DeLauro	McClain Delaney	Thanedar
DelBene	McClellan	Thompson (CA)
Deluzio	McCollum	Thompson (MS)
DeSaulnier	McDonald Rivet	Titus
Dexter	McGarvey	Tlaib
Dingell	McGovern	Tokuda
Doggett	McIver	Tonko
Elfreth	Meeks	Torres (CA)
Escobar	Menendez	Torres (NY)
Espailat	Meng	Tran
Evans (PA)	Mfume	Underwood
Fields	Min	Vargas
Figures	Moore (WI)	Vasquez
Fletcher	Morelle	Veasey
Foster	Morrison	Velázquez
Foushee	Moskowitz	Vindman
Frankel, Lois	Moulton	Wasserman
Friedman	Mrvan	Schultz
Frost	Mullin	Waters
Garamendi	Nadler	Watson Coleman
Garcia (CA)	Neal	Whitesides
Garcia (IL)	Neguse	Williams (GA)
Garcia (TX)	Ocasio-Cortez	Wilson (FL)
Gillen	Olshewski	

NOT VOTING—13

Beatty	Gottheimer	Hudson
Correa	Green (TN)	
DesJarlais	Harrigan	

Lee (FL)	Rulli	Sherrill
Norcross	Self	Trahan

□ 1356

Mr. MOSKOWITZ and Mrs. TORRES of California changed their vote from “yea” to “nay.”

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

So the previous question was ordered.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

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

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

RECORDED VOTE

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

A recorded vote was ordered.

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

OFFICIAL PHOTOGRAPH OF 119TH CONGRESS

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to House Resolution 469, this time has been designated for the taking of the official photo of the House of Representatives in session.

The House will be in a brief recess while the Chamber is being prepared for the photo. As soon as the photographer indicates that these preparations are complete, the Chair will call the House to order to resume its actual session for the taking of the photograph. At that point the Members will take their cues from the photographer. Shortly after the photographer is finished, the House will proceed with business.

RECESS

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess while the Chamber is being prepared.

Accordingly (at 1 o'clock and 59 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 1404

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker at 2 o'clock and 4 minutes p.m.

(Thereupon, the Members sat for the official photograph of the House of Representatives for the 119th Congress.)

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 884, PROHIBITING VOTING BY NONCITIZENS IN DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ELECTIONS; PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2056, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA FEDERAL IMMIGRATION COMPLIANCE ACT OF 2025; PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2096, PROTECTING OUR NATION'S CAPITAL EMERGENCY ACT; AND PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF S. 331, HALT ALL LETHAL TRAFFICKING OF FENTANYL ACT

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfinished business is the demand for a recorded vote on the adoption of the resolution (H. Res. 489) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 884) to prohibit individuals who are not citizens of the United States from voting in elections in the District of Columbia and to repeal the Local Resident Voting Rights Amendment Act of 2022; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2056) to require the District of Columbia to comply with federal immigration laws; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2096) to restore the right to negotiate matters pertaining to the discipline of law enforcement officers of the District of Columbia through collective bargaining, to restore the statute of limitations for bringing disciplinary cases against members or civilian employees of the Metropolitan Police Department of the District of Columbia, and for other purposes; and providing for consideration of the bill (S. 331) to amend the Controlled Substances Act with respect to the scheduling of fentanyl-related substances, and for other purposes, on which further proceedings were postponed and on which the ayes prevailed by voice vote.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

RECORDED VOTE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. A recorded vote has been demanded.

A recorded vote was ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. This will be a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 211, noes 206, not voting 15, as follows:

[Roll No. 161]

AYES—211

Aderholt	Bost	Davidson
Alford	Brecheen	De La Cruz
Allen	Bresnahan	DesJarlais
Amodei (NV)	Burchett	Diaz-Balart
Arrington	Burlison	Donalds
Babin	Calvert	Downing
Bacon	Cammack	Dunn (FL)
Baird	Carey	Edwards
Balderson	Carter (GA)	Ellzey
Barr	Carter (TX)	Emmer
Barrett	Ciscomani	Estes
Baumgartner	Cline	Evans (CO)
Bean (FL)	Cloud	Fallon
Begich	Clyde	Fedorchak
Bentz	Cole	Feenstra
Bergman	Collins	Fine
Bice	Comer	Finstad
Biggs (AZ)	Crane	Fischbach
Biggs (SC)	Crank	Fitzgerald
Bilirakis	Crawford	Fitzpatrick
Boebert	Crenshaw	Fleischmann

Flood	Kustoff	Pfluger
Fong	LaHood	Reschenthaler
Fox	LaLota	Rogers (AL)
Franklin, Scott	LaMalfa	Rogers (KY)
Fry	Langworthy	Rose
Fulcher	Latta	Rouzer
Garbarino	Lawler	Roy
Gill (TX)	Letlow	Rutherford
Gimenez	Loudermilk	Scalise
Goldman (TX)	Lucas	Schmidt
Gonzales, Tony	Luna	Schweikert
Gooden	Luttrell	Scott, Austin
Gosar	Mace	Sessions
Graves	Mackenzie	Shreve
Greene (GA)	Malliotakis	Simpson
Griffith	Maloy	Smith (MO)
Grothman	Mann	Smith (NE)
Guest	Massie	Smith (NJ)
Guthrie	Mast	Smucker
Hageman	McCaul	Spartz
Hamadeh (AZ)	McClain	Staubert
Haridopolos	McClintock	Stefanik
Harris (MD)	McCormick	Stell
Harris (NC)	McDowell	Steube
Harshbarger	McGuire	Strong
Hern (OK)	Messmer	Stutzman
Higgins (LA)	Meuser	Taylor
Hill (AR)	Miller (IL)	Tenney
Hinson	Miller (OH)	Thompson (PA)
Houchin	Miller (WV)	Tiffany
Huizenga	Miller-Meeks	Timmons
Hunt	Mills	Turner (OH)
Hurd (CO)	Moolenaar	Valadao
Issa	Moore (AL)	Van Drew
Jack	Moore (NC)	Van Dwyne
Jackson (TX)	Moore (UT)	Van Orden
James	Moore (WV)	Wagner
Johnson (LA)	Moran	Walberg
Johnson (SD)	Murphy	Weber (TX)
Jordan	Nehls	Webster (FL)
Joyce (OH)	Newhouse	Westerman
Joyce (PA)	Norman	Wied
Kean	Nunn (IA)	Williams (TX)
Kelly (MS)	Oberholte	Wilson (SC)
Kelly (PA)	Ogles	Wittman
Kennedy (UT)	Onder	Womack
Kiggans (VA)	Owens	Yakym
Kiley (CA)	Palmer	Zinke
Kim	Patronis	
Knott	Perry	

NOES—206

Adams	DelBene	Keating
Aguilar	Deluzio	Kelly (IL)
Amo	DeSaulnier	Kennedy (NY)
Ansari	Dexter	Khanna
Auchincloss	Dingell	Krishnamoorthi
Balint	Doggett	Landsman
Barragan	Elfreth	Larsen (WA)
Bell	Escobar	Larson (CT)
Bera	Espallat	Latimer
Beyer	Evans (PA)	Lee (NV)
Bishop	Fields	Lee (PA)
Bonamici	Figures	Leger Fernandez
Boyle (PA)	Fletcher	Levin
Brown	Foster	Liccardo
Brownley	Foushee	Lieu
Budzinski	Frankel, Lois	Lofgren
Bynum	Friedman	Lynch
Carbajal	Frost	Magaziner
Carson	Garamendi	Mannion
Carter (LA)	Garcia (CA)	Matsui
Casar	Garcia (IL)	McBath
Case	Garcia (TX)	McBride
Casten	Gillen	McClain Delaney
Castor (FL)	Golden (ME)	McClellan
Castro (TX)	Goldman (NY)	McCollum
Cherfilus-	Gomez	McDonald Rivet
McCormick	Gonzalez, V.	McGarvey
Chu	Goodlander	McGovern
Cisneros	Gray	McIver
Clark (MA)	Green, Al (TX)	Meeks
Clarke (NY)	Harder (CA)	Menendez
Cleaver	Hayes	Meng
Clyburn	Himes	Mfume
Cohen	Horsford	Min
Conaway	Houlahan	Moore (WI)
Costa	Hoyer	Morelle
Courtney	Hoyle (OR)	Morrison
Craig	Huffman	Moskowitz
Crockett	Ivey	Moulton
Crow	Jackson (IL)	Mrvan
Cuellar	Jacobs	Mullin
Davids (KS)	Jayapal	Nadler
Davis (IL)	Jeffries	Neal
Davis (NC)	Johnson (GA)	Neguse
Dean (PA)	Johnson (TX)	Ocasio-Cortez
DeGette	Kamlager-Dove	Olsewski
DeLauro	Kaptur	Omar

Pallone	Schakowsky	Thompson (MS)
Panetta	Schneider	Titus
Pappas	Scholten	Tlaib
Pelosi	Schrier	Tokuda
Perez	Scott (VA)	Tonko
Peters	Scott, David	Torres (CA)
Pettersen	Sewell	Torres (NY)
Pingree	Sherman	Tran
Pocan	Simon	Underwood
Pou	Smith (WA)	Vargas
Pressley	Sorensen	Vasquez
Quigley	Soto	Veasey
Ramirez	Stansbury	Velázquez
Randall	Stanton	Vindman
Raskin	Stevens	Wasserman
Riley (NY)	Strickland	Schultz
Rivas	Subramanyam	Waters
Ross	Suozzi	Watson Coleman
Ruiz	Swalwell	Whitesides
Ryan	Sykes	Williams (GA)
Salinas	Takano	Wilson (FL)
Sánchez	Thanedar	
Scanlon	Thompson (CA)	

NOT VOTING—15

Beatty	Green (TN)	Rulli
Buchanan	Harrigan	Salazar
Correa	Hudson	Self
Ezell	Lee (FL)	Sherill
Gottheimer	Norcross	Trahan

□ 1414

So the resolution was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:

Mr. EZELL. Mr. Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 161.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mrs. TRAHAN. Mr. Speaker, I was not present for votes today. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 160 and NAY on Roll Call No. 161.

PROTECTING OUR NATION'S CAPITAL EMERGENCY ACT

Mr. COMER. Madam Speaker, pursuant to House Resolution 489, I call up the bill (H.R. 2096) to restore the right to negotiate matters pertaining to the discipline of law enforcement officers of the District of Columbia through collective bargaining, to restore the statute of limitations for bringing disciplinary cases against members or civilian employees of the Metropolitan Police Department of the District of Columbia, and for other purposes, and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. MALLIOTAKIS). Pursuant to House Resolution 489, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, 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. 2096

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 "Protecting Our Nation's Capital Emergency Act".

SEC. 2. RESTORATION OF EQUITABLE AND FAIR TREATMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL OF DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

(a) *RESTORATION OF RIGHT TO NEGOTIATE MATTERS PERTAINING TO DISCIPLINE OF DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS THROUGH COLLECTIVE BARGAINING.*—Section 1708 of the District of Columbia Government Comprehensive Merit Personnel Act of 1978 (sec. 1-617.08, D.C. Official Code), as amended by section 116(b) of the Comprehensive Policing and Justice Reform Amendment Act of 2022 (D.C. Law 24-345), is amended by striking subsection (c).

(b) *RESTORATION OF STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS FOR CLAIMS AGAINST MEMBERS OR CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES OF METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT.*—Subtitle M of title I of the Comprehensive Policing and Justice Reform Amendment Act of 2022 (D.C. Law 24-345) is repealed, and any provision of law amended or repealed by such subtitle is restored or revived as if such subtitle had not been enacted into law.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The bill, as amended, shall be debatable for 1 hour, equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, or their respective designees.

The gentleman from Kentucky (Mr. COMER) and the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. LYNCH) each will control 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Kentucky (Mr. COMER).

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. COMER. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the measure under consideration.

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

There was no objection.

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

Madam Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 2096, sponsored by Mr. GARBARINO, the Protecting Our Nation's Capital Emergency Act.

The men and women of the D.C. Metropolitan Police Department serve the community every day to keep this District safe and secure.

On January 4, 2023, the D.C. Council passed the Comprehensive Policing and Justice Reform Amendment Act of 2022. The act stripped D.C. police officers of certain employee protections, making the job more difficult despite rising crime in the District.

When the D.C. Council passed this law, Congress acted swiftly in a bipartisan, bicameral fashion to overturn it. The House and Senate passed H.J. Res. 42, which would have overturned the entire D.C. law, with 14 House Democrats and 6 Senate Democrats joining Republicans in support of the resolution.

However, then-President Biden vetoed the bipartisan resolution of disapproval, allowing the harmful policies of the D.C. Council to remain in effect today.

In another attempt to protect the D.C. police, Representative GARBARINO

introduced this bill to repeal certain provisions of D.C.'s Comprehensive Policing and Justice Reform Amendment Act. That bill passed through the Oversight Committee last Congress in 2024 and was reintroduced this Congress, again, favorably reporting out of the Oversight Committee, but now with the full support of the White House.

H.R. 2096 restores D.C. police officers' right to collectively bargain over disciplinary matters and reinstates clear timelines for disciplinary investigations.

H.R. 2096 also repeals the D.C. Council's requirement that the time and place of some adverse action hearings be posted to a public website.

This public posting requirement enables antipolice activists to harass officers attempting to pursue their due process in the workplace.

In summary, this legislation is necessary to support the recruitment and retention of the Metropolitan Police Department.

Washington, D.C., cannot afford to continue to lose police officers during the ongoing crime crisis in the Nation's Capital city.

My colleagues recognize the importance of supporting the law enforcement officers who risk their lives to protect our communities.

By restoring employee protections, this legislation gives the Metropolitan Police Department officers the due process they need to confidently do their job.

Madam Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

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

Madam Speaker, I am strongly opposed to H.R. 2096, which would repeal provisions of a law enacted by the District of Columbia. Madam Speaker, D.C. deserves the right to govern itself. The Supreme Court has held that Congress can delegate full legislative authority to the District of Columbia for local matters. However, Republicans choose not to do so.

Police officers are entrusted with extraordinary authority to protect public safety. The vast majority of officers exercise it honorably and bravely. However, there must be accountability and transparency for instances in which officers violate their oath of office.

H.R. 2096 would repeal provisions of a 2023 D.C. law that made it easier for the police department to discipline officers for crimes and serious misconduct. Before that law, the department had been forced to rehire a significant number of officers it had fired for crimes and official misconduct.

Let me provide examples of the types of officers the department had to rehire: officers convicted or arrested for child abuse, sexual assault, indecent exposure, drunk driving causing injuries, domestic violence, and assaults while off-duty. D.C. also had to provide millions of dollars in backpay to those officers it was forced to rehire. D.C. also had to pay millions of dollars to

resolve police officer misconduct lawsuits.

Before the 2023 D.C. law, every single D.C. police chief, for at least the prior 25 years, has requested more authority to discipline officers. H.R. 2096 would inexplicably revoke this authority. By bringing H.R. 2096 to the floor, Republicans are declaring they know better than the D.C. police chiefs how to run the department.

Let's hear what some of these D.C. police chiefs have had to say about this authority. Let's start with former Chief Peter Newsham. He said that he had to allow "very bad police officers back into our department."

Former Chief Charles Ramsey said: "It is demoralizing to the rank and file who really do not want to have those kinds of people in their ranks. It causes a tremendous amount of anxiety in the public. Our credibility is shot whenever these things happen."

Former Chief Robert Contee said that this authority would "help reduce the risk of returning poor performers to the force. . . ."

Following the devastating murder of George Floyd, D.C. enacted the Comprehensive Policing and Justice Reform Amendment Act of 2022, which, in pertinent part, made it easier for the police department to discipline officers. H.R. 2096 would repeal that discipline provision in that law.

H.R. 2096, as introduced, includes a purpose section. The purpose is "to combat the rise in violent crime in our Nation's Capital by eliminating policies which place law enforcement personnel of the District of Columbia at risk and discourage them from serving, ensuring that such personnel will be treated equitably and fairly and the recruitment and retention of such personnel shall be increased." We are not surprised that the version of H.R. 2096 on the floor today does not include that purpose section since it is inaccurate.

Violent crime is not rising here in D.C. In 2025, violent crime in D.C. is down 22 percent compared to the same period in 2024. In 2024, violent crime in D.C. was the lowest in over 30 years. Let me repeat. Violent crime is falling in D.C. and is at a 30-year low in the District of Columbia.

The D.C. Police Department is not alone in having difficulty in recruiting and retaining police officers. Police departments of all sizes across the country have had this difficulty for many years. A survey conducted in 2019, before jurisdictions across the country enacted police accountability and transparency legislation after the murder of George Floyd, found "that the difficulty in recruiting law enforcement officers and employees is not due to one particular cause. Rather, multiple social, political, and economic forces are all simultaneously at play. . . ."

H.R. 2096 would repeal four discipline provisions.

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First, H.R. 2096 would repeal a provision that removed police officer discipline for collective bargaining. Several States, including States represented by Republicans, prohibit collective bargaining by police officers. The 2023 D.C. law maintained the right of police officers to collectively bargain, except over discipline, and maintained the civil service protections and due process rights of officers.

Collective bargaining by police officers has been widely criticized for protecting police officers from discipline. A Republican staff report for the Joint Economic Committee said: "Collective bargaining plays a significant role in shielding police officers from the consequences of their misconduct. . . ."

Second, H.R. 2096 would reinstitute a 90-day statute of limitations on the police department to commence discipline. The 2023 D.C. law repealed that provision because 90 days was not enough time, in some cases, to commence discipline. Adjudicators had overturned discipline because the department had exceeded the 90-day statute of limitations. There is no statute of limitations for most D.C. employees. The home State of the sponsor of H.R. 2096 has an 18-month statute of limitations to commence discipline against police officers.

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Third, H.R. 2096 would repeal a provision that gave the police chief the authority to increase the discipline proposed by a police trial board, which consists of police officers. Before the 2023 D.C. law, the police chief could only impose or reduce the proposed discipline or order a new trial. The D.C. law increased the discipline power of the chief and reduced the discipline power of the trial board, which may be more inclined to protect their fellow officers from discipline.

Fourth, H.R. 2096 would repeal a provision that required the police department to publish on a public website a schedule of officer discipline hearings which are open to the public. The House of Representatives itself publishes on a public website a schedule of its committee hearings.

I close with a question and a plea. If Republicans support police officers, why hasn't Speaker JOHNSON installed the plaque honoring the brave police officers, including D.C. officers, who defended this Capitol on January 6? Federal law requires its installation by March 15, 2023, more than 2 years ago.

That plaque in honor of officers who were killed defending the Members of this Congress, defending this institution, is apparently sitting in a closet. The families of those officers who were killed and beaten that day are waiting for the due respect that is owed to their husbands, sons, and fathers.

The more than 700,000 D.C. residents who have all the obligations of citizenship, including paying Federal taxes and serving in our Nation's wars, deserve voting representation in Congress

and full home rule. I call on the House of Representatives to pass H.R. 51, the Washington, D.C. Admission Act.

Madam Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. COMER. Madam Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentleman from New York (Mr. GARBARINO), the sponsor of the bill.

Mr. GARBARINO. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of my bill, H.R. 2096, the Protecting Our Nation's Capital Emergency Act.

Washington, D.C., is facing a public safety crisis. Last month alone, 20 people were shot and killed in the District of Columbia. In recent years, D.C. was rated the fifth deadliest city in America.

At the core of the problem is a dangerously understaffed police force brought about by reckless policies. Law enforcement in D.C. has been left without basic bargaining rights or procedural protections, something my colleagues on the other side usually support, but for some reason here they are against it.

This guts MPD's ability to recruit, retain, and respond. The result is consistently high crime rates and a staffing shortfall of about 800 officers that puts both police and residents at risk. I mean, I don't know if people forget, just under 2 years ago, one of our own colleagues was mugged at gunpoint several blocks from the Capitol. That might not have happened if we weren't understaffed by about 800 officers in Washington, D.C.

When we undermine law enforcement, we embolden the criminals. Congress has a constitutional duty to ensure the MPD can effectively combat crime and keep Washingtonians safe. This legislation restores fairness and support for the men and women who risk their lives to keep our capital secure. If Washington, D.C., won't fix this problem, it is our job to.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill and send a clear message: We stand with law enforcement and will not allow D.C. to spiral further into lawlessness.

Mr. LYNCH. Madam Speaker, I yield 7 minutes to the gentlewoman from the District of Columbia (Ms. NORTON).

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, I strongly oppose this antidemocratic bill, which would repeal provisions of a law enacted by the locally elected District of Columbia Government. The over 700,000 D.C. residents, the majority of whom are Black and Brown, are capable and worthy of local self-government.

Madam Speaker, I include in the RECORD three letters, including a letter from D.C.'s locally elected Chief Executive, Mayor Muriel Bowser, opposing this bill; a letter from every Member of D.C.'s locally elected legislature, the Council, opposing this bill; and a letter from D.C.'s locally elected attorney general, Brian Schwab, opposing this bill.

Hon. JAMES COMER,
Chairman, House Oversight Committee,
Washington, DC.

Hon. GERALD CONNOLLY,
Ranking Member, House Oversight Committee,
Washington, DC.

CHAIRMAN COMER AND RANKING MEMBER CONNOLLY: As Mayor of Washington, DC, I write to express my Administration's opposition to H.R. 2096, the "Protecting Our Nation's Capital Emergency Act of 2025". This legislation purports to protect hardworking police officers from unnecessary, protracted disciplinary procedures. However, it would reverse common-sense disciplinary reforms adopted by the District to the sole benefit of those few Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) officers who engage in egregious, sometimes criminal misconduct and seek to evade accountability.

A 2022 report by the District of Columbia Auditor documented the shortcomings of the prior disciplinary process. It chronicled the cumbersome, union-negotiated process that on average took eight years to resolve a termination case. Over the 18-month period considered in the audit, 36 terminated police officers were reinstated within five and a half years of their terminations, at a cost of over \$14 million in backpay to DC taxpayers. This process was neither efficient for the officers nor responsible to the residents of the District.

The conduct for those terminated officers included criminal acts such as sexual assault, sexual abuse, indecent exposure, solicitation of prostitution, domestic violence, receiving stolen property, fraud, and false statements. For many of those cases, the misconduct was not in dispute; and in nearly 40 percent of the reinstatements, labor arbitrators applied their own, often conflicting, interpretations of procedural requirements and ordered reinstatement without even considering the merits of the cases.

The Comprehensive Policing and Justice Reform Amendment Act of 2022 removed serious police discipline from collective bargaining and introduced additional transparency and accountability measures to address these systemic problems. This new process has been in place for more than two years and has been a success. Members are still entitled to union representation throughout the process and MPD policy still requires disciplinary cases to commence timely within 90 days, although those deadlines are tolled during criminal investigations.

Under the new system, members have a right to be heard, in person, before any discipline is imposed, and the vast majority of disciplinary cases are resolved by agreement. While labor arbitrators have been removed from the process, members still have the right to appeal their discipline to the independent Office of Employee Appeals (OEA). OEA has upheld the two termination cases it has considered under the new system—one originally overturned on a timing technicality involving a member who worked unauthorized outside employment while on duty, accepted gratuities, and made untruthful statements; and another where the member had repeated alcohol-related misconduct, including driving under the influence, public intoxication, and being the subject of a Substantial Risk Order that prohibited him from possessing a firearm. While the sample size is small, these sustained terminations are unquestionably the right outcomes for MPD, our residents and visitors, and the local and national elected officials that MPD serves.

The law enforcement disciplinary reforms implemented by the District were long overdue. They transformed a process where the determination of whether or not an officer is

fit to wear the badge rests not with an unaccountable labor arbitrator, but with the official who bears ultimate responsibility for those members' conduct—the Chief of Police. I urge you once again to reject H.R. 2096, the “Protecting Our Nation’s Capital Emergency Act of 2025,” and to support the work of my Administration, including the Chief of Police, to maintain these critical accountability measures for officers that engage in egregious and criminal misconduct.

Sincerely,

MURIEL BOWSER,
Mayor.

COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,
Washington, DC, June 9, 2025

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

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

DEAR SPEAKER JOHNSON AND LEADER JEFFRIES: We write to express our opposition to three pieces of legislation we understand will be considered on the House floor this week. All three bills would repeal provisions in laws that were carefully and deliberately enacted by the Council for the benefit of all District residents.

H.R. 2096 would repeal several efforts by the Council to ensure that police officers who violate the law and contravene public safety are appropriately disciplined. The bill would strip the Chief of the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) of the authority to discipline officers who violate the law or MPD policy. It would also limit the MPD Chiefs discretion to impose disciplinary penalties greater than those recommended by the board investigating the allegations made against an officer. Stripping MPD management of its authority in this area would greatly undermine both MPD and public safety. A 2022 D.C. Auditor’s report catalogued cases where MPD was barred from firing officers who had committed sexual and domestic violence, who were arrested for assorted criminal activity, or who gave false statements, misused their firearms, or slept on the job. H.R. 2096 would also restore a 90-day statute of limitations for claims against police officers that, in the past, was repeatedly used by officers seeking to avoid accountability. Every MPD Chief for the past 15 years has supported this reform because it empowers police leadership—not a third-party board or arbitrator—to determine the appropriate standards of conduct and discipline for their officers. Congress should not substitute its authority for that of local elected leaders and MPD Chiefs who have examined these issues closely.

We support having a robust and strong police force and work closely with MPD leadership to provide them with the tools they need to make the city safe. Part of that effort includes ensuring that the force can appropriately remove officers who violate the law, MPD policies, and the public trust. When the public trusts that MPD can effectively police its own, residents are more likely to cooperate in investigations and more likely to assist in prosecution, making the District safer. H.R. 2096 would make it harder for law enforcement leadership in the Nation’s Capital to remove bad actors who undermine that trust.

We also oppose H.R. 884, which would repeal a 2022 law extending voting rights in local District elections to non-citizen residents. Non-citizens enjoy similar voting rights in 15 other jurisdictions, including San Francisco and Oakland, California, Montpelier, Vermont, and a number of jurisdictions in neighboring Maryland. It continues to be unlawful for non-citizens to vote

in federal elections in the District. In fact, federal law has prohibited non-citizens from voting in federal elections since 1996. Our local law cannot and does not attempt to change that.

Finally, we oppose H.R. 2056, which attempts to negate provisions in local District law governing how MPD and other District agencies participate in federal immigration enforcement efforts. This law has been on the books for 13 years and makes it clear that District officials must cooperate with any court order directing that an individual in District custody suspected of an immigration violation be detained or transferred to federal custody. H.R. 2056 would also eliminate rules governing information sharing between the District and federal law enforcement on immigration matters. In sum, the bill would scrap rules and practices that are clear and familiar and replace them with nothing. This will only cause confusion and uncertainty both for law enforcement and those suspected of an immigration violation. The Council is already considering a proposal from Mayor Muriel Bowser to reconsider the District’s laws and policies in this area. We respectfully request that you allow us to do that work.

Thank you for your consideration and your attention to these important matters. We look forward to working with you on our shared goals to advance the safety, security, and prosperity of the District.

Sincerely,

PHIL MENDELSON,
Chairman, At-Large.
KENYAN R. MCDUFFIE,
Chair Pro-Tempore,
At-Large.

ANITA BONDS,
Councilmember, At-Large.

CHRISTINA HENDERSON,
Councilmember, At-Large.

ROBERT C. WHITE,
Councilmember, At-Large.

BRIANNE K. NADEAU,
Councilmember, Ward 1.

BROOKE PINTO,
Councilmember, Ward 2.

MATTHEW FRUMIN,
Councilmember, Ward 3.

JANESE LEWIS GEORGE,
Councilmember, Ward 4.

ZACHARY PARKER,
Councilmember, Ward 5.

CHARLES ALLEN,
Councilmember, Ward 6.

WENDELL FELDER,
Councilmember, Ward 7.

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF
COLUMBIA, OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY
GENERAL,
Washington, DC, June 9, 2025.

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

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

DEAR SPEAKER JOHNSON AND MINORITY LEADER JEFFRIES: I write in opposition to three pieces of legislation before you today, H.R. 2096, H.R. 884, and H.R. 2056. These bills seek to repeal, explicitly or in effect, three local D.C. laws pertaining to three inher-

ently local issues, namely the administration of local elections, the allocation of finite local law enforcement resources, and the processes for disciplining local police officers if they engage in misconduct. The D.C. Council—whose members are elected by and are directly accountable to District residents—passed those laws after extensive debate and consideration. It would be undemocratic and contrary to the principles of local autonomy on which this country was founded for Members of Congress, in whose election District residents have no say, to vote to upend these purely local laws.

District residents should have the same right as all other Americans to govern our local affairs. Just like your constituents in Louisiana and New York, and indeed the constituents in all of your colleagues’ home states across the country, the more than 700,000 residents who call the District home know and care deeply about the local issues that uniquely impact our lives. Our democratically elected local officials work closely with policy experts, local law enforcement, and other community stakeholders to pass laws that are in the best interests of all Washingtonians. Substituting the will of District voters and the duly elected D.C. Council for that of federal politicians is, simply put, un-democratic. Even if members of Congress might vote differently on similar local issues for their own jurisdictions, the residents of D.C. deserve to have our local laws respected without interference from the federal government.

I urge you and your colleagues to vote against advancing these proposals.

Sincerely,

BRIAN L. SCHWALB,
Attorney General for the District of Columbia.

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, Republicans regularly introduce legislation to repeal local D.C. laws. What is different about this bill is it also overrides longstanding wishes of the D.C. police department.

For at least a quarter century, the D.C. police department has requested increased authority to discipline officers for misconduct. The Council gave the department this authority after the murder of George Floyd. This bill would take away this authority.

I will discuss the justification and timing of this bill, though it is always wrong and never the right time for Congress to legislate on local D.C. matters. This bill says it is necessary to combat rising violent crime in D.C. and to improve the retention and recruitment of D.C. police officers. This bill has its facts wrong.

Last year, violent crime in D.C. reached a more than 30-year low. This year, violent crime in D.C. is down 22 percent compared to the same period last year. Police departments throughout the country, in both red and blue States, are struggling to retain and recruit officers, and they have been for many years.

The timing of the introduction and consideration of this bill is stunning. It was introduced the same day Congress cut the local D.C. budget by more than \$1 billion. This fiscal sabotage did not save the Federal Government any money, since the local D.C. budget consists entirely of locally raised revenue. The Senate immediately passed the District of Columbia Local Funds Act

to reverse this cut. Although President Trump and the National Fraternal Order of Police called for the House to immediately pass the District of Columbia Local Funds Act, the District of Columbia Local Funds Act has been sitting in this House for 3 months.

Madam Speaker, I close by discussing democracy, or lack thereof, in D.C. The Revolutionary War was fought to give consent to the governed and to end taxation without representation. Yet, D.C. residents cannot consent to any action taken by Congress, whether on local or Federal matters, and they pay full Federal taxes while being denied voting representation in Congress.

If Republicans cared about D.C. residents or democracy, they would take up H.R. 51, the Washington, D.C. Admission Act. H.R. 51 would admit the residential and commercial areas of D.C. as a State, giving D.C. residents voting representation in Congress and full local self-government.

Congress has the authority to admit the new State. The Admissions Clause of the Constitution gives Congress the authority to admit new States. All 37 new States were admitted by an act of Congress. The District Clause of the Constitution gives Congress the authority to reduce the size of the Federal district, which it has previously done.

Madam Speaker, I urge the House to vote “no” on H.R. 2096 and to pass the D.C. statehood bill and the District of Columbia Local Funds Act.

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

Mr. LYNCH. Madam Speaker, I yield 6 minutes to the gentlewoman from New Mexico (Ms. STANSBURY).

Ms. STANSBURY. Madam Speaker, today I rise to oppose this attack on our Nation’s Capital.

I remind everyone that 1 week ago today, Donald Trump was in the most epic breakup of probably a generation. He and Elon Musk were fighting it out on Twitter and Truth Social, going back and forth. What was Donald Trump’s response? Was it an in-earnest response to the actual attacks that were coming toward him as his actual agenda was sinking here in the House, as Elon Musk was taking to Twitter for days trying to take down his signature bill, his big abomination of a bill that would strip healthcare away from millions of Americans, Medicaid and Medicare, that would take food out of the mouths of millions of American children, that would cut programs that people across this country use to advance their education and that would blow a hole through the United States’ deficit on a scale we have never seen before?

Just a week ago, Elon Musk was tweeting “KILL the BILL,” and in the days after was posting incriminating tweets not only about the President, but about the GOP and their ability to win and hold this House.

What was the President’s response? Did he respond to these allegations?

Did he rush to stop Republicans from trying to cover their tracks who had been lying for weeks about the nature of this bill and how it would gut our healthcare to millions of Americans, and how it would cause our Nation to spend generations of debt on the backs of the American people so that billionaires could get another small tax break? No. What he did was deploy ICE to make mass arrests and terrorize families in Los Angeles.

When people went to go exercise their First Amendment rights, he deployed the National Guard and then the United States Marines against the American people.

This is not only a distraction, this is a direct abuse of power because the reality of what was actually going on in this Chamber a week ago is that these people were trying to take away Americans’ healthcare and food assistance, and Donald Trump was getting heat from his ex-boyfriend. Then what did he do? He deployed the United States military against Americans.

What is the GOP doing this week on this House floor? They are attacking the sovereignty and home rule of the people of the city of Washington, D.C.

I think it should not take anyone by surprise as Donald Trump is preparing to have the largest military parade in generations on his birthday here in this city that the three bills they are trying to pass on this House floor are directly attacking the city that is the capital of this great Nation, that is attacking policing and attacking home rule of this city. That is what these bills are all about.

They are a distraction. They are about taking over the self-governance of the city of Washington, D.C., and they are about taking away the power of the people.

I think it is important to understand that as the Washington, D.C., Delegate, Ms. NORTON, just said, this is also about stripping the people of D.C. of vital reforms that came in the wake of George Floyd’s death.

What is this all really about? What is this in service of? Is this really about making the Capital City more safe? No, it is not. In fact, it is about making it less safe for the people of Washington, D.C., who live here, who work here every day of their lives and, frankly, who take care of the rest of us who come here to work on behalf of our people.

This is not about public safety. This is about taking away vital reforms. It is about taking away home rule of Washington, D.C., and it is about taking away, once again, the rights of the people of this city.

I am proud to stand with the people of D.C. in opposing all three of these bills and to get us refocused on the real issues of this country and what is actually happening in this Chamber right now, which is that all of these guys sitting around here today are trying to take away your healthcare.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to refrain from en-

gaging in personalities toward the President.

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Mr. COMER. Madam Speaker, before I reserve, I want to make sure that my colleagues across the aisle know what bill we are actually debating on the floor, that the bill that pertains to law enforcement in Washington, D.C. It has nothing to do with their quest to continue to defend the rioters and illegals in California.

Madam Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. LYNCH. Madam Speaker, I include in the RECORD a letter from Deirdre Schifeling, Anthony Romero, and Deborah Archer of the American Civil Liberties Union in opposition to H.R. 2096.

JUNE 10, 2025.

Re Vote “No” on H.R. 2096 Protecting Our Nation’s Capital Emergency Act Which Would Allow Dangerous Officers Who Have Been Terminated for Criminal Conduct or Police Misconduct to Remain Employed as D.C. Metropolitan Police Officers Endangering Public Safety, Evading Accountability, and Eroding Public Trust.

DEAR REPRESENTATIVE: The American Civil Liberties Union strongly urges you to oppose H.R. 2096 which would make it easier for police officers accused of criminal conduct or police misconduct to be reinstated as D.C. Metropolitan Police Department officers. H.R. 2096 removes key police misconduct oversight provisions from The Comprehensive Policing and Justice Amendment Act of 2022 which was signed into law.

H.R. 2096 repeals key portions of current local law that address the problems highlighted in recent D.C. Auditor’s report of officers being rehired despite being previously terminated for police misconduct or criminal conduct. Specifically:

1. H.R. 2096 would reinstate the ineffective, slow, and costly arbitration process for handling cases where officers are accused of crimes or police misconduct and face termination of employment.

2. H.R. 2096 would place a 90-day limit on the police department to start a disciplinary response, but this bill does not place a time limit to take a case to arbitration. From 2015-2021 officers who were fired and/or their representatives allowed years to pass before bringing a case to arbitration resulting in large awards for backpay and high administrative costs for the District.

3. H.R. 2096 would remove the transparency requirement for the police department to publish on a public website a schedule of adverse action hearings in which the proposed discipline for an officer is termination, including the date, time, and location of the hearing, the name and badge number of the officer, and a summary of the alleged misconduct or charges.

4. H.R. 2096 also removes the D.C. Metropolitan Police Chief’s ability to increase proposed penalties for officers.

H.R. 2096 Will Reinstitute Closed-Door Arbitration Hearings for Officers Accused of Criminal Conduct and Police Misconduct, A System Which Puts Dangerous Officers Back in the Metropolitan Police Department and Costs Taxpayers Millions.

H.R. 2096 will institute a police officer negotiated, non-public arbitration for cases where an officer has been or will be fired for misconduct. This system makes it nearly impossible to fire officers from the D.C. Metropolitan Police who have engaged in criminal

conduct and conduct that violates civil liberties due to the convoluted and lopsided nature of the arbitration. According to former Metropolitan Police Department Chief Peter Newsham, the arbitration system puts “very bad police officers back into our department.” In 2022, the Office of the District of Columbia Auditor issued a report studying the cases of officers fired and then reinstated by the D.C. Metropolitan Police from 2015 to 2021. Thirty-seven D.C. Metropolitan police officers were fired for allegations criminal conduct, civil rights violations, and officer conduct violations. These dangerous officers were reinstated, on average, 8 years later, and 36 of those officers were paid \$14.3 million in taxpayer dollars.

Of the 37 police officers who were terminated and then reinstated by the closed-door arbitration system that H.R. 2096 would reinstitute, 17 (46 percent) were terminated for police misconduct defined as ‘threat to safety’ which meant these officers engaged in conduct that included a risk of harm to persons through action or inaction, such as physical and sexual violence, mishandling firearms, or compromising evidence related to an arrest. The other 20 officers (54 percent) were terminated for reasons such as misrepresentation of injuries, time theft, fraud, and other misconduct that violated the Metropolitan Police rules and code of conduct (see below for examples from the 2022 audit report).

H.R. 2096 Will Protect Dangerous Police Officers from Being Fired and These Officers Will Continue Their Pattern and Practice of Civil Liberties Violations.

Officers who were fired from the D.C. Metropolitan Police Department for criminal conduct or police misconduct continue their pattern of dangerous behavior and have police misconduct complaints even after being reinstated. As of September 2022, 15 of the 37 officers that were fired and reinstated through the arbitration process which H.R. 2096 will reinstate are still working at the D.C. Metropolitan Police Department. Six of the 15 officers (40 percent) had another official misconduct complaint filed by the Metropolitan Police Department after they were reinstated. H.R. 2096’s arbitration system encourages officers to engage in civil rights violations against the public because dangerous officers know they will simply be reinstated through the arbitration process and cannot be fired.

This bill fails to learn any of the lessons of the murder of George Floyd by police officers: officers with a pattern of misconduct must be removed from employment, not simply cycled back into positions of authority and control.

H.R. 2096 Will Reinstate the 8 Year Arbitration Process That Pays Dangerous Police Officers \$374,000 on Average in Backpay and Costs the District \$895,000 Annually in Personnel Resources. H.R. 2096 does not create a timelier process for the resolution of police misconduct cases. H.R. 2096 will reinstate a termination process that is not public and overseen by arbitrators. This process is heavily skewed to protect dangerous police officers by allowing them to capitalize on a drawn-out arbitration process that does not set any time limits for officers to bring their case to arbitration.

According to a 2022 Report issued by the Office of the D.C. Auditor, from 2015 to 2021, the police officer termination and reinstatement process lasted an average of 8 years, the average amount of backpay the District paid to these officers was \$374,000, and the District personnel and resources spent on these drawn-out arbitration processes totaled an estimated \$895,000 each year for a period of five years.

H.R. 2096 sets a 90-day limit on the police department to commence corrective or ad-

verse action against a police officer or civilian employee but does not place any time limits on the fired officers, or their representatives, to bring a case to arbitration in a timely fashion. Fired officers and their representatives have allowed years to pass before bringing a case for arbitration creating a process that takes, on average, 8 years before a misconduct case is resolved resulting in costly backpay payouts for the District of Columbia. Additionally, the 90-day time limit in this legislation allows individuals engaged in criminal conduct to avoid any accountability for misconduct through a technical hurdle and one-sided timeline requirement.

The officer discipline process H.R. 2096 would reinstate has proven to be excessively slow, a waste of taxpayer money, and puts officers unfit to serve back in the Metropolitan Police Department.

H.R. 2096 Creates a Wall of Secrecy and Undermines Public Transparency and Accountability.

This legislation will remove the current requirement for the Metropolitan Police Department to publish on a public website a schedule of adverse action hearings in which the proposed discipline for an officer is termination, including the date, time, and location of the hearing, the name and badge number of the officer, and a summary of the alleged misconduct or charges.

Public access to police misconduct information is a key component of accountability and reduces the likelihood that an individual engaging in criminal behavior or police misconduct can simply resign and join another law enforcement agency. A recent study published in The Yale Law Journal found 800 officers in Florida who were fired, some even for serious misconduct, and were rehired at another police department. Police misconduct records are often inaccessible to the individuals and communities most affected by excessive use of force and police misconduct. H.R. 2096 would remove a critical tool that allows for greater transparency and accountability.

For these reasons, the ACLU strongly urges you to vote “NO” on H.R. 2096. If you have any questions, please contact Nina Patel, Senior Policy Counsel, Justice Division.

Sincerely,

CYNTHIA W. ROSEBERY,
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Mr. LYNCH. Madam Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. COMER. Madam Speaker, I have no further speakers, and I am prepared to close. I yield myself the balance of my time.

Madam Speaker, in closing, I note that H.R. 2096 is endorsed by the National Fraternal Order of Police. I strongly encourage each of my House colleagues to support this bill, which will help strengthen law and order in our Nation’s Capital City, which is the responsibility of Congress and the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee.

Again, I encourage passage of H.R. 2096, and I yield back the balance of my time.

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

Pursuant to House Resolution 489, 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 the passage of the bill.

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

Mr. COMER. Madam Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

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

PROHIBITING VOTING BY NONCITIZENS IN DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ELECTIONS

Mr. COMER. Madam Speaker, pursuant to House Resolution 489, I call up the bill (H.R. 884) to prohibit individuals who are not citizens of the United States from voting in elections in the District of Columbia and to repeal the Local Resident Voting Rights Amendment Act of 2022, and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 489, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, 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. 884

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. PROHIBIT VOTING BY NONCITIZENS IN DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ELECTIONS.

An individual who is not a citizen of the United States may not vote in an election for public office in the District of Columbia or in any ballot initiative or referendum in the District of Columbia.

SEC. 2. REPEAL OF THE LOCAL RESIDENT VOTING RIGHTS AMENDMENT ACT OF 2022.

The Local Resident Voting Rights Amendment Act of 2022 (D.C. Law 24-242) is repealed, and any provision of law amended or repealed by such Act shall be restored or revived as if such Act had not been enacted into law.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The bill, as amended, shall be debatable for 1 hour, equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, or their respective designees.

The gentleman from Kentucky (Mr. COMER) and the gentleman from Florida (Mr. FROST) each will control 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Kentucky (Mr. COMER).

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. COMER. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the measure under consideration.

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

There was no objection.

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

Madam Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 884, which prohibits individuals who are not citizens of the United States from voting in elections in the District of Columbia.

On November 21, 2022, the D.C. Government enacted the Local Resident Voting Rights Amendment Act, permitting noncitizen residents to vote in D.C. local elections. This includes illegal immigrants and even foreign diplomats whose interests may be opposed to the interests of Americans.

This radical change to Washington, D.C.'s election laws upset lawmakers on both sides of the aisle. For instance, Washington, D.C., Mayor Bowser withheld her signature on the act, something she has done only a handful of times.

Last Congress, when an identical bill was brought to the floor, 262 Members voted in favor, including 52 of my colleagues on the other side of the aisle. Unfortunately, the Senate refused to take up this bipartisan, commonsense bill to maintain election integrity in our Nation's Capital.

The right to vote is a defining privilege of American citizenship. Diluting that right by extending it to noncitizens, whether here legally or illegally, undermines the voice of Washington, D.C., residents.

Article I of the Constitution grants Congress exclusive jurisdiction over the Nation's Capital, and the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee is charged with ensuring responsible governance in the District, including its election laws.

I urge my colleagues to support Representative AUGUST PFLUGER's bill to restore commonsense protections and ensure that only United States citizens have the right to vote in local D.C. elections.

Madam Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

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

Madam Speaker, I strongly oppose H.R. 884, which would repeal a law duly enacted by the District of Columbia because D.C. should be free to govern its own local matters.

Republicans claim that Congress has a constitutional duty to legislate on local D.C. matters, but this is historically and legally incorrect. Republicans legislate on local D.C. matters only when they think they can score political points, such as by demonizing immigrants.

Where is this passion and work on affordable housing for D.C. residents?

Where is this impassioned work on ending gun violence for D.C. residents? They only bring it up to the floor when they think they can score political points, taking away the democratic rights of people here in D.C. and home rule.

The Framers expected Congress to establish a local government for D.C., and Congress has established various forms of local government for D.C. since 1802.

The Supreme Court has held that Congress may delegate to D.C. legislative authority over local D.C. matters. In 1973, Congress passed the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, which gave D.C. an elected chief executive and an elected legislature, the Mayor and the D.C. City Council. The purpose of the Home Rule Act is to "grant to the inhabitants of the District of Columbia powers of local self-government" and "relieve Congress of the burden of legislating upon essentially local District matters." H.R. 884 contravenes the purpose of the Home Rule Act.

D.C.'s Local Resident Voting Rights Amendment Act of 2022 allows D.C. residents who are not yet U.S. citizens to vote only in local elections—namely, for Mayor, members of the city council, the State Board of Education, attorney general, advisory neighborhood commissioner, and ballot measures.

The D.C. law does not allow noncitizens to vote in Federal elections, which is a crime under Federal law.

Regardless of your views on the merits of noncitizen voting for local elections, we have to acknowledge that D.C. is not the first nor are they the only jurisdiction in our country to allow this. At various points throughout American history, Congress and 40 States have allowed noncitizens to vote in local, State, and territorial elections, including the home State of the sponsor of this bill.

Congress did not prohibit noncitizens from voting in Federal elections until 1996, and today, about 20 municipalities allow noncitizens to vote in local elections.

I also want to address very specific concerns that we are hearing from our Republican colleagues. Number one, they are concerned that foreign diplomats might vote in local D.C. elections. We believe, number one, that that is highly unlikely, both because they have to renounce their right to vote in their home country and because D.C. has no authority over Federal matters and has only limited local self-government.

In D.C., the penalty for voter fraud includes imprisonment for up to 5 years. To be eligible to vote in D.C., a person must maintain their residency in D.C. for at least 30 days before the election and cannot claim voting residence or the right to vote in any State, territory, or country.

In a letter to Congress, the D.C. Board of Elections made it clear that to vote in a D.C. local election, a for-

eign diplomat would have to "effectively renounce their right to vote in their country of origin." The board noted that a foreign diplomat would have to "swear under penalty of law through the D.C. registration application that that person is not claiming voting residence in another country."

The board also noted that an embassy address could not be used to register to vote since it is considered a commercial or business address and that a foreign passport cannot be used to register to vote since it does not contain a residential address in D.C.

While Republicans are concerned about foreign diplomats voting in local elections, I wonder if they are aware that currently in this country, United States citizens who are registered under the Foreign Agents Registration Act are currently allowed to vote in elections at all levels of government in the United States, including Federal elections. That is right. Registered foreign agents who are currently U.S. citizens can vote anywhere in the United States.

Republicans are also concerned that undocumented immigrants might vote in local D.C. elections. That is highly unlikely because the D.C. voter roll is a public record, and undocumented immigrants likely will not want to identify themselves, including their addresses.

In closing, the House of Representatives is considering the wrong D.C. voting rights bill here today. Republicans claim that voting is a core right or privilege of American citizenship. Not only is that historically incorrect, but as I described earlier, it is also hypocritical.

Republicans have fought tooth and nail to defeat legislation that would give the American citizens who reside in D.C. voting representation in the House and Senate. We, of course, continue to push for D.C. statehood.

Madam Speaker, I urge the House to reject H.R. 884 and, instead, to pass H.R. 51. I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. COMER. Madam Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. PFLUGER), the sponsor of the bill.

Mr. PFLUGER. Madam Speaker, I thank Chair COMER, my good friend from Kentucky, for yielding me time.

Madam Speaker, I rise in support of my bill, H.R. 884, that would prohibit individuals who are not citizens of the United States from voting in elections in the District of Columbia. This is a commonsense bill.

I am going to start with a question. It is posed: For what reasons—why—would my colleagues on the other side of the aisle want foreigners to vote in local elections in Washington, D.C.? What is the purpose? Let's just pose that question of why.

I ask the American public to ask your Representative where they stand on this issue because it is a bipartisan issue, with over two-thirds of this body having voted for it last year.

Free and fair elections are a prerequisite for the healthy Republic that our Founding Fathers envisioned in the District of Columbia as the epicenter, and they entrusted its care to Congress in Article I, Section 8, Clause 17 of the U.S. Constitution.

On November 21, 2022, the D.C. City Council made a radical decision to allow noncitizens, including illegal aliens and those who are aligned with embassies of foreign countries, to vote in local D.C. elections. After the non-citizen voting law went into effect, the District actively encouraged noncitizens to vote for Mayor, attorney general, members of the State Board of Education, and more.

Some may wrongly dismiss these as merely local elections. However, the reality is that local elections are a vital part of our democratic process and have a significant impact on communities. Local elections determine critical matters, such as taxation, the criminal code, and the election of city council members who create essential ordinances, including those that dictate voting rights.

It is also important to acknowledge that many local elections are decided by razor-thin margins, underscoring their significance and the importance of active participation.

I find it unimaginable that the District, along with many across the country, would intentionally weaken the power of their constituents, citizens, many of whom come from underserved communities, in favor of noncitizens who, in some cases, have broken our laws to enter this country or could potentially be employed by a foreign adversary.

As the capital of our democracy, Washington, D.C., should be at the forefront of ensuring safe and secure elections, not encouraging illegal immigrants and others to vote for policies that we don't want.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues on the other side of the aisle to look beyond the Democrats' claim that this bill is discriminatory or misrepresents its intended purposes. No, it doesn't. It absolutely does not. This keeps the sanctity of being a citizen of this great country at the highest possible level.

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Madam Speaker, let's restore that sanctity, and I go back to the question. This is common sense. We have to ask ourselves: Why would we want a foreign agent, an illegal immigrant, or somebody else who is not a citizen voting for elections in D.C.? What nefarious purpose are my colleagues pushing?

As I mentioned last Congress, the House passed this bill with bipartisan support. All Republicans and one-third of Democrats supported this common-sense measure. I ask everyone in the House of Representatives to stand up and do the right thing and vote for this bill.

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

Madam Speaker, the gentleman just asked our constituents to ask us what we think about this issue. I think the better thing would be for the gentleman to ask his constituents what they care about. I promise this issue will not be in the top 3 or 10 things that they want us to focus on.

At the same time, they are pushing a bill to take away healthcare from 15 million Americans. Give me a damn break.

D.C. believes in universal adult suffrage, that all adult D.C. residents, regardless of their immigration status, are subject to D.C. laws and taxation and must register with the Selective Service System. D.C. believes they deserve a say in the local laws that govern them and how their local taxes are spent.

Congress should not decide which residents are fit to govern on local D.C. matters. I promise the gentleman that if he spoke with his own constituents, they don't give a damn.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 7 minutes to the gentlewoman from the District of Columbia (Ms. NORTON).

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I strongly oppose this undemocratic, paternalistic bill, which would repeal a law enacted by the locally elected District of Columbia Government and impose a new law on D.C.

Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD a letter from every member of D.C.'s local elected legislature, the council, opposing this bill.

COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,
Washington, DC, June 9, 2025.

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

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

DEAR SPEAKER JOHNSON and LEADER JEFFRIES: We write to express our opposition to three pieces of legislation we understand will be considered on the House floor this week. All three bills would repeal provisions in laws that were carefully and deliberately enacted by the Council for the benefit of all District residents.

H.R. 2096 would repeal several efforts by the Council to ensure that police officers who violate the law and contravene public safety are appropriately disciplined. The bill would strip the Chief of the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) of the authority to discipline officers who violate the law or MPD policy. It would also limit the MPD Chief's discretion to impose disciplinary penalties greater than those recommended by the board investigating the allegations made against an officer. Stripping MPD management of its authority in this area would greatly undermine both MPD and public safety. A 2022 D.C. Auditor's report catalogued cases where MPD was barred from firing officers who had committed sexual and domestic violence, who were arrested for assorted criminal activity, or who gave false statements, misused their firearms, or slept on the job. H.R. 2096 would also restore a 90-day statute of limitations for claims against police officers that, in the past, was repeatedly used by officers seeking to avoid accountability. Every MPD Chief for the

past 15 years has supported this reform because it empowers police leadership—not a third-party board or arbitrator—to determine the appropriate standards of conduct and discipline for their officers. Congress should not substitute its authority for that of local elected leaders and MPD Chiefs who have examined these issues closely.

We support having a robust and strong police force and work closely with MPD leadership to provide them with the tools they need to make the city safe. Part of that effort includes ensuring that the force can appropriately remove officers who violate the law, MPD policies, and the public trust. When the public trusts that MPD can effectively police its own, residents are more likely to cooperate in investigations and more likely to assist in prosecution, making the District safer. H.R. 2096 would make it harder for law enforcement leadership in the Nation's Capital to remove bad actors who undermine that trust.

We also oppose H.R. 884, which would repeal a 2022 law extending voting rights in local District elections to non-citizen residents. Non-citizens enjoy similar voting rights in 15 other jurisdictions, including San Francisco and Oakland, California, Montpelier, Vermont, and a number of jurisdictions in neighboring Maryland. It continues to be unlawful for non-citizens to vote in federal elections in the District. In fact, federal law has prohibited non-citizens from voting in federal elections since 1996. Our local law cannot and does not attempt to change that.

Finally, we oppose H.R. 2056, which attempts to negate provisions in local District law governing how MPD and other District agencies participate in federal immigration enforcement efforts. This law has been on the books for 13 years and makes it clear that District officials must cooperate with any court order directing that an individual in District custody suspected of an immigration violation be detained or transferred to federal custody. H.R. 2056 would also eliminate rules governing information sharing between the District and federal law enforcement on immigration matters. In sum, the bill would scrap rules and practices that are clear and familiar and replace them with nothing. This will only cause confusion and uncertainty both for law enforcement and those suspected of an immigration violation. The Council is already considering a proposal from Mayor Muriel Bowser to reconsider the District's laws and policies in this area. We respectfully request that you allow us to do that work.

Thank you for your consideration and your attention to these important matters. We look forward to working with you on our shared goals to advance the safety, security, and prosperity of the District.

Sincerely,

PHIL MENDELSON,
Chairman, At-Large.

ANITA BONDS,
Councilmember,
At-Large.

ROBERT C. WHITE,
Councilmember,
At-Large.

BROOKE PINTO,
Councilmember,
Ward 2.

KENYAN R. MCDUFFIE,
Chair Pro-Tempore,
At-Large.

CHRISTINA HENDERSON,
Councilmember,
At-Large.

BRIANNE K. NADEAU,
Councilmember,
Ward 1.

MATTHEW FRUMIN,

*Councilmember,
Ward 3.*
JANESE LEWIS GEORGE,
*Councilmember,
Ward 4*
CHARLES ALLEN,
*Councilmember,
Ward 6.*
ZACHARY PARKER,
*Councilmember,
Ward 5.*
WENDELL FELDER,
*Councilmember,
Ward 7.*

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD a letter from D.C.'s locally elected attorney general, Brian Schwalb, opposing this bill.

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF
COLUMBIA, OFFICE OF THE ATTOR-
NEY GENERAL,

June 9, 2025.

Hon. MIKE JOHNSON,
*Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington DC.*
Hon. HAKEEM JEFFRIES,
*House Minority Leader, House of Representa-
tives,
Washington DC.*

DEAR SPEAKER JOHNSON AND MINORITY LEADER JEFFRIES: I write in opposition to three pieces of legislation before you today, H.R. 2096, H.R. 884, and H.R. 2056. These bills seek to repeal, explicitly or in effect, three local D.C. laws pertaining to three inherently local issues, namely the administration of local elections, the allocation of finite local law enforcement resources, and the processes for disciplining local police officers if they engage in misconduct. The D.C. Council—whose members are elected by and are directly accountable to District residents—passed those laws after extensive debate and consideration. It would be undemocratic and contrary to the principles of local autonomy on which this country was founded for Members of Congress, in whose election District residents have no say, to vote to upend these purely local laws.

District residents should have the same right as all other Americans to govern our local affairs. Just like your constituents in Louisiana and New York, and indeed the constituents in all of your colleagues' home states across the country, the more than 700,000 residents who call the District home know and care deeply about the local issues that uniquely impact our lives. Our democratically elected local officials work closely with policy experts, local law enforcement, and other community stakeholders to pass laws that are in the best interests of all Washingtonians. Substituting the will of District voters and the duly elected D.C. Council for that of federal politicians is, simply put, un-democratic. Even if members of Congress might vote differently on similar local issues for their own jurisdictions, the residents of D.C. deserve to have our local laws respected without interference from the federal government.

I urge you and your colleagues to vote against advancing these proposals.

Sincerely,

BRIAN L. SCHWALB,
Attorney General for the District of Columbia.

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, last Congress, Republicans introduced 26 bills or amendments to change local D.C. election laws, including 14 to prohibit noncitizens from voting in D.C. or to repeal, nullify, or prohibit the carrying out of the local D.C. law that allows noncitizens to vote in local elections.

Yet, Republicans refused to make the only election law change D.C. has re-

quested, which is to make D.C. a State so they can hold elections for voting Members of the House and Senate.

While Congress has the authority to legislate on local D.C. matters, it is not required to do so. In Federalist No. 43, James Madison said of D.C. residents: "A municipal legislature for local purposes, derived from their own suffrages, will of course be allowed them."

In 1953, the Supreme Court held that "there is no constitutional barrier to the delegation by Congress to the District of Columbia of full legislative power."

Mr. Speaker, I want to discuss democracy, or lack thereof, in D.C. There are 700,000 D.C. residents. D.C. residents are required to pay Federal taxes, register with the Selective Service System, and serve on Federal juries in the same manner as residents of States. Yet, D.C. residents have no voting representation in Congress, and Congress has the ultimate say on local D.C. matters.

The council has 13 members. If D.C. residents do not like how the members vote, residents can vote them out of office or pass a ballot measure. That is called democracy.

Congress has 535 voting Members. None are elected by D.C. residents. If D.C. residents do not like how the Members vote on local D.C. matters, residents cannot vote them out of office or pass a ballot measure. That is the antithesis of democracy.

The substance of this bill is irrelevant since there is never jurisdiction for Congress to legislate on local D.C. matters. However, I will briefly discuss it.

D.C. allows noncitizens to vote in local elections because it believes that all adult residents deserve a say in their local government. While D.C. law allows noncitizens to vote only in local elections, 40 States and the Federal Government allowed noncitizens to vote in local, State, territorial, and Federal elections at various points, including at the founding.

The Federal Government first prohibited noncitizens from voting in Federal elections only 29 years ago. Today, nearly 20 cities allow noncitizens to vote in local elections.

As the House has considered this bill, Republicans have repeatedly said the franchise is a right of citizenship. If that is what Republicans believe, I hope they will finally grant American citizens who live in D.C. the right to vote for voting representation in Congress. I have introduced H.R. 51 to do so.

Pursuant to the Admissions Clause and District Clause of the Constitution, H.R. 51 would admit the residential and commercial areas of D.C. as a new State. Statehood would not only give D.C. voting representation in Congress, but it would also give D.C. full local self-government.

Mr. Speaker, I urge Members to respect the will of D.C. residents by voting "no" on H.R. 884.

Mr. COMER. Mr. Speaker, I yield 5 minutes to the gentlewoman from New York (Ms. MALLIOTAKIS).

Ms. MALLIOTAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to ask the question: Why are the Democrats so obsessed with allowing noncitizens to vote in our election? Why do they go out of their way to dilute the voices of American citizens, the very American citizens who elected them to represent them?

It is incredibly frustrating to hear that they continue to double down or triple down on giving rights to people who are not citizens of this country at American taxpayers' and citizens' expense.

The lead debater on the other side of the aisle said that it is not just Washington, D.C., that is looking to allow noncitizens to vote in our elections. Mr. Speaker, 20 municipalities—and guess what? They are all run by Democrats.

In New York City, we had the same problem when the New York City Council passed legislation to allow noncitizens to vote in municipal elections. We had to sue to stop it, and we successfully did. It took not just one round in court, not just two rounds in court, but three rounds in court, where the city council and the mayor of New York used taxpayer money to continue to fight this each and every round despite being voted down in the New York State Supreme Court, the New York State Appellate Court, and, lastly, the New York Court of Appeals.

By the way, all were Democrat appointees on that panel of judges. We still won because it is illegal. It is not constitutional for noncitizens to vote in our elections.

Just like we fought this in New York City and prevailed, we will do the same here in Washington, D.C. We will make sure that they stop allowing and don't allow noncitizens to vote in their municipal elections because we are exercising our constitutional responsibility to protect our elections.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to continue to be strong and vote in support of this because we know that it passed overwhelmingly with bipartisan support last year. Fifty-two Democrats sided with Republicans.

Those who continue to push for noncitizens to vote in our elections to dilute citizenship and dilute the voice of citizens in our elections should be ashamed of themselves. They should think about who actually elected them to represent their interests here today and why they continue to push to the contrary.

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

Mr. Speaker, I think it is interesting because the gentlewoman who just spoke said this is about preserving "our elections."

This is not about our elections. It is not about my election. It is not about her election, being from New York. It is about the elections, the local elections, of residents of D.C. It is not

about hers or mine. It is about their local elections.

I think it is interesting because I don't know what happened. My Republican colleagues always like to talk about limited Federal Government. My Republican colleagues always like to talk about how important local governance is. Yet, they want to rip it away from the people in this city.

My question is: How many doors have they knocked on in D.C.? Have they knocked on a single door? Have they spoken with a single resident, a person who lives here, about what they care about? No, they are using this Chamber and these bills to score national political points on local issues.

Mr. Speaker, the other thing the gentlewoman said is that this is about protecting the sanctity of citizen voting. Like every other issue, Republicans want our people to believe that in order to protect us, we have to take something away from somebody else. That is how we protect the sanctity of voting for citizens. We have to take something away from D.C. that they voted for when, right in front of us, if we want to protect the sanctity of citizen voting in D.C., then we know what we have to do. It is D.C. statehood.

We have to ensure that citizens in D.C. are able to have a fully voting Representative in the United States Congress and have full representation in this country.

That is what we do to protect the sanctity of citizen voting in Washington, D.C. We don't encroach on decisions that the people here have made locally.

Mr. Speaker, I don't want to hear about our elections. Local D.C. elections are not my elections. They are not their elections unless they live here. The local D.C. elections are about the residents of this area.

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

Mr. COMER. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. GILL).

Mr. GILL of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to Democrats trying to give voting rights to illegal aliens.

Mr. Speaker, once again, Democrats are taking the 20 percent side on another 80-20 issue. The American people do not want illegal aliens voting. They shouldn't be here to begin with. They have no claim on our resources. They certainly should not influence our political system in any respect.

Mr. Speaker, every single one of them needs to be deported. Thankfully, we have a President who is actually doing that.

For so long, Democrats have called conservatives conspiracy theorists. They have slandered us for saying that the Democratic playbook, which they themselves have articulated, is to open up our borders to ultimately provide amnesty, a path to citizenship, and voting rights to illegal aliens.

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Mr. Speaker, they are doing that right now. That is exactly what they

are doing, and they are fighting for it. Allowing illegal aliens to vote is not only grotesquely unjust, but it waters down the meaning of citizenship for American citizens who are here.

Mr. Speaker, our government should represent our people, American citizens. Illegal aliens have no right to vote. They shouldn't be voting, and they need to be deported.

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

Mr. Speaker, once again, my Republican colleagues want to deflect on this issue focusing on undocumented immigrants. Undocumented immigrants are unlikely to vote in local D.C. elections. Again, why?

It is because the D.C. voter roll is public record. Undocumented immigrants are not going to want to identify themselves, including their address, where they live.

Noncitizen voting, again, this is consistent in a lot of jurisdictions across the entire country. We talked about 20 municipalities doing this to allow universal adult suffrage, the ability for people to take part in local elections.

The other thing, really quick, that one of my Republican colleagues brought up that the purpose of this bill is to: "Stop diluting the voices of American citizens." What is really diluting the voice of American citizens are voter suppression laws like we see in the South and like we see in Florida where I am from: poll taxes, voter roll purges, and voter intimidation. That is what is diluting the voice of American citizens.

I haven't heard a single Republican in this debate talk about ensuring that citizens who live in D.C. can have full representation in Congress.

Where is that?

I bring it up again. In every issue Republicans want to talk about protecting us by taking away stuff from other people. They never want to talk about giving citizens what they deserve. The citizens of D.C. deserve to have full representation in the United States Congress.

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

Mr. COMER. Mr. Speaker, may I inquire how much time remains.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. FINE). The gentleman from Kentucky has 20½ minutes remaining.

Mr. COMER. Mr. Speaker, I yield 10 minutes to the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. STEIL).

Mr. STEIL. Mr. Speaker, I thank the chairman for his good work, and I thank my colleague, AUGUST PFLUGER, for bringing forward today's legislation.

U.S. elections should be for U.S. citizens only. It is a simple premise. When I began my work on trying to stop non-citizens from voting in the United States, I was often told by people that they didn't believe that this was actually the case. That is how radical of a provision that exists in Washington, D.C., law.

Let's set the stage for folks listening today. Let's set the stage to understand how radical this provision is in Washington, D.C.

To be eligible to vote in municipal elections in our Nation's Capital, an individual only has to reside in Washington, D.C., for 30 days. Let's walk through that.

An individual who works at the Russian Embassy holding a Russian passport in their pocket, residing in the United States Capital of Washington, D.C., for simply 30 days, could walk out of the embassy, walk to a polling location and, because Washington, D.C., does not even have photo ID, would not need to pull their Russian passport out of their pocket and would be eligible to vote for Mayor in our Nation's Capital.

What the Democrats want to do, Mr. Speaker, is use Washington, D.C., as a petri dish for liberalizing voting laws across the country. What my Democratic friends want to do, Mr. Speaker, is allow noncitizens to vote across the country.

The arguments that are being made fail on the merits when you recognize that, in fact, the law, Mr. Speaker, today, allows noncitizens who simply resided in the Nation's Capital for 30 days to be eligible to vote. Again, individuals working at embassies across this city are eligible to vote for positions like Mayor and alderman. That is the height of hypocrisy. We need to make sure that U.S. elections are for U.S. citizens only.

In our Nation's Capital, we should be looking at a whole host of election law reforms. In fact, I am of the belief that we should make Washington, D.C., the gold standard of election laws to actually show the American people what happens when we put in place provisions with strong election integrity.

My colleague across the aisle referenced legislation that Republicans are working for. Let's take an example, and let's dig into that for a moment.

Let's look at the election integrity law that was passed in the State of Georgia. This, if we recall, in 2021 was a law that then-President Joe Biden called Jim Crow 2.0. In fact, the stories that were told about that legislation earned him, I think, four Pinocchios, or whatever they call that in The Washington Post. This is how ridiculous it was.

Corporate America bought into the misstatements and the falsities of President Biden. If we recall, Major League Baseball removed the All-Star Game out of Atlanta, Georgia, following Georgia passing this piece of legislation.

Of course, two elections have passed since that legislation went into effect. So we should look at the empirical data, not at the statements that were made, the hyperbolic statements that were made by my colleagues on the left. We should look at the empirical data of what took place when those reforms were implemented.

What we saw was people increasing their confidence in our elections. That

is a good thing. That is a good thing. In the University of Georgia, Georgia State put forward a robust survey of how elections were conducted in the State of Georgia. What I saw was high voter participation and people actually having a positive view of how election results were conducted.

If I recall correctly, it was zero percent statistically of Blacks who had a poor or negative voting experience. We should champion that. We should work to instill election integrity provisions across the board. When people increase their confidence in our elections, then they are more likely to participate. Mr. Speaker, that is a good thing. What we want is U.S. citizens participating in our elections.

However, what we see from my colleagues on the left is a whole host of policies that actually weaken election integrity. We have held debates as it relates to photo identification, again, another provision that should be in Washington, D.C., law.

Photo identification is almost the touchstone of what election integrity is. It is making sure people are who they say they are. It is a simple provision.

I am often reminded of a time when I was driving back home in Wisconsin. I was heading back home, and I walked in to buy a six-pack of beer. The clerk recognized me and said: Hey, BRYAN, how are you doing?

I said: Good. It is good to see you.

I set my six-pack of beer on the counter, and she said: BRYAN, I need to see your ID.

So just like every American, what did I do?

I reached in, I grabbed my wallet, I pulled out my ID, and I handed it over to the clerk.

In my opinion, I think it is absolutely nuts that we protect our beer more than we protect our ballots in our Nation's Capital. We should be looking at ways to strengthen election integrity here in our Nation's Capital, the front door for many folks to the greatest country in the world.

Instead of fighting back and saying: Yes, in our Nation's Capital, as the Democrats will say, we should allow noncitizens to be voting in our Nation's elections. We should actually be saying: No. Let's use Washington, D.C., as the gold standard of election integrity.

What I believe we will see is exactly what we saw in Georgia. Despite the hyperbolic statements being made by past-President Joe Biden and by my colleagues on the left, what we will actually see is an increase in confidence in our elections. We will see growing participation. We will see a strengthening of our democracy.

It is why this legislation is such an important step forward in the process of strengthening the integrity of our elections, increasing Americans' confidence, and garnering additional voter participation across the country.

I think it is relevant to also note that last Congress this bill came before

us, and 52 of our Democratic colleagues voted with every Republican in the House. It will be interesting today, Mr. Speaker, to see how many of my colleagues across the aisle have the courage to stand up and to say that U.S. elections should be for U.S. citizens only.

The big difference here is now we have an opportunity to see this legislation move forward in the United States Senate. This is a bill that could actually be signed into law. We have an opportunity for the first time in a number of years to not only pass election integrity legislation here in the United States House of Representatives, we have an opportunity to pass election integrity legislation into law.

Let me tell you, Mr. Speaker, I am excited about the opportunity to stand there when President Trump signs this bill into law. This is an opportunity for a major step forward in election integrity here in our Nation's Capital. It is also a statement across the country because I believe the radical Democrats want to use Washington, D.C., voting laws as a petri dish to roll out their plan across the country.

My colleagues on the radical left would like to see noncitizens voting in my home State of Wisconsin; in small communities and big communities all across this country to drive forward and assist them in advancing a radical agenda.

It is why making sure that we pass this law today is so important: to make sure that we are standing up for common sense; to make sure that we are standing up for election integrity; to make sure that only U.S. citizens have a voice in U.S. elections.

This legislation should be straightforward. To my colleagues on the left, I am afraid it won't be.

I am proud to know that I believe every Republican who votes today will vote "yes" on this important measure. That is because it is the Republican Party, my colleagues with common sense who believe that we need election integrity in our Nation's Capital. More importantly, we need election integrity across the country.

As we begin this effort, I think we have an opportunity as Americans to see increased confidence in our elections. Once again, when we increase confidence, we increase participation.

Our principles should be U.S. elections are for U.S. citizens only. This legislation does that.

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

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

Mr. Speaker, if the esteemed chair from Wisconsin would indulge me, he brought up a set of laws in Georgia, which I thought was very interesting, talking about what we need to do. However, I would yield 30 seconds to the chair if he could let me know who voted for those laws that were enacted in Georgia.

Mr. STEIL. Will the gentleman yield?

Mr. FROST. I yield to the gentleman from Wisconsin.

Mr. STEIL. It was signed into law. It was signed into law in the State of Georgia by the Governor of the State of Georgia.

Mr. FROST. Reclaiming my time. I am curious what body wrote the legislation, voted on the legislation, and sent it to the Governor's desk?

Mr. STEIL. Will the gentleman yield?

Mr. FROST. I yield to the gentleman from Wisconsin.

Mr. STEIL. I assume the assembly and senate of the State of Georgia prior to signature by the Governor of the State.

Mr. FROST. Reclaiming my time. The reason I ask the gentleman is he brings up a law in Georgia that was written by the elected representatives of the legislature voted into office by the people of Georgia.

My Republican colleagues would have us believe that today a lot of Democrats are going to vote for a bill to give noncitizens the ability to vote in D.C.

That is not what we are voting on. We are not voting on a bill to do something. We are voting on a bill to allow something to stay in place which was voted into action by the elected representatives of the local government of D.C.

That is what we are doing here today. We are not voting to give noncitizens the ability to vote. We are just saying: Let D.C. make their own local laws just like they did in Georgia, just like the esteemed chair brought up earlier.

The other thing I want to mention that was brought up has to do with the length of residency to vote. D.C.'s length of residency requirement is not a unique thing. To vote in D.C., yes, a person has to be a resident for at least 30 days before an election, but to vote in Kentucky, for example, a person has to be a resident for at least 28 days.

I haven't heard our esteemed chair of the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform complain about the laws in Kentucky. In fact, under the National Voter Registration Act of 1993, States cannot set a voter registration deadline for Federal elections more than 30 days before an election.

In closing, Mr. Speaker, as I mentioned here today, no matter what my Republican colleagues say, they want to frame this as the Democrats voting to do something here today. We are not voting to let noncitizens vote in D.C. today. What we are voting to do is allow D.C. to make their own decisions. That is something my Republican colleagues used to talk a lot about, home rule, the ability for localities and people to elect their representatives to a body and those representatives to do something.

If my friend has a problem with local D.C. laws, then pick up a damn clipboard, go knock on doors, and try to change it in D.C. To do it from this institution, I think is shameful.

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

□ 1530

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

Mr. Speaker, I remind my colleague on the other side of the aisle, the U.S. Congress has a constitutional role to oversee Washington, D.C., law and intervene as necessary.

D.C.'s noncitizen voting law is a dangerous policy. Only American citizens should be permitted to vote in this country, especially right here in the Nation's Capital city.

I urge my colleagues to support this important legislation to prohibit those who are not citizens of the United States from voting in elections in the District of Columbia.

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

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

Pursuant to House Resolution 489, the previous question is ordered on the bill, as amended.

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

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

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

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

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

The yeas and nays were ordered.

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

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message in writing from the President of the United States was communicated to the House by Mr. Matthew Hanley, one of his secretaries.

CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO BELARUS—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (H. DOC. NO. 119-59)

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following message from the President of the United States; which was read and, together with the accompanying papers, referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered printed:

To the Congress of the United States:

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, within 90 days prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent to the *Federal Register* for publication the enclosed notice stating that the na-

tional emergency with respect to Belarus that was declared in Executive Order 13405 of June 16, 2006, which was expanded in scope in Executive Order 14038 of August 9, 2021, is to continue in effect beyond June 16, 2025.

The actions and policies of certain members of the Government of Belarus and other persons, and the Belarusian regime's harmful activities and longstanding abuses, continue to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States. Therefore, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13405 with respect to Belarus.

DONALD J. TRUMP.
THE WHITE HOUSE, June 9, 2025.

RECESS

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

Accordingly (at 3 o'clock and 32 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 1700

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. LAWLER) at 5 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Proceedings will resume on questions previously postponed. Votes will be taken in the following order:

Passage of H.R. 2096; and

Passage of H.R. 884.

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

PROTECTING OUR NATION'S CAPITAL EMERGENCY ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfinished business is the vote on passage of the bill (H.R. 2096) to restore the right to negotiate matters pertaining to the discipline of law enforcement officers of the District of Columbia through collective bargaining, to restore the statute of limitations for bringing disciplinary cases against members or civilian employees of the Metropolitan Police Department of the District of Columbia, and for other purposes, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

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

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 235, nays 178, answered “present” 1, not voting 18, as follows:

[Roll No. 162]

YEAS—235

Aderholt	Gooden	Moskowitz
Alford	Gosar	Mrvan
Allen	Graves	Murphy
Amodei (NV)	Gray	Nehls
Arrington	Greene (GA)	Newhouse
Babin	Griffith	Norman
Bacon	Grothman	Nunn (IA)
Balderson	Guest	Obernolte
Barr	Guthrie	Ogles
Barrett	Hageman	Onder
Baumgartner	Hamadeh (AZ)	Owens
Bean (FL)	Harder (CA)	Palmer
Begich	Haridopolos	Panetta
Bentz	Harris (MD)	Pappas
Bergman	Harris (NC)	Patronis
Bice	Harshbarger	Perez
Biggs (AZ)	Hern (OK)	Pettersen
Biggs (SC)	Higgins (LA)	Pfluger
Bilirakis	Hill (AR)	Reschenthaler
Boebert	Hinson	Riley (NY)
Bost	Houchin	Rogers (AL)
Brecheen	Huizenga	Rogers (KY)
Bresnahan	Hunt	Rose
Buchanan	Hurd (CO)	Rouzer
Budzinski	Issa	Rutherford
Burchett	Jack	Ryan
Calvert	Jackson (TX)	Salazar
Cammack	James	Scalise
Carey	Johnson (LA)	Schmidt
Carter (GA)	Johnson (SD)	Scholten
Ciscomani	Jordan	Schrier
Cisneros	Joyce (OH)	Schweikert
Cline	Joyce (PA)	Scott, Austin
Cloud	Kean	Sessions
Clyde	Kelly (MS)	Shreve
Cole	Kelly (PA)	Simpson
Collins	Kennedy (UT)	Smith (MO)
Comer	Kiggans (VA)	Smith (NE)
Crane	Kiley (CA)	Smith (NJ)
Crank	Kim	Smucker
Crawford	Knott	Sorensen
Crenshaw	Kustoff	Spartz
Cuellar	LaLota	Stanton
Davidson	LaMalfa	Stauber
Davis (NC)	Landsman	Stefanik
De La Cruz	Langworthy	Steil
DesJarlais	Latta	Steube
Donalds	Lawler	Strong
Downing	Lee (NV)	Stutzman
Dunn (FL)	Letlow	Suozi
Edwards	Loudermilk	Sykes
Ellzey	Lucas	Taylor
Emmer	Luna	Tenney
Estes	Luttrell	Thompson (CA)
Evans (CO)	Mace	Thompson (PA)
Ezell	Mackenzie	Tiffany
Fallon	Malliotakis	Timmons
Fedorchak	Mann	Tran
Feenstra	Massie	Turner (OH)
Fine	Mast	Valadao
Finstad	McCaul	Van Drew
Fischbach	McClain	Van Dwyne
Fitzgerald	McCormick	Van Orden
Fitzpatrick	McDowell	Vindman
Fleischmann	McGuire	Wagner
Flood	Messmer	Walberg
Fong	Meuser	Weber (TX)
Foxx	Miller (IL)	Webster (FL)
Franklin, Scott	Miller (OH)	Westerman
Fry	Miller (WV)	Whitesides
Fulcher	Miller-Meeks	Wied
Garbarino	Mills	Williams (TX)
Gill (TX)	Min	Wilson (SC)
Gillen	Moolenaar	Wittman
Gimenez	Moore (AL)	Womack
Golden (ME)	Moore (NC)	Yakym
Goldman (TX)	Moore (UT)	Zinke
Gonzales, Tony	Moore (WV)	
Gonzalez, V.	Moran	

NAYS—178

Adams	Burlison	Cleaver
Aguilar	Bynum	Clyburn
Amo	Carbajal	Cohen
Ansari	Carson	Conaway
Auchincloss	Carter (LA)	Costa
Balint	Casar	Courtney
Barragán	Case	Craig
Bell	Casten	Crockett
Bera	Castor (FL)	Crow
Beyer	Castro (TX)	Davids (KS)
Bishop	Cherfilus-	Davis (IL)
Bonamici	McCormick	Dean (PA)
Boyle (PA)	Chu	DeGette
Brown	Clark (MA)	DeLauro
Brownley	Clarke (NY)	DelBene

Deluzio Larsen (WA) Pressley
DeSaulnier Larson (CT) Quigley
Dexter Latimer Ramirez
Dingell Lee (PA) Raskin
Doggett Leger Fernandez Rivas
Elfreth Levin Ross
Escobar Liccardo Roy
Espallat Lieu Ruiz
Evans (PA) Lofgren Salinas
Fields Lynch Sánchez
Figures Magaziner Scanlon
Fletcher Mannion Schakowsky
Foster Matsui Schneider
Foushee McBath Scott (VA)
Frankel, Lois McBride Scott, David
Friedman McClain Delaney Sewell
Frost McClellan Sherman
Garamendi McClintock Simon
Garcia (CA) McCollum Smith (WA)
Garcia (IL) McDonald Rivet Soto
Garcia (TX) McGarvey Stansbury
Goldman (NY) McGovern Stevens
Gomez McIver Strickland
Goodlander Meeks Subramanyam
Green, Al (TX) Menendez Swalwell
Hayes Meng Takano
Himes Mfume Thanedar
Horsford Moore (WI) Thompson (MS)
Houlahan Morelle Titus
Hoyer Morrison Tlaib
Hoyle (OR) Moulton Tokuda
Huffman Mullin Tonko
Ivey Nadler Torres (CA)
Jackson (IL) Neal Torres (NY)
Jacobs Neguse Underwood
Jayapal Ocasio-Cortez Vargas
Jeffries Olshewski Vasquez
Johnson (GA) Omar Veasey
Johnson (TX) Pallone Velázquez
Kamlager-Dove Pelosi Wasserman
Keating Perry Schultz
Kelly (IL) Peters Waters
Kennedy (NY) Pingree Watson Coleman
Khanna Pocan Williams (GA)
Krishnamoorthi Pou Wilson (FL)

ANSWERED “PRESENT”—1

Kaptur

NOT VOTING—18

Baird Green (TN) Norcross
Beatty Harrigan Randall
Carter (TX) Hudson Rulli
Correa LaHood Self
Diaz-Balart Lee (FL) Sherrill
Gottheimer Maloy Trahan

□ 1730

Mr. LYNCH, Mrs. MCCLAIN DELANEY, and Mr. ROY changed their vote from “yea” to “nay.”

Ms. PETERSEN and Mrs. SYKES changed their vote from “nay” to “yea.”

So the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated against:

Ms. PETERSEN. Mr. Speaker, during Roll Call No. 162 on H.R. 2096, I mistakenly recorded my vote as YEA when I should have voted NAY.

PROHIBITING VOTING BY NONCITIZENS IN DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ELECTIONS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfinished business is the vote on passage of the bill (H.R. 884) to prohibit individuals who are not citizens of the United States from voting in elections in the District of Columbia and to repeal the Local Resident Voting Rights Amendment Act of 2022, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

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

This is a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 266, nays 148, answered “present” 1, not voting 17, as follows:

[Roll No. 163]

YEAS—266

Aderholt Gooden Moolenaar
Alford Goodlander Moore (AL)
Allen Gosar Moore (NC)
Amodei (NV) Graves Moore (UT)
Arrington Gray Moore (WV)
Babin Greene (GA)
Bacon Griffith Moran
Balderson Grothman Moskowitz
Barr Guest Mrvan
Barrett Guthrie Murphy
Baumgartner Hagaman Nehls
Bean (FL) Hamadeh (AZ) Newhouse
Begich Harder (CA) Norman
Bentz Haridopolos Nunn (IA)
Bergman Harris (MD) Obernolte
Bice Harris (NC) Ogles
Biggs (AZ) Harshbarger Onder
Biggs (SC) Hern (OK) Owens
Billirakis Higgins (LA) Palmer
Boebert Hill (AR) Panetta
Bost Hinson Pappas
Boyle (PA) Horsford Patronis
Brecheen Peryer Perez
Bresnahan Huizenga Perry
Buchanan Hunt Peters
Budzinski Hurd (CO) Pettersen
Burchett Issa Pfluger
Carter (GA) Jack Pou
Carter (TX) Jackson (IL) Reschenthaler
Castor (FL) Jackson (TX) Riley (NY)
Ciscomani James Rogers (AL)
Cisneros Johnson (SD) Rogers (KY)
Cline Johnson (TX) Rose
Cloud Joyce (OH) Roy
Clyde Joyce (PA) Rutherford
Cole Kelly (MS) Ryan
Collins Kelly (PA) Salazar
Comer Kennedy (UT) Salinas
Conaway Kiggans (VA) Scalise
Costa Kiley (CA) Schmidt
Crane Kim Scholten
Crank Knott Schrier
Crawford Kustoff Schweikert
Crenshaw LaHood Scott, Austin
Cuellar LaLota Sessions
Davids (KS) LaMalfa Shreve
Davidson Landsman Simpson
Davis (NC) Langworthy Smith (MO)
De La Cruz Larsen (WA) Smith (NE)
DesJarlais Latta Smith (NJ)
Diaz-Balart Lawler Sorensen
Donalds Lee (NV) Soto
Downing Letlow Spartz
Dunn (FL) Levin Stauter
Edwards Loudermilk Staufner
Ellzey Lucas Stefanik
Emmer Luna Steube
Estes Luttrell Stevens
Evans (CO) Mace Strong
Ezell Mackenzie Subramanyam
Fallon Malliotakis Suozzi
Fedorchak Maloy Taylor
Feenstra Mann Tenney
Figures Mann Thompson (CA)
Fine Mannion Thompson (PA)
Finstad Mast Tiffany
Fischbach McBath Timmons
Fitzpatrick McCaul Tran
Fleischmann McClain Turner (OH)
Flood McClain Delaney Valadao
Fong McClintock Van Drew
Foxy McCormick Van Dwyne
Franklin, Scott McDonald Rivet Van Orden
Fry McDowell Vasquez
Fulcher McGuire Veasey
Garbarino Messmer Vindman
Gill (TX) Meuser Wagner
Gillen Miller (IL) Walberg
Gimenez Miller (OH) Weber (TX)
Golden (ME) Miller (WV) Webster (FL)
Goldman (TX) Miller-Meeks Westerman
Gonzalez, V. Mills Whitesides
Min Wied

Williams (TX) Wittman
Wilson (SC) Womack

NAYS—148

Adams Foushee Moulton
Aguilar Frankel, Lois Mullin
Amo Friedman Nadler
Ansari Frost Neal
Auchincloss Garamendi Neguse
Balint Garcia (CA) Ocasio-Cortez
Barragán Garcia (IL) Olshewski
Bell Garcia (TX) Omar
Bera Goldman (NY) Pallone
Beyer Gomez Pelosi
Bishop Green, Al (TX) Pingree
Bonamici Hayes Pocan
Brown Himes Pressley
Brownley Houlahan Quigley
Carbajal Hoyer Ramirez
Carson Hoyle (OR) Raskin
Carter (LA) Huffman Rivas
Casar Ivey Ross
Case Jacobs Ruiz
Casten Jayapal Sánchez
Castro (TX) Jeffries Scanlon
Cherfilus Johnson (GA) Schakowsky
McCormick Kamlager-Dove Schneider
Chu Keating Scott (VA)
Clark (MA) Kelly (IL) Scott, David
Clarke (NY) Kennedy (NY) Sewell
Cleaver Khanna Sherman
Clyburn Krishnamoorthi Simon
Cohen Larson (CT) Smith (WA)
Courtney Latimer Stansbury
Craig Lee (PA) Strickland
Crockett Leger Fernandez Swalwell
Crow Liccardo Sykes
Davis (IL) Lieu Takano
Dean (PA) Lofgren Thanedar
DeGette Lynch Thompson (MS)
DeLauro Magaziner Tlaib
DelBene Matsui Tokuda
Deluzio McBride Tonko
DeSaulnier McClellan Torres (CA)
Dexter McGarvey Torres (NY)
Dingell McGovern Underwood
Doggett McIver Vargas
Elfreth Meeks Velázquez
Escobar Menendez Wasserman
Espallat Meng Schultz
Evans (PA) Mfume Waters
Fields Moore (WI) Watson Coleman
Fletcher Morelle Williams (GA)
Foster Morrison Wilson (FL)

ANSWERED “PRESENT”—1

McCollum

NOT VOTING—17

Baird Green (TN) Rouzer
Beatty Harrigan Rulli
Correa Hudson Self
Fitzgerald Lee (FL) Sherrill
Gonzales, Tony Norcross Trahan
Gottheimer Randall

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

□ 1737

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

So the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:

Mr. ROUZER. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 163.

Mr. TONY GONZALES of Texas. Mr. Speaker, due to an unavoidable conflict, I missed a vote on the House floor. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 163.

Mr. FITZGERALD. Mr. Speaker, due to unforeseen circumstances, I was unable to cast a vote on Roll Call No. 163. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Ms. RANDALL. Mr. Speaker, due to family related matters, I was unable to vote today on H.R. 2096 and H.R. 884. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 162 and NAY on Roll Call No. 163.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, today I was necessarily absent and missed the following votes on the House Floor. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 160, Motion on Ordering the Previous Question (H. Res. 489); NAY on Roll Call No. 161, H. Res. 489—Rule providing for consideration of H.R. 2096—Protecting Our Nation's Capital Emergency Act; H.R. 884—To prohibit individuals who are not citizens of the United States from voting in elections in the District of Columbia and to repeal the Local Resident Voting Rights Amendment Act of 2022; H.R. 2056—District of Columbia Federal Immigration Compliance Act of 2025; and S. 331—HALT Fentanyl Act; YEA on Roll Call No. 162, H.R. 2096—Protecting Our Nation's Capital Emergency Act; and NAY on Roll Call No. 163, H.R. 884—To prohibit individuals who are not citizens of the United States from voting in elections in the District of Columbia and to repeal the Local Resident Voting Rights Amendment Act of 2022.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. BAIRD. Mr. Speaker, unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances, I was unable to cast two votes today. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 162, H.R. 2096, and YEA on Roll Call No. 163, H.R. 884.

□ 1740

CELEBRATING SPECIAL OLYMPICS PENNSYLVANIA SUMMER GAMES

(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 and celebrate the incredible athletes, volunteers, and supporters of the 2025 Special Olympics Pennsylvania Summer Games.

This past weekend, more than 2,000 athletes from across the Commonwealth gathered at Penn State University in State College to compete, connect, and inspire.

Held on campus for over three decades, the Summer Games have become a cherished tradition built on courage, inclusion, and perseverance. Since the first Games in 1970, which featured just 135 athletes, Special Olympics Pennsylvania has grown into a statewide movement with 54 local programs and thousands of participants.

These Games are not just about sports. They are about unlocking potential, building confidence, and fostering friendships that last a lifetime.

This year's opening ceremonies at Medlar Field at Lubrano Park, hosted in partnership with the State College Spikes, featured the iconic Olympic torch lighting and an exhilarating action sports demo, setting the tone for a weekend of achievement and joy.

This program touches countless people in numerous ways and impacts regions far beyond the sphere of sports.

Mr. Speaker, I commend every athlete, coach, family member, and volunteer whose dedication made this celebration possible.

CONGRATULATING DANIELA SCHEFFLER

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

Mrs. SYKES. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to recognize Daniela Scheffler for winning the 3,200 meter race at the Ohio Division I Track and Field Championships, earning her first State title, and recognizing her as Ohio's 13th Congressional District's Champion of the Week.

As a senior at Lake High School in Uniontown, Ohio, Daniela ended an exceptional high school track career, setting records and winning several awards along the way. On the road to her first State title last month, Daniela set the record for the 1,600 and 3,200 meters at the Federal League Track and Field Championships, the State qualifier meet.

As a testament to her hard work and dedication on the track, Daniela signed an offer with North Carolina State University, where she will be continuing her track and field career.

We are proud of Daniela. Even though she will be far away from home at college, we will be cheering her on as she finishes her career.

Again, I congratulate Daniela Scheffler for an accomplished high school track career and on being named this week's Ohio-13 Champion of the Week.

CELEBRATING 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF PARENTS CHALLENGE

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

Mr. CRANK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate the 25th anniversary of the tremendous impact of Parents Challenge in El Paso County, Colorado.

Parents Challenge, founded by Steve and Joyce Schuck, provides low-income families financial support for tuition, tutoring, transportation, and school supplies to provide their children with the best education available for them, including private, charter, and homeschool options.

Parents Challenge provides free online holistic empowerment sessions for all parents. They also offer a summer STEM program for middle and high school students, and the Rising Seniors Leadership Experience for graduating high school seniors. Each of these programs directly benefits the families in my community.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in congratulating Parents Challenge for prioritizing educational excellence and opportunity in

their service to El Paso County for over 200 families and over 400 individual children.

HONORING EDDIE MAE BARNES

(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, today, we mourn the passing of a legend in Westchester County, the Honorable Eddie Mae Barnes. She was a role model for women in our area, as one of the first African-American female leaders elected to public office.

She served four 4-year terms on the Greenburgh Town Board, 16 years as a voice for those who had no voice across the community, especially in the Fairview neighborhood. She was the author of the town's Police/Community Advisory Commission, bringing residents and law enforcement closer together. She was the driving force behind naming the local community center in honor of Theodore D. Young, who did so much good for young people in Greenburgh.

She was, by profession, a nurse with a BS degree from Dillard University and an M.S. degree from Teachers College at Columbia. For 32 years, she was director of nursing at Rye Hospital Center. She was a true healthcare professional. She was kind and loving. She was as tough as nails. She fought for the things she believed in, and she offered a hug to all.

Eddie Mae Barnes was a wonderful friend, and we will deeply miss her.

HONORING LIFE OF KENT GREENWALT

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

Mr. SMITH of Nebraska. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Kent Greenwalt, former mayor of Terrytown, Nebraska, who sadly passed away last month after a lifetime of service to his community.

A veteran of the Vietnam war and an inexhaustible community volunteer, Kent's life was characterized by a readiness to step up to meet the needs of the moment. During his 12 years of service as mayor of Terrytown, he was known as a working mayor for his willingness to mow lawns, trim trees, and clear dead trees from Terry's Lake.

His sense of duty to his country was evident as a Nebraska National Guardsman for 8 years, and later as a Patriot Guard motorcycle escort for military funeral processions. In 2023, he was welcomed to Washington, D.C., for a veterans' Honor Flight.

The list of Kent's accolades is too lengthy to list in full, but his integrity and servant's heart are what stand out. My thoughts and prayers are with his family members and members of the community who knew and loved him.

While he could never be replaced, America needs more people like Kent Greenwalt.

MOURNING LOSS OF OFFICER GABRIEL FACIO

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

Mr. STANTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to mourn the tragic loss of Officer Gabriel Facio of the Apache Junction Police Department.

This past Sunday, 6 days after being shot while responding to a road-rage incident, Officer Facio passed away from his injuries at just 47 years old.

Officer Facio lived the American Dream. Born in Mexico, Officer Facio earned his U.S. citizenship and dedicated his life to serving the community that welcomed him with open arms.

He began his law enforcement career with the Phoenix Police Department, and nearly 4 years ago joined the Apache Junction Police Department.

A devoted father and grandfather, a respected colleague, an upstanding American, he served Apache Junction with honor, bravery, and compassion. Tragically, he is the fourth Arizona officer to fall in the line of duty in just the past 12 months.

My thoughts are with his wife, family, his many good friends, and colleagues. I hope his memory brings comfort and strength in the difficult days ahead.

Officer Facio's ultimate sacrifice, his courage, and his selflessness will never be forgotten.

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CONTROLLING RIOTS IN CALIFORNIA

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

Mr. KILEY of California. Mr. Speaker, over the last few days, the country has been shocked by the horrifying images coming out of Los Angeles, but what is also shocking are the brazenly false statements made by the Governor of California.

Governor Newsom has asked us not to believe our eyes, not to believe the scenes that we are all seeing of officers being attacked, of cars being lit on fire, of roadways being blocked. The Governor has claimed that everything was fine and that everything was perfect until the National Guard arrived.

This is completely inaccurate, as a matter of the timeline. Things had spun out of control well before the Guard got there. That is why the Guard was called in. It is also deeply offensive to attack the men and women in our National Guard by claiming that their presence has somehow catalyzed this violence.

The Governor owes an apology to the men and women in our National Guard

who are serving our State and our country. He owes an apology to the people of Los Angeles for his role in egging on the riots.

The good news, if there is any good news at all, is that I believe the people of California have had enough. There is a coalition for common sense emerging in our State, and I believe we will return sanity and safety to our communities.

HONORING EFTON SAGER

(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 honor a remarkable public servant and friend, Efton Sager.

Efton served in the United States Air Force, retiring as a master sergeant. His commitment to our community was evident in all the active roles he played, including serving on the Wayne County Board of Commissioners. When he served in the North Carolina House of Representatives, we took great pride in representing Wayne County together.

Throughout the years, we kept in touch, and there were many cherished memories. For one, I recall how heartbroken Efton was when his beloved wife, Delores, passed after 68 years of marriage. He said to me: "I hope God doesn't keep me here for too many years without her." It brings comfort believing they are together again.

Efton passed peacefully on May 27. Today would have marked his 92nd birthday.

I extend my heartfelt condolences to Debra, David, and the family as we honor Efton's life and lasting impact.

RECOGNIZING ST. SIMONS ISLAND

(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 recognize St. Simons Island's designation by U.S. News and World Report as one of the best underrated travel destinations in the U.S.

They evaluated over 1,500 vacation destinations worldwide and ranked them across numerous categories. St. Simons Island, the largest barrier island on Georgia's Golden Isles, offers low-hanging Spanish moss, salty air, and warm ocean water. It is home to pristine beaches, miles of walking paths and trails, ice cream shops, and award-winning restaurants. Despite this, St. Simons has still managed to keep a low profile and is often overlooked by out-of-State beachgoers.

I am proud that St. Simons Island, my new home, is being recognized for the stunning views and coastal relaxation it offers patrons.

HONORING BRIAN LAVIN

(Ms. GILLEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. GILLEN. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to honor the life of Brian Lavin, a retired NYPD detective from Long Beach and a true American hero.

In the aftermath of 9/11, the worst terrorist attack on American soil, Brian was one of the courageous first responders who ran toward danger, working tirelessly amid toxic rubble at Ground Zero. His bravery and selfless service in those harrowing days embodied the very best of our Nation.

Unfortunately, Brian's life was cut short this year by an illness directly linked to the hazardous conditions he endured on 9/11 as a first responder. His passing is a heartbreaking reminder of the enduring pain of that day.

Thousands of law enforcement officers, firefighters, emergency personnel, and New Yorkers who lived or worked near Ground Zero continue to get sick and die from cancers, respiratory illnesses, and other debilitating conditions caused by exposure to the aftermath of the Ground Zero attack.

This is a powerful reminder of the need to fully fund and staff programs that support 9/11 first responders.

Today, we honor another hero. I thank Brian for his sacrifice, and may he rest in peace.

CELEBRATING NATIONAL DAIRY MONTH

(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, here is something to get excited about in the month of June—ice cream. National Dairy Month is a good time to recognize the work of our Nation's dairy farmers.

My home State of California leads the Nation in dairy production, with thousands of family-run farms that have been at it for generations. These farmers aren't just producing milk. They are driving a big part of our local economy and providing jobs in rural agricultural areas.

Dairies are also making strides in using modernized processes to keep the land and water healthy. However, dairies are often under fire from environmental groups, such as those in Point Reyes, that are trying to push them out using fake environmental pronouncements and basically running them out of business in Point Reyes. They deserve a lot better than that.

Remember, when you enjoy a glass of milk, a slice of cheese, or one of your favorite ice creams, there are real people doing the really good, sustainable, and responsible work of operating these dairies, many of them organic, to keep it on the table for all of us.

Let's celebrate and remember during National Dairy Month the work that these farmers put in and what it means to all of us.

DENOUNCING ICE RAIDS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

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

Mr. CISNEROS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to denounce the ICE raids in southern California carried out this past weekend and the President's unilateral decision to deploy the National Guard and, now, the Marines.

The President claims to be going after violent criminals, but in reality, ICE is rounding up individuals off the street with no warrants, including children. Local and State law enforcement did not ask for assistance.

Donald Trump is escalating the situation and making it more dangerous for everyone. Just today, he said the National Guard is preventing the violence on the street, and that is a flat-out lie. The National Guard is standing on the sidelines, watching as local law enforcement handles the situation.

Now, he is sending in the Marines. This is not the mission of the Marines. They aren't trained for this. Sending them on ICE raids will only provoke confrontation.

The President is playing with the lives of Californians, and the military is the pawn in his political game. He wants to create a conflict that will allow him to invoke the Insurrection Act or martial law—God only knows why—but California will never ever bend to the will of a tyrant.

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

ENDING TAXPAYER-FUNDED PROPAGANDA

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

Mr. GILL of Texas. Mr. Speaker, China has state-sponsored media. North Korea has state-sponsored media. The United States does not need taxpayer-funded propaganda.

Mr. Speaker, we have the opportunity this week to rescind a billion dollars that is in the pipeline right now for NPR and PBS, two outlets that routinely spew anti-American and anti-Christian propaganda. They sow racial division in this country, and they promote weird, woke values that most Americans find disgusting.

Mr. Speaker, this is something that we have talked about for a long time, and finally, we have a President who is serious about rooting out waste, fraud, and abuse from the Federal Government. This is the perfect place to start.

Let's pass this rescission bill. Let's end taxpayer-funded propaganda. Let's take our country back.

□ 1800

ICE RAIDS IN CALIFORNIA

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

Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK. Mr. Speaker, the images emerging from California—ICE raids escalating into chaos, immigrant families fleeing their homes, and the National Guard troops confronting peaceful protesters—are a chilling reminder of how far we have strayed from my democratic values that we claim to uphold.

This is not the America I know. This is not the America we aspire to be. We are a nation built on justice, compassion, and the unwavering belief that every person deserves dignity and respect. What is happening in Los Angeles betrays our core beliefs.

The Federal response to deploy more than 4,000 National Guard troops and 700 marines without a local request is a troubling overreach. It risks escalating tensions and chilling the right to protest, which is protected by the Constitution.

We need leaders that listen and not the ones that answer concerns with intimidation and threats. In south Florida, immigration isn't an abstract political issue for us. It is personal. Our region is home to vibrant Jamaican, Haitian, Venezuelan, Cuban, and Central-American communities. They are nurses, doctors, pastors, teachers, small business owners, and caregivers.

The reason our economies thrive is because of our immigrant communities. The attacks on immigrants and Americans exercising their right to protest must end now.

CELEBRATING WALTER CUP WINNERS MINNESOTA FROST

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

Ms. OMAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate the incredible Minnesota Frost on a monumental performance throughout the 2025 Professional Women's Hockey League championship season, resulting in winning their second straight Walter Cup title.

Last year, our Minnesota Frost made history, winning the inaugural Walter Cup trophy at the 2024 PWHL finals. Thanks to their third consecutive overtime victory, the Walter Cup will stay at home in Minnesota for another year. This tremendous achievement wraps up an incredible season for the Frost.

I congratulate each and every athlete for the hard work and dedication they have put in to bring home this championship win and continue to put Minnesota women's sports on the map. We are so proud of them.

OPPOSING MORATORIUM ON AI REGULATIONS IN EXCHANGE FOR BROADBAND FUNDING THROUGH BEAD

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

Mrs. McCLAIN DELANEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to voice strong opposition to a nonsensical provision included in the Federal budget package that would force States to impose a moratorium on AI regulations in exchange for broadband funding through the BEAD program.

Let me be clear. This is bad policy. States should not be forced to choose between expanding essential broadband infrastructure and setting bumpers and safeguards on the safe and ethical use of AI to protect children, small businesses, and consumers.

I have seen firsthand how unregulated tech policy can impact our families and communities. Before coming to Congress, I worked for decades to protect children online and served as Deputy Secretary at NTIA which oversaw the BEAD program.

This provision undermines the very mission of BEAD which is to expand broadband opportunity, jobs, healthcare, and education in underserved areas. Universal, high-speed, affordable broadband is akin to a utility and is necessary to thrive in our country.

I will work with my colleagues—Representatives MATSUI, LANDSMAN, and CARTER—on a letter to the Senate, raising our concerns with this provision.

In closing, I urge the Senate majority to reject this coercive provision and insist on a transparent and standalone debate.

HONORING REAR ADMIRAL ALENE B. DUERK

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

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor a true pioneer of American military history, Rear Admiral Alene B. Duerk of Defiance, Ohio, the first woman in the United States Navy to achieve the rank of admiral.

I join my Lake Erie colleague, Representative KENNEDY of Buffalo, in requesting the Secretary of the Navy name a naval vessel in her honor.

Admiral Duerk began her journey of service after graduating from the Toledo Hospital School of Nursing in 1941.

Soon after becoming a registered nurse, she entered the United States Navy Nurse Corps during World War II, and she treated wounded at the naval hospital in Portsmouth, Virginia. She later cared for the newly liberated American POWs aboard the USS *Benevolence* in the Pacific.

She continued her service during the Korean War as a nursing instructor. In

1970, she was appointed director of the United States Navy Nurse Corps. Her 32-year career was marked by fierce advocacy for improved medical care, equitable pay, and expanded roles for women in our Armed Forces.

Naming a Navy ship in her honor would pay tribute not only to her personal achievements but to the doors she opened for countless others.

I urge the Secretary of the Navy to ensure Rear Admiral Duerk's legacy of service, sacrifice, excellence, and patriotism are commemorated.

HONORING GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION MONTH

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

Ms. ELFRETH. Mr. Speaker, this Gun Violence Prevention Month, I rise today to bring attention to the leading cause of death for children and teens in this country, which is firearms.

The reason we know that firearms are the leading cause of death for children is because of scientists and researchers at government agencies like the Centers For Disease Control.

Over the years, the CDC has advanced our Nation's public health through recommendations to improve things like vehicle design, smoke detectors, and bicycle helmets.

Yet this administration is now decimating CDC offices including the Division of Violence Prevention and the Division of Injury Prevention.

Mr. Speaker, as legislators, we have a shared responsibility to advance policies to keep our communities safe, but we cannot do that without good science and good data. We simply cannot understand the scope and the depth of the gun violence epidemic without the CDC doing its job.

That is why myself and House Democrats will fight for our world-class scientists, researchers, and health professionals every single day.

HONORING U.S. AMBASSADOR LINO GUTIERREZ

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

Mr. CASTRO of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and accomplishments of U.S. Ambassador Lino Gutierrez.

Lino honorably worked at the Department of State for almost 40 years, serving as the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary and Acting Assistant Secretary for Western Hemisphere Affairs.

He valiantly carried the flag abroad as the U.S. Ambassador to Nicaragua and Argentina and served as a high-level adviser in the National War College.

Even after his retirement, he found other ways to serve our community

and give back to his community. He led the Una Chapman Cox Foundation and was a professor at George Washington and Johns Hopkins Universities.

I know it brought him great joy to mentor the next generation of foreign affairs professionals, particularly emerging leaders from the Latino community. Lino nobly represented U.S. economic and social interests. He defended our national security and rallied support for the United States.

He was good neighbor, a model citizen, a loyal friend, and a loving husband and father. Our Nation owes him a debt of gratitude.

RECOGNIZING THE PUERTO RICAN ALLIANCE OF NORTHERN VIRGINIA

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

Mr. SUBRAMANYAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the Puerto Rican Alliance of Northern Virginia for hosting and organizing their third annual festival.

Virginia is home to a vibrant Puerto Rican community, and the festival celebrates the community's culture and contributions. It brings in vendors, volunteers, music, and a vibrant community.

The festival made history in 2023 as the first-ever Puerto Rican festival in the DMV region. Each year, the festival draws over 10,000 attendees and continues to showcase the community's culture. The festival made history again in 2024 with over 18,000 guests in attendance.

I thank the Puerto Rican Alliance of Northern Virginia, and I wish them a great event this year.

□ 1810

CORPORATION FOR PUBLIC BROADCASTING

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

Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, did you grow up watching "Clifford the Big Red Dog," or "Sesame Street," or "Reading Rainbow?"

Did you spend time in "Mister Rogers' Neighborhood," Mr. Speaker?

Mr. Speaker, maybe you enjoyed watching "Finding Your Roots" with Dr. Henry Louis Gates, or "FRONTLINE" documentaries.

If so, Mr. Speaker, you have the Corporation for Public Broadcasting to thank.

However, now Republicans are trying to take them down. Yes, Republicans are trying to get rid of your favorite PBS stations, Mr. Speaker. They are coming for Big Bird again.

Our youngest constituents, our babies, have so much to lose if PBS is gutted. PBS provides educational pro-

grams for our children and locally tailored content for families. It is free, and it doesn't require expensive cable or streaming subscriptions.

PBS and its affiliate stations also provide emergency alerts that are quick and reliable, reaching 97 percent of households during natural disasters.

Republicans' devastating cuts would mean many PBS stations would be forced to shutter, especially those in rural areas. They likely won't be able to fill the gap.

The Corporation for Public Broadcasting needs and deserves support from Congress.

SHAME ON REPUBLICANS FOR CUTTING FUNDS TO PBS

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

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I rise to associate myself with the gentlewoman from Wisconsin. I wasn't going to speak, but I came to the floor, and I heard Mr. GILL talk about how proud he was of the President doing away with PBS.

What a shame. Is this Brandenburg? Are we going to be burning books next?

What do we stand for in this great country?

In the United States of America we have free speech, and everybody gets to express their opinion whether you agree with them or not.

PBS does an exceptional job. Thank God for them. God bless them and America.

If you want to help out, all you citizens out there, donate to PBS, and don't put up with any of this nonsense.

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

AND STILL I RISE: DENOUNCING THE PRESIDENT'S AUTHORITARIANISM AND RECOGNIZING THE IMPEACHMENT WARRIORS

(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, a proud, liberated, unbought, unbossed, and unafraid Democrat. I am proud, Mr. Speaker, to say that I rise today to recognize those whom I call the impeachment warriors.

I had a press statement that was sent out, and I would like to read just a few words from it, Mr. Speaker.

It reads: "Media Advisory and Public Notice" "Congressman AL GREEN recognizes the significant battle won by impeachment warriors."

Then there is a subtitle: "Kilmar Abrego Garcia has been returned to the United States and may get the due process authoritarian President Trump declared he had no constitutional right to."

Mr. Speaker, I am very proud of these organizations and what they have done. They have made a difference. These organizations have been on the front line to prevent an authoritarian President from devolving our country into a total state of authoritarianism.

These organizations have taken the time to organize and mobilize within our communities, and these organizations deserve an expression of appreciation.

I believe that organizations that go to this length should have a flag flown over the United States Capitol to honor what they have done, Mr. Speaker. I have in my hand such a flag. This is the flag that was presented to me upon my arrival in Congress by a Member of Congress. I cherish it, and I have kept it. This flag was flown over the United States Capitol.

I plan to have a similar flag flown over the United States Capitol for each of the following organizations. For edification purposes, these flags will be flown over the same Capitol, up the same flagpole that had a flag flown for President Kennedy, for Dr. Martin Luther King, and for Rosa Parks. I want them honored because of what they are doing to prevent an authoritarian President from devolving our country into full-blown authoritarianism.

Mr. Speaker, one of the organizations that I would like to call to the attention of this Congress would be Free Speech For People. This organization has acquired more than 600,000 signed statements and petitions to impeach and remove President Trump from office.

The Women's March is another organization that has been engaged. The Mayday Movement, the Fourteenth Now! movement, and the Citizens' Impeachment movement.

I have two friends that I would like to single out who have been very helpful: Jessica Denson would be one. She is with "Lights On with Jessica Denson," a podcast, and my constitutional law friend, attorney John Bonifaz.

I plan to have these flags flown this week, and they will be presented to these organizations at a later time.

These flags will represent what I believe is a true testament from one Member of Congress to say to them:

Please know that you have won a battle. You have been able to bring Mr. Garcia back to this country with your work. However, that battle doesn't mean that the war is over. We still have a war to fight because we have an authoritarian President in office.

I have in my hand, Mr. Speaker, a column from *The Washington Post*. This story from *The Washington Post* is dated June 9, 2025. It reads as follows. This is the style of the story. It reads: "California Governor Gavin Newsom says Trump is stepping toward authoritarianism."

An excerpt from the actual story reads: California Governor Gavin Newsom should be arrested.

This is something that President Trump said.

This is from the story:

President Donald Trump said that he thought California Governor Gavin Newsom should be arrested, a claim that Newsom described as an unmistakable step toward authoritarianism.

I concur with what he said about the step, but I would simply say this: I think we are already there. We are in a country wherein a President has devolved democracy into authoritarianism. This President has done so by using executive orders. He has done so by using the very courts to move his executive orders, but by moving them such that they move slowly and get to a final judgment that would be against him.

This President has disrespected the Federal courts. He has disrespected the orders of the court. When the courts have said to him: Even if you differ with our orders, you have to appeal these orders. You cannot decide that you are going to proceed notwithstanding the court's failure to implement the orders that you think should be implemented.

□ 1820

This President has decided that judges should be impeached if they decline to follow his mandates. He has said ugly things about the judiciary and has gone so far as to say that some judges don't deserve to be on the bench and that these judges should be removed by way of orders of impeachment emanating from this very House.

This President has devolved democracy into authoritarianism. He is a President ripe for impeachment, and impeachment is what we shall bring to the attention of this House.

We have already filed H. Res. 415 to impeach the President. This resolution deals with the acts that he has perpetrated related to the removal of a person from this country without due process, without giving this person the opportunity to say: You have made a mistake, notwithstanding the fact that his administration acknowledges that a mistake was made.

This President, pursuant to these articles, should be removed from office because judges told him that he had made a mistake and that he should facilitate the bringing of this person back to the country, and he has not done so as of the time these articles were filed.

This President knows that the removal without due process was an improper action; but he did it, notwithstanding the knowledge that was accorded him by some members of his staff, some persons in his administration.

So I say to you, H. Res. 415 would be Articles of Impeachment that we will call to the attention of the public. This means that they will be voted on. They will be voted on in this House. I will read them. They will then be read again by the clerk, and, thereafter, they will be voted on.

Those who vote to table—and there will be a motion to table. Those who vote to table will be voting against the Articles of Impeachment, notwithstanding all of the evidence. Those who vote to have the articles move forward will vote against tabling the Articles of Impeachment. Then we will let the record stand, and I suggest to everyone to vote your conscience. I will be voting to avoid tabling these Articles of Impeachment.

I am going beyond these Articles of Impeachment. I am going to file additional Articles of Impeachment this month, and these articles will relate to not only the President but also the Vice President. Both of them should be removed from office, President and Vice President, and I will present these Articles of Impeachment to this House this month. I don't know that I will bring them to a vote this month, but I do know that they will be presented to the House this month.

The President is unfit to hold the office that he has. The things that he says and the things that he has done are clearly indicative of an authoritarian presidency.

Mr. Speaker, I have been censured by this House for the things that I have done. I was in here, and I called to the attention of the President that he had no right—I didn't say right. I said that he didn't have a mandate, but I was, in essence, saying he had no right to eliminate or to cut Medicaid. Then I went on to talk about Social Security and Medicare.

I was among the very first to call this to the attention of not only this House and the President but literally to the attention of this country and the globe. I was right then, and I am right now. The President is cutting, by and through the Members of the House and soon to be the Senate, money from Medicaid, some \$700 billion. He is going to cut now Medicare, and only God knows what will happen as it relates to Social Security in the hands of my Republican colleagues.

I believe that we cannot allow a President to do these things without challenging him, without confronting him whenever we have the opportunity.

Having done so, I was censured for what I did, and I accepted my censure. I accepted it. It doesn't mean that I agreed with it, but I accepted my censure because I believe that if you protest, you have got to be prepared to suffer the consequences. I was prepared to suffer the consequences. I don't agree with them. I believe that when we do things that contravene the law, things that are not in harmony with society, things that are causing harm to society, I believe that there are punishments that we should suffer. If you break the law, you should suffer punishment.

I believe that a President who is breaking the law by avoiding the constitutional responsibilities imposed upon him by his oath of office, by the Constitution itself, I believe that when

he does this, impeachment is the remedy. If the courts cannot control him and my Republican colleagues, who have the majority in the House and the Senate, won't control him, then the only thing left is impeachment.

That means that the Congress of the United States of America, in this House, this will become the court of last resort. We plan to use the court of last resort to bring justice to the country for what an unfit President is doing to devolve our democracy into autocracy.

I believe that this is something that must be done, notwithstanding the fact that I have been censured, yes; but I haven't been silenced, and I will not be silenced. I will not be silenced because too much is at stake. The country is devolving into this autocracy, this authoritarianism, and we have to speak up.

I don't ask others to do what I do. I don't mind standing alone. If it means standing alone, I will stand alone. I would hope that there would be others of goodwill who would stand also. If they don't, I leave that to them to deal with as they choose to navigate their way through this Congress and through life.

I have been silenced, no. I have been censured, yes. I plan to continue with this movement. This movement is something that I call now a countdown to impeachment. This countdown is something that I embrace. I embrace it with my friends, all of whom I have named, but I think sometimes it bears repeating certain things.

I want the folk over at Free Speech For People to know that this countdown to impeachment includes them, and there are more than 6,000 persons they have on their petition.

The Women's March, a group of women who have come together to claim and demand that women have the respect in this society that men have. As an example: Men get paid more for work that women are doing, the same work, but don't get equal pay. Some estimate it to be about 20-plus percent, maybe 25, 26 percent. Well, there isn't a man alive who is worth 26 cents more than a woman. We have to make sure that the Women's March is supported, and I am going to support them.

The Mayday Movement, a movement started to make sure that this President knows that there are people who are going to march and protest to make sure he is impeached. They are all a part of the countdown to impeachment.

The Fourteenth Now! movement is something that started very early on in the Presidency and the President's reign this time, in this President's term of office. This movement was started to prevent what is happening now, and that is our government is devolving into authoritarianism.

Finally, the Citizens' Impeachment movement, this movement is something that has grassroots elements as-

sociated with it across the country. I am proud to say that they are part of the countdown to impeachment.

Again, a flag will be flown in honor of these organizations for the efforts that they have made. I will bring additional Articles of Impeachment to the attention of the Congress this month to impeach not only the President but also the Vice President.

Finally, the articles that I have presented already to this Congress will be read, and they will be voted on. Make no mistake about it, I will bring additional Articles of Impeachment because this President continues to breach the mandates of the Constitution. As long as he continues to do it, I will continue to bring Articles of Impeachment. I think we are laying the foundation for his being impeached.

Finally, there are those who contend that we should not impeach at this time. Well, I contend that there are many things that we bring to the floor of the House that we don't get the kind of results that we desire when we bring them initially, many things.

We have brought the equality legislation before the House, and we passed it twice in the House. That doesn't mean that we are not going to continue with it. We are not going to give up on it. It took us almost 100 years to get the Affordable Care Act. We never gave up on it.

Bringing things to the attention of the House that don't get passed the first time, that is nothing new. I believe that we will do this, and we will be persistent with it.

□ 1830

I know that as we do it, we will gain additional momentum. There will be many who won't vote for it initially, but then there will be more the second time that will—and more the third time, the fourth time, and however many times it is necessary to get us to our final Articles of Impeachment that will bring President Trump down. He does not deserve to hold the office that he holds.

Mr. Speaker, impeachment is the remedy when the courts can't control him and when his party won't control him. It is left up to us, those of us who have the will and courage to bring Articles of Impeachment before the Congress of the United States of America.

This will be done. This is my pledge. The countdown to impeachment continues.

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

MATH ALWAYS WINS

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

Mr. SCHWEIKERT. Mr. Speaker, Mr. GREEN caught us a little bit off guard. He suddenly stopped, and I am not used to him doing that.

Mr. Speaker, we are going to try a couple of things tonight, and I am going to try to do this as efficiently as possible. I hate doing it this way, but part of what I am going to do tonight is respond to basically a little bit—actually, a whole bunch of just a little bit of misrepresentation that keeps coming into our office.

Every week for years, I come by here, and I sound like an idiot economics professor when I walk through the math, trying to help our brothers and sisters here in this body who might be crazy enough or might not have enough of a life to watch a presentation like this. It is a simple philosophy. At the end of the day, the math will always win.

I am going to try to do three things here. I am going to try to actually get the reality of what happens and how the tax system works. When our brothers and sisters on the other side say to just raise taxes, that that will cover everything, I am going to show, with our history, that it doesn't work that way.

The second thing is that I am going to show a series of proposals that we have made—and these are only my responsibility, so don't blame another Member of Congress. We have this current reconciliation budget and another one that sort of starts again this summer because, remember, functionally, depending on timing, we could have three bites at the apple on reconciliation.

Why do we do reconciliation? It is a way to get through the filibuster in the Senate under the 1974 Budget Control Act.

I have brought pieces of legislation to reform Medicare Advantage because you have seen The Wall Street Journal and ProPublica stories of, functionally, the criminality that is going on. The MedPAC report basically shows hundreds and hundreds of billions of dollars of waste and fraud because of what some of the insurers are doing.

I am a big fan of a capitated healthcare delivery model because your incentive is to help people be healthier, but if you have a system where you can make stunning profits by scoring people as sicker, we have a misalignment. That is not what Medicare Advantage was designed to do. It was designed to actually provide a package of delivery to make you healthier.

I am going to show a little bit of data on a talent-based immigration system. Over the previous weeks, I have come here before and shown that we have a demographic crisis. We have a shortage of young people.

Think about this bit of math. Twenty years ago and today, we functionally have the same number of 18-year-olds, but the number of people who are 65 and up has doubled.

Over here, I have my 18-year-olds. Over here, I have gone from 35 million to now almost 70 million of our brothers and sisters who are 65 and up.

You have a shortage of young people in this country. Unless you deal with that reality—but you don't want to open up the borders. That is the disaster. You make people poorer by bringing in people to compete with your working poor. That is the cruelty of what the last administration did. They crushed working people's wages.

I want to grow the economy, grow productivity, and make this society wealthier. We are the only country in the entire industrialized world that hasn't moved to a talented-based immigration system so that we can grow and compete.

I am slightly off the rhythm I wanted to use.

In the 1970s and 1980s, the world competed for hydrocarbons. In the last decade, we competed for rare earths. This decade, and the economists say maybe over the next two decades, the world is going to knife each other for smart people. In a world that basically is heading toward flat population growth, maybe we should show up to that battle because we educate people here. We educate them with our system, and then we send them home to compete with us.

Have we lost our minds? To President Trump's credit, he has talked about this repeatedly.

Forgive me, but I am going to have to reach over here to do a little sorting of these charts because they are out of order.

First, I need to work out some principles. If you actually look at our history—I am going to show a couple of charts of this—times when we have had fairly high marginal tax rates—actually, let me do it on this board. This one is actually a little easier to understand.

Actually, let me just use this one. It is not the board I wanted to start with, but let's work through it.

If you take a look at what we spend and take in, in tax collections, here is your structural problem. We have had times with very high marginal tax rates and very low marginal tax rates.

Go back and, since the 1970s, we always seem to end up somewhere between about 17½ to mid- to high-18s high marginal tax rates. We are still getting 18 percent of GDP in tax receipts.

When we talk about these things, you will often hear us talk about a percentage of the size of the economy. It is too confusing doing dollar amounts because of inflation and those things, and the dollar amounts change. When you hear someone pretending to be an economist, we are going to talk in percentage terms.

We have had times where we have had very low marginal tax rates, such as after the Reagan revolution. Yet, we still have the same percentage of the economy in total tax receipts because the economy grew bigger. Our crisis, particularly in the last decade or two decades, is this gap here. We are heading toward now spending 25 percent of the entire economy.

Think about this. This year, where the economy has actually been fairly decent, we are doing okay in our tax receipts. We are right on target, but with our spending, we are going to borrow about 7.2 percent or 7.3 percent of the entire economy this year. That gap is the debt and deficit.

When our brothers and sisters on the left keep saying things like raise taxes, we have done that. Remember, we have been experimenting with this since—what is it?—the 16th Amendment. We have had times of raising the high marginal tax rates and low marginal tax rates. Somehow, the size, the growth, of the economy is what fluxes.

Therefore, the receipts we get—we call them tax receipts; we don't call them revenue—the receipts always sort of stay right there in that mean.

If I can get my boards in some sort of order so they will make sense to us—forgive me, as I get myself organized here. I put them in out of order.

What should scare us to death is, right now, basically the percentage of all tax receipts required to cover interest. This year, for every dollar we take in, 16 pennies of it cover interest, just interest. In 9 budget years, 30 percent—actually, in 8 budget years, 30 percent of every dollar we take in, in tax receipts will just cover interest.

I didn't bring the chart. Maybe I should have because they have been mixed up. If we had a 1 percent increase from what we expect baseline interest rates to be, Mr. Speaker, would you dare in your head guess that, in 2034–2035, 30 percent of all of our tax receipts is just covering interest?

□ 1840

Mr. Speaker, 1 percent interest increase, we get up to 45 percent of all tax receipts is just covering the interest. That should scare the crap out of people.

Are we allowed to explain that almost every dime—well, the vast majority of the debt increase over the next decade is interest. God forbid, we tell the truth. It is Medicare. We got older. We have a shortage of young people.

Let's actually sort of walk through some of the reality of what our brothers and sisters say on the other side.

I have used this article before. It is one of the best in explaining the reality of the math and also the reality of the lies. They are just outright lies. We have to tell the truth.

This is written by Jessica Riedl in 2023. What was done is, they took all these tax proposals that the Democrats have proposed, the ones we have scored, and then did the economic modeling.

Let's raise the capital gains tax on rich people. We will take wealthy people and we will raise their marginal income tax. We will raise their estate taxes. All the things that we get in our townhalls and discussion groups, everyone says just tax rich people. That takes care of the problem.

Here is the math. The beautiful thing about what Riedl did here is she actually took economic data from all sorts of studies from leftwing groups and from just statistical modelers. When you read it all, almost every proposal the left has given us, if you add it up—so raise the estate tax, raise investment taxes, raise corporate taxes, raise individual income taxes, by the time you are done, you might pick up another 0.5 of GDP in taxes for the U.S. Treasury.

Did you hear my voice a couple moments ago? This year we are borrowing 17.3 percent of the entire economy. Next time you have someone on the left say just raise taxes on rich people, go online to the Manhattan Institute, pull up the study, and walk them through the actual math.

I have a chart for those on the Republican side when we walk through some of the things we want to cut. We can have a revolution in the cost of government if we are willing to redesign.

There is a difference between redesigning programs and cuts, but many of the things we talk about cutting, we get only 1 percent. Once again, why this is so important here, when the left says, well, you don't have to cut anything. Just raise taxes on rich people. That is not what even their own economic literature says. Of course, that would require literacy, wouldn't it? Someone would actually have to sit down and read the stuff with a calculator.

We have a crisis. Having a society that is getting older is not Republican or Democrat; it is just what we are. It is math.

Look, if we are not willing to tell the truth, we can continue to use our campaigns—all right. I will take a slight non sequitur.

We are going to get a new Social Security-Medicare actuary report in the next couple weeks. I know we will all be just giddy to actually read it and see what it says. If we look at last year's, it basically said: In 2033, so 7 years, 8 years from now, the trust fund is gone. It is empty. That is because every month Social Security gathers payroll taxes and there is a shortage, so they take their special T-bills, because they have loaned money to the general fund, and they cash those in. They get that money back from Treasury. Treasury goes out and borrows the money, but they get that plus interest. In 7 years, they have no more special T-bills to cash in with the general fund at Treasury.

In 7 years, if you get a Social Security check, you are taking a 21 percent cut. We will double senior poverty in America in 7 years. It will double senior poverty.

This is a really moral place. How many idiots—excuse me—electeds do you see come behind these microphones and say: It is a Democrat problem. It is a Republican problem. It is a human problem. We are going to fix this. And then the lying that goes on here.

Last year, I did an entire series of charts, which the Democrats turned into attack ads, that showed raising the cap. If every dime someone earns is subject to the full Social Security tax, it only covered 38 percent of the shortfall. We didn't even do the economic effects as to how much the economy slows down when you do that.

The solutions you hear repeatedly from our brothers and sisters on the left just mathematically aren't true. They will say just raise taxes. You get 1½ percent of GDP. In 9 years, we are borrowing 9 percent of the entire economy.

Well, for Social Security they will say just raise the cap. Okay, but don't give any benefits. That is the other part. Keep the benefit formula where it is today. Tax people on every dime above that formula. What is that today? It is about \$170,000 today. Take every dime above that, put the full 12.4 percent Social Security tax on it, but don't give any benefits for that. It will only cover 38 percent of the shortfall.

I think we were modeling it for 2034, the first full year, the shortage—they even said we will just pay for it out of the general fund. I think it was \$608 billion, so almost two-thirds of our entire military budget.

If you are someone that comes to me and says: David, I want to protect the country. I want to protect the military. I want to do this. I want to do that. Well, tell the truth about our demographics and the earned benefits that actuarially are collapsing around us. We are terrified to step up and do the math and then tell you the truth.

We can start to actually walk through actual solutions. If I came to you right now and said—let's see if I can find the right charts here.

I did a whole presentation over and over the last 3 weeks on Medicare Advantage. In 2005, the Republican idea was to buy capitated managed care policies for seniors. The idea was that there would be a benefits package and the insurer would actually make money by helping people be healthier.

Over the years, some of it was in ObamaCare and other things. It got screwed up when the insurers were making money by scoring people as sicker.

In 2005, the model for Medicare Advantage said it is going to come in at 95 percent of the fee-for-service cost. Look, I am sorry to geek out on this, but this is important.

Remember, 55 percent of Americans are on Medicare Advantage. I represent an area with terrific penetration because we have very robust networks and those things in the Phoenix area, but it was supposed to come in at 95 percent of the cost of fee-for-service.

Today, according to MedPAC, because I know we all read the MedPAC report, it comes in at 120 percent. Just that difference last year is \$100 billion.

When The Wall Street Journal does five major series on the fraud, misrepresentation—let's call it misalign-

ment. When the Justice Department has leaked out, making announcements of not only civil suits but criminal suits, criminal investigations that are going on, maybe this place should pay attention.

The beauty of it is, this type of scale for waste and fraud being the largest in the entire country—remember, our preliminary score from CBO of Medicare Advantage is \$1.840 trillion, making that bill the single biggest savings bill for a single bill in U.S. history, and I have already introduced it.

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You see the discussion, the debates going on in the Senate right now, but it is scary because you have got to get up in front of the American people and explain, okay, this is Medicare, this is Medicare Advantage. What we are concerned about is not the healthcare you receive, your earned benefits, it is what the insurance company over here is doing. That is why they are under criminal investigation. I am sorry, it is uncomfortable, but our job here is to tell the truth and make the math work.

The second thing—the reason I am walking through these is we have introduced three bills that cover every dime, every dime of the reconciliation budget, and add, I think, maybe even an extra trillion of savings.

Remember how I mentioned before one of the crises we have in the United States is we don't have enough young people? We have introduced a talent-based immigration bill. Now, I am actually surprised I haven't taken more beatings, but I am sure they are coming.

We are functionally the only country left in the industrialized world that uses a familial-based immigration system. It is, your family sponsors the next person, the family sponsors the next person, and so on. Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Great Britain, everyone else has gone to a talent-based system to maximize economic growth in their countries. We haven't shown up to that.

However, if you listen to what President Trump has talked about of the insanity of educating people and sending them home to compete with us, maybe if we move to a talent-based immigration system, we stop educating them here and then sending them home to compete with our economy, it turns out that actually comes in at producing \$152 billion of savings.

The amazing thing is, in the second decade, that with some of the expensing of research and development, those things, you get a substantial economic growth. You get productivity. This is how you actually grow the economy so you have the resources to cover our promises.

The other bill we are doing that is actually going to be sort of fascinating—let's see if I can try to explain this. This one is less about cutting spending. It is about finding cash

that is sitting up and down the government in accounts. Some of these things have hundreds of millions of dollars that have sat there for years and years. We call it unobligated funds.

I did this chart just to try to explain. There is no year. It is sort of cash that was assigned there, but the way it was authorized, there isn't a particular year it has to be spent. There are those that it was actually a 2-, 3-year commitment where you borrowed the money, we stuck it in this agency's accounts, and it sits there, but it hasn't been spent. Then there is those where it is actually money that they never used all of it.

The crazy, crazy thing, if I came to you and said what would you guess—now, as a policymaker, I deal with the reality, I am never going to get all of it, but if you add up all that what we call the forgotten funds money, it is \$1.524 trillion.

If anyone else is playing along, I have Medicare reform, \$1.8 trillion, and talent-based immigration, \$150 billion. Let's say we were able to get just part of the expiring provisions, that is \$540 billion. I just covered every dime of the reconciliation budget.

There is no borrowing, and you maximize economic growth because you are not engaging in the crowd-out effect of having to go to markets. Remember, we borrow \$6 billion every day. In 9 years, we borrow \$10 billion every day. We have got to do things like this so we are not competing with you or your family trying to get a mortgage, trying to get a car loan, trying to see what your credit card interest rates are going to be.

Think of this, in the last 12 months, half of all the debt in the U.S. bond markets, half of it has just been the United States Federal Government. Your school district, the company that wants to expand, all the bond market that is supposed to be helping finance the growth of this society, this country, half of it now is just the Federal Government, and it is going to get worse.

I am giving you three bills that cover every dime of the borrowing. None of them cause burning and slashing and gnashing of teeth and the whining that happens around here. It turns out they are all really good policy. This is the constant argument I keep trying to make to our brothers and sisters here, we are going to have to do policy, and policy is hard. It is complex. There are armies of lobbyists walking around this campus here, and the inefficiency of the Federal Government is their profit model. There are bureaucracies who despise the concept of saying maybe you should use technology.

I have a report on my desk from the IRS. I have only read the first three or four pages. It is an analysis of their data. It turns out the crazy thing, the chat, the computer answering the phone at the IRS, has a higher favorability rate than when a human answered the phone.

Maybe we should stop being scared of adopting the technology because, remember, last year's taxpayer audit said only 31 percent of the phone calls to the IRS were getting answered, yet the IRS union attacks you for saying maybe we could use technology.

Oh, we can't do that.

Well, now we have the survey data that shows the chat that answers the phone, that answers your questions, that walks you through your tax form also has a higher favorability than the human. It is uncomfortable, but it is math and the facts.

I will try to walk through a couple of these things. I am just going to show this board, even though I am going backwards. I mentioned my boards are out of order. See that red area? That would be the savings on the Medicare Advantage. There is still \$14-plus trillion—trillion—being spent on this program over the next 10 years. The crazy thing—this idea of fixing the waste-fraud misalignment—this reform bill could be Republican and Democrat because anyone who has bothered to actually read the MedPAC reports for the last half a decade knows we have a problem.

How do I get the talent around here to not be terrified of the army of lobbyists and actually step up and do what is hard, but do what is right?

Mr. Speaker, I apologize, I am going to try to go a little bit faster here and see if I can get to some of the points that would help make sense.

I was just saying this a moment ago, but maybe it is easier with the visual. This is baseline. This is our baseline. Almost every dime of this growth from the baseline spending is the growth of interest and Medicare.

Today, we borrow \$6 billion a day. In 2035, functionally for us it is nine budget years, we borrow \$10 billion every day. Okay, let's do that simple math in our heads, 10 times 365, and it is actually not 10. It actually comes in, I think, at \$10.4 billion, so it comes in like \$3.8 trillion is Moody's who did the analysis on this, Moody's Analytics, that in 2035 we are going to borrow \$3.8 trillion that year. We are going to borrow 2.2, 2.3 this year, and that is just sort of built off of what our baselines look like.

Why this should terrify us, CBO has us over the next 10 years adding another \$22 trillion of debt. If interest rates move—because now you need to calculate the higher interest rates. If you start to put those dollars in—we are not completely there, but we are getting close to the next 10 years, we borrow as much as we did the previous 240 years.

Okay, this has got to be the dozenth time I have said this on the floor, and I can't seem to get it to sink in, but that is the underlying math.

What should also be scaring people to death, yet the hallways are full of people coming into our offices demanding more money, the United States now is like number 12 or 13 on the credit

stack, meaning take a look, Greece today can sell a 10-year bond cheaper than the United States. We have 18 States that can sell a 10-year bond cheaper than the Federal Government, but yet we borrow money to send to our States.

□ 1900

Take a look at this. Does this not just curl anyone's toes? Yet, somehow, magically, we think the money tree is going to continue.

Look, let's see if this visual helps. Think of the protests, the whining. I won't use the word "bedwetting" because I think that is just inappropriate for Members of Congress to say.

The baseline is that the Federal Government intends to spend \$86 trillion over the next 10 years. \$86 trillion is the CBO baseline. All we are talking about in the budget reconciliation was a \$2 trillion savings.

To give you an idea of just how absurd this debate is, tomorrow, we are going to do, I think, a rescission vote. I think it is tomorrow. Maybe it will be Thursday. Think of the angst, the protests. "We are upset. DAVID, you can't lower spending."

Let's see if we can do this. How many hours are there in a year? There are 8,700 hours in a year. Work with me on this, Mr. Speaker. The rescission package takes care of 28 hours of that 8,700 hours of borrowing. Yet, listen to people come behind these microphones. It is like the world is coming to an end.

Please understand that this is just the beginning. We want this Federal Government to be able to stabilize and survive. We have economists on the left and the right saying that if we can get to about 3 percent of borrowing of GDP, we can stabilize. We are borrowing 7.3 percent this year. In 9 years, we are borrowing 9 percent of the entire economy.

Understand what this means. That would be reduced spending this year. We are going to spend—what?—\$7.3 trillion this year. You would have to reduce Federal spending by \$1.4 trillion to get down to 3 percent borrowing.

The vote we are going to have in the next day or so on the first part of the rescission package covers 28 hours of borrowing for the whole year, yet I know I even have Members on my side who are all puckered up, running around saying: "How do I explain that?"

Do you understand how much trouble we are in if we are borrowing about \$72,000 every second of every day? In 9 years, we are borrowing over \$100,000 every second of every day.

I have shown before in the charts and the reports that the Democrats' plan to just raise taxes on everyone doesn't get you anywhere close to what is required. Remember, every tax hike they have, 1.5 percent of GDP, and we are borrowing over 7 this year.

We need a revolution in how we deliver services. Yet, Mr. Speaker, I will tell you right now, look at the lobby-

ists walking up and down our hallways. They despise—the bureaucracies despise—anything that changes their business model.

I want to extend the policy, Mr. Speaker. I know my boards were a little disjointed because they came in out of order, but the concept was very simple for this presentation. It is three things. The scale of the borrowing—there are actual policy solutions that you can pay for everything we are doing right now. It will actually open up our brains, open up our minds, and open up our calculators.

Actually, look at it. A number of the solutions actually don't need to be partisan warfare. We will turn them into partisan warfare because we care much more about winning the next election than we do saving the Republic.

Mr. Speaker, I am in a 50/50 district. I am blessed. I represent a really well-educated population. They are fairly prosperous. They are smart people, and they have tolerated—not because they are thrilled about what I say, but I think they believe what I say. I go to great lengths to get the math right. There is hope. There is a path. There is a solution.

I also have one of my economists who makes it very clear. We may have only about 36 more months, and then we start to hit what is referred to as sort of the interest rate feedback loop. Remember, a year ago, I think we had 3 or 4 months where this government had to borrow money to pay for our borrowing. If today the 10-year bond is at 4½, realize that if it goes to 5½, in 9 years, 45 percent of all of our tax collections are just interest.

Let's not let that happen. Let's get our act together. Let's communicate to those people we borrow money from that we are serious about some fiscal sanity. That is how you maximize the efficiency. That is how you lower the interest rates for every American. That is how you give our kids and your retirement a future.

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

CONGRATULATING JOHN CHAMPE HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2025

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

Mr. SUBRAMANYAM. Mr. Speaker, I congratulate the 451 graduates of John Champe High School's class of 2025.

This class has a lot to be proud of. In their time as Knights, the girls' soccer team made history by winning their first State title. A member of the swimming team earned a State title at this year's Virginia High School League Swim and Dive State championships.

The students performed in musicals and theater productions, including Disney's "The Little Mermaid." My family is already looking forward to seeing the next show.

They certainly have left their mark on the John Champe community. Whether it is college, the military, the workforce, or the trades, I look forward to seeing all that the students accomplish.

Congratulations to the John Champe High School class of 2025.

CONGRATULATING LIGHTRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL
CLASS OF 2025

Mr. SUBRAMANYAM. Mr. Speaker, congratulations to the 463 students at Lightridge's High School class of 2025, a group that has accomplished so much.

Over the last 4 years, as Lightning, they have struck us all with their amazing theater performances and band performances. They have won regional titles and competed in Model U.N. competitions.

To the students, no matter what you do next, all of these experiences will prepare you to be leaders, critical thinkers, scientists, or whatever else you want to be. I am looking forward to following your journey, and make sure to thank your parents and teachers, as well.

Congratulations to the Lightridge High School class of 2025.

CONGRATULATING RIVERSIDE HIGH SCHOOL
CLASS OF 2025

Mr. SUBRAMANYAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Riverside High School graduating class of 2025.

In their time as Rams, they have competed in the State and regional championships, performed plays, and gone above and beyond academically.

They have excelled across a wide range of fields. Riverside Moon Productions won a competition, and the varsity softball team won a 5A State title.

Riverside was also named as a platinum member of the 2024 AP School Honor Roll. This would not have been possible without the 80 percent of seniors who took at least one AP exam during high school.

Congratulations to the class of 2025 for all of their hard work and accomplishments. I am looking forward to the next chapter and what it has in store for them.

CONGRATULATING BRIAR WOODS CLASS OF 2025

Mr. SUBRAMANYAM. Mr. Speaker, I congratulate the 457 graduates of Briar Woods High School class of 2025.

In their time as Falcons, they have put time and effort into classes, sports activities, and clubs while building lifelong friendships.

They have excelled in a wide range of fields this year. The football team went to the State championship. Seventeen students in the DECA chapter qualified for the International Career Development Conference. The theater program took home awards at the Blue Ridge Glamies for "Hello, Dolly!"

The graduating class of 2025 was awarded a total of \$6.7 million in scholarships and grants, and that is really impressive.

I congratulate the entire class of 2025, and I know they will carry what

they learned at Briar Woods into the future.

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CONGRATULATING BROAD RUN HIGH SCHOOL
CLASS OF 2025

Mr. SUBRAMANYAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the 400 graduates of Broad Run High School's class of 2025.

In their time as Spartans, they have worked hard in class, participated in clubs and extracurricular activities, competed in sports, and made lifelong friendships.

The class of 2025 has excelled across a wide range of fields this year. The girls' varsity rowing team won bronze at the State championship. The Marching Spartans' Celestial program dazzled, and their production of "The Mystery of Edwin Drood" wowed crowds.

They left their mark on our community in Ashburn. I look forward to seeing what they accomplish next.

I congratulate the class of 2025 at Broad Run High School. I know they will look back on their time fondly. I hope they come back to Ashburn often.

CONGRATULATING DOMINION HIGH SCHOOL CLASS
OF 2025

Mr. SUBRAMANYAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the 390 graduates of Dominion High School's class of 2025.

In their time as Titans, they have excelled across a wide range of fields. Six will continue their athletic pursuits at the collegiate level.

Members of the class made their mark at this year's Loudoun Now's 2025 Excellence in High School Journalism Awards ceremony. Others were National Merit Scholarship winners and so much more.

Among the impressive things about Dominion are its proud alumni networks. School representatives told us about 15 alumni have returned to be teachers at Dominion High School.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate the class of 2025, and I look forward to seeing all that they accomplish in the future.

CONGRATULATING FREEDOM HIGH SCHOOL CLASS
OF 2025

Mr. SUBRAMANYAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the remarkable Freedom scholars in the class of 2025.

In their time as Eagles, the graduates have accomplished so much. From inspiring performances on the stage to hard-fought victories on the field and a true commitment to serving our community, they embody what it means to be a Freedom Eagle.

Their passion for change and dedication to making a difference is clear, especially through the efforts of their JROTC cadets, who have dedicated their Saturdays to community service.

They left their mark on Freedom High School. I look forward to watching all that they accomplish. I congratulate the Freedom High School class of 2025.

Mr. Speaker, I know as they leave the nest, they will soar into the future.

CONGRATULATING HERITAGE HIGH SCHOOL
CLASS OF 2025

Mr. SUBRAMANYAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate the 345 graduates of Heritage High School and their class of 2025.

In their time as part of the Pride, the varsity baseball team won the regional championship. Students put on their first student-led sensory performance, "Big Fish," this past spring. Students hosted Heritage's third annual First Responder Cookout, thanking them for their service.

So many students have given back to our community in many ways, and they have left their mark on the community.

Mr. Speaker, I look forward to watching all they accomplish, and I congratulate the graduates of Heritage High School's class of 2025.

CONGRATULATING INDEPENDENCE HIGH SCHOOL
CLASS OF 2025

Mr. SUBRAMANYAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the 531 graduates of Independence High School's class of 2025.

As Tigers, they have excelled academically and across a wide range of other fields. The crew team earned the gold medal at the 2025 Virginia Scholastic Rowing Championships. For the first time in the school's history, they played in an indoor percussion ensemble season.

The students have contributed to the pride of independence and our community. As a school that is so new, it has been amazing to see all that it has accomplished. They are one of the first graduating classes.

Whatever comes next, I wish them all the best of luck and success in this new chapter of their lives.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate the Independence High School Tigers.

CONGRATULATING LOUDOUN COUNTY HIGH
SCHOOL CLASS OF 2025

Mr. SUBRAMANYAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate the 359 graduates of Loudoun County High School and their class of 2025.

In their time as Captains, this class has gone above and beyond in creativity, leadership, and spirit.

They have excelled across a wide range of fields, whether through giving back with the Captains Outreach, winning gold at the track-and-field championships, or demonstrating academic excellence. They truly have been an impressive graduating class.

This class has left its mark on Loudoun County High School. I look forward to seeing all that the graduates accomplish in the future, and I congratulate the Loudoun County High School class of 2025.

CONGRATULATING LOUDOUN VALLEY HIGH
SCHOOL CLASS OF 2025

Mr. SUBRAMANYAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate the 767 graduates of Loudoun Valley High School's class of 2025.

In their time as Vikings, this class has learned to lead with Viking Values, respecting one another, extending empathy, and acting with integrity.

This class excelled across a wide range of fields, including field hockey. I congratulate them on their State title there.

They have impressed the community with their art galleries and theater performances. Without a doubt, they have excelled academically.

The students have left their mark on Loudoun Valley, and I look forward to watching all that they accomplish in the future. Go Vikings.

CONGRATULATING PARK VIEW HIGH SCHOOL
CLASS OF 2025

Mr. SUBRAMANYAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the 345 graduates of Park View High School's class of 2025.

In their time as Patriots, this class excelled in the classroom and on the field. They have achieved excellence across different fields—student journalism, mathematics, science, engineering, English, and the arts. They have demonstrated curiosity toward the world and compassion for others.

Whether it is on the sports field or a variety of shows, band performances, and theater productions, I hope the students carry the memories they made with their classmates for a lifetime.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Park View High School's class of 2025.

CONGRATULATING POTOMAC FALLS HIGH
SCHOOL CLASS OF 2025

Mr. SUBRAMANYAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate the graduates of Potomac Falls High School's class of 2025.

In their time as Panthers, they participated in a wide range of clubs and activities, including cybersecurity club, ice hockey, and Latin dance.

They accomplished so much this year. The track team won a title at the VHSL Championships. The production of "Hairspray" was a huge success. The chamber orchestra earned straight superiors at their assessment.

Potomac Falls was named a National Model School this year, 1 of only 13 in the United States and the only 1 in Virginia.

These students have left their mark on Potomac Falls High School. I am sure their time at Potomac Falls will serve them well in the future.

I wish them all the best of luck as they enter the best chapter of their lives, and they should thank their parents and teachers, as well.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate the class of 2025.

CONGRATULATING ROCK RIDGE HIGH SCHOOL
CLASS OF 2025

Mr. SUBRAMANYAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the graduates of Rock Ridge High School's class of 2025.

This class has been really amazing. They have become intuitive problem-solvers through rigorous academic programs and electives. They excelled across a wide range of fields, including English literature, calculus, and physics. The student body has managed over 122 clubs and groups.

Of course, the Rock Ridge Performing Arts program has put on top-notch performances. I was proud to take my own family to the high school's production of "Frozen," the musical. My daughters loved it and wanted to go back again and again.

The students have left their mark on Rock Ridge High School, and I look forward to watching all that they accomplish in the future.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Rock Ridge High School's class of 2025, and I thank them for all they have done.

CONGRATULATING STONE BRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL
CLASS OF 2025

Mr. SUBRAMANYAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the graduates of Stone Bridge High School's class of 2025.

In their time as Bulldogs, this class has left a lasting legacy in the form of a mural to represent hope for the future. They excelled across a wide range of fields, including journalism, data science, and fine arts.

Stone Bridge High School's orchestra program is one of the few recognized by the Virginia Band and Orchestra Association as a Program of Distinction.

The students have left their mark on Stone Bridge High School. I look forward to watching all they accomplish in the future. I congratulate the Stone Bridge High School class of 2025.

Mr. Speaker, they should celebrate this milestone and enjoy the journey ahead. They should thank their parents and teachers, as well.

CONGRATULATING TUSCARORA HIGH SCHOOL
CLASS OF 2025

Mr. SUBRAMANYAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the graduates of Tuscarora High School's class of 2025.

In their time as Huskies, they have made it to the State softball quarterfinals. They excelled across a wide range of fields, including jazz band, National Honor Society, Spanish Club, and the Student Council Association.

They left their mark on Tuscarora. I look forward to watching all they accomplish. I congratulate the graduates, and I look forward to seeing all that lies ahead.

CONGRATULATING WOODGROVE HIGH SCHOOL
CLASS OF 2025

Mr. SUBRAMANYAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the 406 graduates of Woodgrove High School's class of 2025.

As Wolverines, they have taken a meaningful step to make our school a better place. Many of them have actively contributed to making Woodgrove safer through Project Safety. They brought joy and creativity to our halls in their performance of "The SpongeBob Musical."

Beyond that, Woodgrove High School was recognized in Virginia for its growing attention to environmental awareness and stewardship. The students' efforts have made a lasting impact on the school and community.

I extend a special thank-you to the students, teachers, and parents for

their expertise and guidance along the way. The Woodgrove High School Wolverines have made it. I congratulate them, and the future is waiting.

CONGRATULATING WILLIAM O. ROBEY HIGH
SCHOOL CLASS OF 2025

Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate the graduates of William Obediah Robey High School's class of 2025.

In their time as Lynx, they have left a lasting legacy on our community.

As students at Loudoun County Public Schools' first nontraditional high school, I am so proud they have come to each class every day to learn and invest in their futures.

Nontraditional high school programs are becoming increasingly common. They have all been a shining light on the different paths to success and education.

They have left their mark on William O. Robey High School, and I look forward to watching all that they accomplish in the future.

Mr. Speaker, I encourage them to use this moment to step into their bright future, and I congratulate the class of 2025.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Mr. SELF (at the request of Mr. SCALISE) for June 9 through June 11 on account of a death in his family.

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ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 7 o'clock and 19 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, June 11, 2025, at 10 a.m. for morning-hour debate.

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. THOMPSON of California (for himself, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. AGUILAR, Mr. AMO, Ms. ANSARI, Mr. AUCHINCLOSS, Ms. BALINT, Ms. BARRAGÁN, Mrs. BEATTY, Mr. BELL, Mr. BERA, Mr. BEYER, Mr. BISHOP, Ms. BONAMICI, Mr. BOYLE of Pennsylvania, Ms. BROWN, Ms. BROWNLEY, Ms. BUDZINSKI, Ms. BYNUM, Mr. CARBAJAL, Mr. CARSON, Mr. CARTER of Louisiana, Mr. CASAR, Mr. CASE, Mr. CASTEN, Ms. CASTOR of Florida, Mr. CASTRO of Texas, Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK, Ms. CHU, Mr. CISNEROS, Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mr. CLEAVER, Mr. CLYBURN, Mr. CONAWAY, Mr. CORREA, Mr. COSTA, Mr. COURTNEY, Ms. CRAIG, Ms. CROCKETT, Mr. CROW, Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania, Ms. DEGETTE, Ms. DELAURO, Ms. DELBENE, Mr. DELUZIO,

Mr. DESAULNIER, Ms. DEXTER, Mrs. DINGELL, Mr. DOGGETT, Ms. ELFRETH, Ms. ESCOBAR, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Mr. EVANS of Pennsylvania, Mr. FIELDS, Mrs. FLETCHER, Mr. FOSTER, Mrs. FOUSHEE, Ms. LOIS FRANKEL of Florida, Ms. FRIEDMAN, Mr. FROST, Mr. GARAMENDI, Ms. GARCIA of Texas, Mr. GARCIA of Illinois, Mr. GARCIA of California, Ms. GILLEN, Mr. GOLDMAN of New York, Mr. GOMEZ, Mr. VICENTE GONZALEZ of Texas, Ms. GOODLANDER, Mr. GOTTHEIMER, Mr. GREEN of Texas, Mr. HARDER of California, Mrs. HAYES, Mr. HIMES, Mr. HORSFORD, Ms. HOULAHAN, Mr. HOYER, Ms. HOYLE of Oregon, Mr. HUFFMAN, Mr. IVEY, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Ms. JACOBS, Ms. JAYAPAL, Mr. JEFFRIES, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Ms. JOHNSON of Texas, Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE, Ms. KAPTUR, Mr. KEATING, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, Mr. KENNEDY of New York, Mr. KHANNA, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY, Mr. LANDSMAN, Mr. LARSEN of Washington, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Mr. LATIMER, Ms. LEE of Nevada, Ms. LEE of Pennsylvania, Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. LICCARDO, Mr. LIEU, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. LYNCH, Mr. MAGAZINER, Mr. MANNION, Ms. MATSUI, Mrs. MCBATH, Ms. MCBRIDE, Mrs. MCCLAINE DELANEY, Ms. MCCLELLAN, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Ms. McDONALD RIVET, Mr. MCGARVEY, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mrs. MCIVER, Mr. MEEKS, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. MENG, Mr. MFUME, Mr. MIN, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, Mr. MORELLE, Ms. MORRISON, Mr. MOSKOWITZ, Mr. MOULTON, Mr. MRVAN, Mr. MULLIN, Mr. NADLER, Mr. NEAL, Mr. NEGUSE, Mr. NORCROSS, Ms. NORTON, Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ, Mr. OLSZEWSKI, Ms. OMAR, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. PANETTA, Mr. PAPPAS, Ms. PELOSI, Mr. PETERS, Ms. PETTERSEN, Ms. PINGREE, Ms. PLASKETT, Mr. POCAN, Ms. PRESSLEY, Mr. QUIGLEY, Mrs. RAMIREZ, Mr. RASKIN, Mr. RILEY of New York, Ms. RIVAS, Ms. ROSS, Mr. RUIZ, Mr. RYAN, Ms. SALINAS, Ms. SANCHEZ, Ms. SCANLON, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. SCHNEIDER, Ms. SCHOLTEN, Ms. SCHRIER, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia, Ms. SEWELL, Mr. SHERMAN, Ms. SHERRILL, Ms. SIMON, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Mr. SORENSEN, Mr. SOTO, Ms. STANSBURY, Mr. STANTON, Ms. STEVENS, Ms. STRICKLAND, Mr. SUBRAMANYAM, Mr. SUOZZI, Mr. SWALWELL, Mrs. SYKES, Mr. TAKANO, Mr. THANEDAR, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Ms. TITUS, Ms. TLAIB, Ms. TOKUDA, Mr. TONKO, Mrs. TORRES of California, Mr. TORRES of New York, Mrs. TRAHAN, Mr. TRAN, Ms. UNDERWOOD, Mr. VARGAS, Mr. VASQUEZ, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mr. VEASEY, Mr. VINDMAN, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Ms. WATERS, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia, Ms. WILSON of Florida, and Mr. COHEN):

H.R. 18. A bill to require a background check for every firearm sale; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. DUNN of Florida (for himself and Ms. UNDERWOOD):

H.R. 3855. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to prohibit smoking on the premises of any facility of the Veterans Health Administration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Ms. BONAMICI (for herself, Mr. BACON, Mr. MCGARVEY, Ms. HOULAHAN, Ms. NORTON, Mr. COSTA, Mr. KHANNA, Ms. BARRAGÁN, Mrs.

DINGELL, Mr. LIEU, and Mr. NUNN of Iowa):

H.R. 3856. A bill to reauthorize the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and Workforce.

By Mr. HURD of Colorado (for himself and Mr. NEGUSE):

H.R. 3857. A bill to amend the Snow Water Supply Forecasting Program Authorization Act; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mrs. DINGELL (for herself and Mr. WITTMAN):

H.R. 3858. A bill to amend the Dingell-Johnson Sport Fish Restoration Act with respect to sport fish restoration and recreational boating safety, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure, 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.

By Mr. CRENSHAW (for himself, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mr. COLLINS, Mr. BUCHANAN, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. MCGUIRE, Mr. JACKSON of Texas, Mr. VAN ORDEN, Mrs. LUNA, Mr. DONALDS, Mr. MESSMER, Mr. ZINKE, Mrs. HINSON, Mr. MOORE of Alabama, Mr. HARRIGAN, Mr. GILL of Texas, Mr. FALLON, Ms. TENNEY, Mr. BURCHETT, and Mr. DAVIDSON):

H.R. 3859. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for the removal and permanent inadmissibility of certain aliens convicted of assaulting law enforcement officers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. BIGGS of South Carolina (for herself, Mr. NORMAN, Mr. STUTZMAN, Mr. STEUBE, Mr. MCGUIRE, Mr. McDOWELL, Mr. ZINKE, Mr. MOORE of Alabama, and Mr. CARTER of Georgia):

H.R. 3860. A bill to authorize the revocation or denial of passports to individuals affiliated with foreign terrorist organizations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mrs. BIGGS of South Carolina (for herself, Mr. GILL of Texas, Mr. ZINKE, Ms. TENNEY, Mr. YAKYM, Mrs. LUNA, Mr. McDOWELL, Mr. BERGMAN, Mr. EDWARDS, Mrs. HINSON, and Mr. DONALDS):

H.R. 3861. A bill to prohibit the receipt of Federal financial assistance by sanctuary cities, and for other purposes; 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 Mr. BOST (for himself and Mr. GARAMENDI):

H.R. 3862. A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to make certain projects and activities eligible for financial assistance under a State water pollution control revolving fund, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Ms. BUDZINSKI (for herself and Mr. EDWARDS):

H.R. 3863. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to furnish annual mental health consultations to certain veterans, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mrs. CAMMACK (for herself and Mr. HERN of Oklahoma):

H.R. 3864. A bill to amend title XI of the Social Security Act to prohibit the use of

quality-adjusted life years and similar measures in coverage and payment determinations under Federal health care programs; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. CASTRO of Texas (for himself and Mrs. KIM):

H.R. 3865. A bill to provide for the treatment of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations as an international organization for purposes of the International Organizations Immunities Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. CISCOMANI (for himself and Ms. STANSBURY):

H.R. 3866. A bill to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to issue guidance on best practices for screening and treatment of congenital syphilis under Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Natural Resources, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. CLINE (for himself and Mr. IVEY):

H.R. 3867. A bill to amend titles 11 and 28, United States Code, to modify the compensation payable to trustees serving in cases under chapter 7 of title 11, United States Code, to extend the term of certain temporary offices of bankruptcy judges, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CLYBURN (for himself, Mr.

AMO, Ms. ANSARI, Mr. AUCHINCLOSS, Ms. BARRAGÁN, Mrs. BEATTY, Mr. BELL, Mr. BERA, Mr. BEYER, Mr. BOYLE of Pennsylvania, Ms. BROWN, Ms. BROWNLEY, Mr. CASTEN, Ms. CASTOR of Florida, Mr. CARBAJAL, Mr. CARSON, Mr. CARTER of Louisiana, Mrs. CHERFILUS-MCCORMICK, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mr. CLEAVER, Mr. COHEN, Mr. COURTNEY, Ms. CRAIG, Ms. CROCKETT, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania, Ms. DELAURO, Mr. DELUZIO, Mr. DESAULNIER, Ms. DEXTER, Mr. DOGGETT, Mr. EVANS of Pennsylvania, Mr. FIELDS, Mrs. FLETCHER, Mr. FOSTER, Mrs. FOUSHEE, Mr. FROST, Mr. GARAMENDI, Mr. GARCIA of Illinois, Mr. GARCIA of California, Mr. GOLDMAN of New York, Mr. GOMEZ, Mr. GOTTHEIMER, Mrs. HAYES, Mr. HORSFORD, Mr. HOYER, Ms. HOYLE of Oregon, Mr. IVEY, Ms. JACOBS, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, Mr. KENNEDY of New York, Mr. KHANNA, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY, Ms. JAYAPAL, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. LARSEN of Washington, Ms. LEE of Nevada, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. LYNCH, Mr. MAGAZINER, Ms. MCBRIDE, Ms. MCCLELLAN, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Mr. MCGARVEY, Mrs. MCIVER, Mr. MEEKS, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. MFUME, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, Mr. MOSKOWITZ, Mr. MORELLE, Mr. MOULTON, Mr. NADLER, Mr. NEGUSE, Ms. NORTON, Mr. PALLONE, Ms. PELOSI, Mr. PETERS, Ms. PINGREE, Ms. PLASKETT, Mr. POCAN, Mr. QUIGLEY, Mrs. RAMIREZ, Ms. SALINAS, Ms. SCANLON, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. SCHNEIDER, Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia, Mr. SHERMAN, Ms. SHERRILL, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Ms. STEVENS, Ms. STRICKLAND, Mr. SUBRAMANYAM,

Mr. SWALWELL, Mr. TAKANO, Mr. THANEDAR, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Ms. TITUS, Ms. TLAIB, Ms. TOKUDA, Mr. TRAN, Ms. UNDERWOOD, Mr. VARGAS, Mr. VEASEY, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia, Mrs. SYKES, Ms. BONAMICI, Ms. JOHNSON of Texas, Mrs. MCBATH, and Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ):

H.R. 3868. A bill to amend chapter 44 of title 18, United States Code, to strengthen the background check procedures to be followed before a Federal firearms licensee may transfer a firearm to a person who is not such a licensee; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. DEXTER:

H.R. 3869. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand eligibility for homelessness benefits under laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. DOWNING (for himself, Ms. HAGEMAN, Mr. ZINKE, Mr. SHREVE, Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky, Ms. FEDORCHAK, Mr. GILL of Texas, Mr. TAYLOR, and Mr. HURD of Colorado):

H.R. 3870. A bill to repeal a rule of the Environmental Protection Agency relating to national emission standards for hazardous air pollutants: coal- and oil-fired electric utility steam generating units review of the residual risk and technology review; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. ELLZEY:

H.R. 3871. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a credit to employers who hire individuals through an apprenticeship program; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

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

H.R. 3872. A bill to amend the Mineral Leasing Act for Acquired Lands to make that Act applicable to hardrock minerals; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. FITZPATRICK (for himself and Mrs. DINGELL):

H.R. 3873. A bill to increase funding for cancer research by the National Cancer Institute to be more in proportion to the mortality rates of cancer; to the Committee on Appropriations, 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 Ms. FRIEDMAN (for herself, Ms. BARRAGÁN, Ms. BROWNLEY, Ms. CHU, Mr. SHERMAN, and Mr. LIEU):

H.R. 3874. A bill to adjust the boundary of the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area to include the Rim of the Valley Corridor, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. GOLDMAN of Texas (for himself and Mr. WEBER of Texas):

H.R. 3875. A bill to require online service providers to disclose their acceptable use policies, provide users with written notice before the termination of a user's account, and publish an annual report detailing actions taken to enforce their acceptable use policies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. GOTTHEIMER (for himself and Mr. LAWLER):

H.R. 3876. A bill to amend the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Act of 1981 to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services to satisfy certain staffing requirements relating to low-income home energy assistance, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Education and

Workforce, 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. GRIFFITH:

H.R. 3877. A bill to provide for the retrocession of the District of Columbia to Maryland, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on Oversight and Government Reform, 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 Mrs. HINSON (for herself and Ms. SCHOLTEN):

H.R. 3878. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure adequate coverage of annual wellness visits at rural health clinics under the Medicare program; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. HORSFORD (for himself and Mr. CLEAVER):

H.R. 3879. A bill to direct the Federal Communications Commission to take certain actions to increase diversity of ownership in the broadcasting industry, and for other purposes; 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. HUIZENGA (for himself, Mr. KUSTOFF, and Mr. MOOLENAAR):

H.R. 3880. A bill to amend title 23, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Transportation to withhold from States certain apportionments if the States do not make reasonable efforts to prohibit certain roadway obstruction, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. LANGWORTHY (for himself, Mr. DONALDS, Mr. COLLINS, Mr. VAN ORDEN, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. MCGUIRE, Mr. HARRIGAN, Mrs. HARSHBARGER, Mr. TIMMONS, Ms. TENNEY, Mr. TAYLOR, Mr. CARTER of Georgia, Ms. BOEBERT, Ms. STEFANIK, Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana, Mr. SCHMIDT, Mr. STAUBER, Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania, Mr. ROSE, and Mr. MOORE of North Carolina):

H.R. 3881. A bill to ensure State and local law enforcement officers are permitted to cooperate with Federal officials to protect our communities from violent criminals and suspected terrorists who are illegally present in the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure, 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 Ms. LEE of Florida:

H.R. 3882. A bill to permit limited reimbursements for the cost of salaries and overtime pay for employees of States performing the functions of immigration officers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. MACE:

H.R. 3883. A bill to require the Secretary of State to designate the Muslim Brotherhood as a foreign terrorist organization; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. MATSUI (for herself and Mr. BALDERSON):

H.R. 3884. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure coverage of mental and behavioral health services furnished through telehealth; 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 Mrs. MILLER of West Virginia (for herself, Mr. VEASEY, Mr. GRAVES, and Mr. CARTER of Louisiana):

H.R. 3885. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide community-based training opportunities for medical students in rural areas and medically underserved communities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. MURPHY (for himself, Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia, and Ms. KING-HINDS):

H.R. 3886. A bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to conduct a study to determine whether RNA sequencing can be used to effectively diagnose PTSD in veterans; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. NUNN of Iowa:

H.R. 3887. A bill to amend of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 relating to punishment and compensation for the theft of supplemental nutrition assistance program benefits; and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mr. OWENS:

H.R. 3888. A bill to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act with respect to water quality criteria development and transparency, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Ms. SCHRIER (for herself and Mr. VALADAO):

H.R. 3889. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to encourage and expand the use of prescribed fire on land managed by the Department of the Interior or the Forest Service, with an emphasis on units of the National Forest System in the western and southeastern United States, to acknowledge and support the long-standing use of cultural burning by Indian Tribes and Indigenous practitioners, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committees on Agriculture, and Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Ms. SEWELL (for herself and Mr. FITZPATRICK):

H.R. 3890. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for the distribution of additional residency positions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. STAUBER (for himself, Mr. LANGWORTHY, Mr. BERGMAN, Mr. TIFANY, Ms. TENNEY, Ms. STEFANIK, and Mrs. HINSON):

H.R. 3891. A bill to amend the Northern Border Security Review Act to require an annual report and update the northern border threat analysis, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security.

By Ms. TENNEY (for herself, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania, and Ms. STEVENS):

H.R. 3892. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the private business use requirements for bonds issued for lead service line replacement projects; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. TORRES of New York:

H.R. 3893. A bill to direct the Federal Acquisition Regulatory Council to issue regulations that require all Federal contractors to conduct a comprehensive review of job classifications to identify positions for which a college degree is required without a demonstrable occupational necessity; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Mr. WIED (for himself, Mr. TIFANY, Mr. COLLINS, Mr. TIMMONS, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. HARIDOPOLOS, Mr. HARRIGAN, Mr. MCCORMICK, Mr. NEHLS, and Mr. MCGUIRE):

H.R. 3894. A bill to direct the Attorney General to identify and publish a list of anarchist jurisdictions, and for other purposes; 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 Mr. ARRINGTON:

H. Res. 492. A resolution directing the Clerk of the House of Representatives to make a correction in the engrossment of H.R. 1; to the Committee on the Budget, 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 Ms. BROWN (for herself and Mrs. BEATTY):

H. Res. 493. A resolution expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the United States must take urgent, coordinated action to address the national housing crisis through preservation and production of affordable housing; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. CARTER of Georgia (for himself and Ms. TENNEY):

H. Res. 494. A resolution condemning the Violent Attacks on Law Enforcement Officers and Military Servicemembers, and the Destruction of Personal Property in Los Angeles, California; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CARTER of Louisiana (for himself, Mr. LIEU, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. MCCORMICK, and Mr. DUNN of Florida):

H. Res. 495. A resolution supporting the designation of the week of June 9 through June 15, 2025, as "National Men's Health Week"; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Mrs. KIM (for herself, Mr. LAMALFA, Mr. KILEY of California, Mr. MCCLINTOCK, Mr. FONG, Mr. VALADAO, Mr. OBERNOLTE, Mr. CALVERT, and Mr. ISSA):

H. Res. 496. A resolution condemning the violent June 2025 riots in Los Angeles, California; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. RULLI:

H. Res. 497. A resolution expressing support for the designation of a "Veterans Appreciation Month"; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Ms. VAN DUYNE:

H. Res. 498. A resolution condemning the surge in antisemitic violence in the United States and reaffirming support for the safety and civil rights of Jewish Americans; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Education and Workforce, for a period to be subsequently deter-

mined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

PRIVATE BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 3 of rule XII, private bills and resolutions of the following titles were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. CORREA:

H.R. 3895. A bill for the relief of Ivana Alexandra Sifuentes Arbirio; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. CORREA:

H.R. 3896. A bill for the relief of Luisa Mariana Sifuentes Arbirio; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

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. THOMPSON of California:

H.R. 18.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

The legislation is pursuant to Congress' power under Article 1, Section 8, Clause 18 (Necessary and Proper Clause)

By Mr. DUNN of Florida:

H.R. 3855.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution

By Ms. BONAMICI:

H.R. 3856.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1 Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution

By Mr. HURD of Colorado:

H.R. 3857.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I sec. 8

Mrs. DINGELL:

H.R. 3858.

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 of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. CRENSHAW:

H.R. 3859.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution authorizes Congress to enact laws relating to the removal of aliens from the United States.

By Mrs. BIGGS of South Carolina:

H.R. 3860.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 3 allows for the regulation of Commerce with foreign nations; Article I, Section 8, Clause 4 grants Congress the right to set forth rules for Naturalization.

By Mrs. BIGGS of South Carolina:

H.R. 3861.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 18 gives Congress the authority to create laws necessary for the proper execution of its powers.

By Mr. BOST:

H.R. 3862.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 1

By Ms. BUDZINSKI:

H.R. 3863.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1 Section 8

By Mrs. CAMMACK:

H.R. 3864.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution

By Mr. CASTRO of Texas:

H.R. 3865.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8

By Mr. CISCOMANI:

H.R. 3866.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8

By Mr. CLINE:

H.R. 3867.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. CLYBURN:

H.R. 3868.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8

By Ms. DEXTER:

H.R. 3869.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8

By Mr. DOWNING:

H.R. 3870.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

This bill is enacted pursuant to the power granted to Congress under Article I, Section 8, Clause 3 of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. ELLZEY:

H.R. 3871.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution, which states "[t]he Congress shall have power to lay and collect taxes, duties, imposts and excises, to pay the debts and provide for the common defense and general welfare of the United States; but all duties, imposts and excises shall be uniform throughout the United States".

By Mr. FALLON:

H.R. 3872.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 1

By Mr. FITZPATRICK:

H.R. 3873.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 18

By Ms. FRIEDMAN:

H.R. 3874.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8

By Mr. GOLDMAN of Texas:

H.R. 3875.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

ARTICLE 1 SEC 8

By Mr. GOTTHEIMER:

H.R. 3876.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8

By Mr. GRIFFITH:

H.R. 3877.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I Section 8 Clause 17

By Mrs. HINSON:

H.R. 3878.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 18

By Mr. HORSFORD:

H.R. 3879.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Pursuant to clause 7(c)(1) of Rule XII the following statement is submitted regarding the specific powers granted to Congress in the U.S. Constitution to enact the accompanying bill or joint resolution.

By Mr. HUIZENGA:

H.R. 3880.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution

By Mr. LANGWORTHY:

H.R. 3881.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Clause 3 of Section 8 of Article 1 of the Constitution

By Ms. LEE of Florida:

H.R. 3882.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8

By Ms. MACE:

H.R. 3883.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution.

By Ms. MATSUI:

H.R. 3884.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

section 8 of article I of the Constitution

By Mrs. MILLER of West Virginia:

H.R. 3885.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8

By Mr. MURPHY:

H.R. 3886.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution.

By Mr. NUNN of Iowa:

H.R. 3887.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

The Congress enacts this bill pursuant to Clause 1 of Section 8 of Article I of the United States Constitution and Amendment XVI of the United States Constitution.

By Mr. OWENS:

H.R. 3888.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 3

By Ms. SCHRIER:

H.R. 3889.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I of the United States Constitution

By Ms. SEWELL:

H.R. 3890.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

US Constitution Article I, Section 9, Clause 7

By Mr. STAUBER:

H.R. 3891.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Clause 3 of Section 8 of Article 1 of the U.S. Constitution.

By Ms. TENNEY:

H.R. 3892.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I

By Mr. TORRES of New York:

H.R. 3893.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8.

By Mr. WIED:

H.R. 3894.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8

By Mr. CORREA:

H.R. 3895.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8

By Mr. CORREA:

H.R. 3896.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 7 of rule XII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions, as follows:

H.R. 227: Mr. YAKYM.

H.R. 309: Mr. HUNT.

H.R. 404: Mr. MOORE of North Carolina.

H.R. 425: Mr. OWENS.

H.R. 472: Mr. KELLY of Mississippi.

H.R. 511: Mr. FINSTAD.

H.R. 569: Mr. McDOWELL and Ms. BOEBERT.

H.R. 583: Ms. MCBRIDE.

H.R. 595: Mr. MOORE of Utah.

H.R. 722: Mr. WESTERMAN.

H.R. 777: Ms. BARRAGÁN.

H.R. 909: Mr. RUTHERFORD, Mr. FIELDS, Mr. NADLER, and Mr. WEBSTER of Florida.

H.R. 987: Mr. FULCHER.

H.R. 1024: Mr. LATIMER.

H.R. 1057: Mr. HAMADEH of Arizona and Mr. DAVIDSON.

H.R. 1065: Ms. CASTOR of Florida.

H.R. 1207: Mr. MORAN.

H.R. 1262: Ms. ANSARI.

H.R. 1300: Ms. ANSARI and Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania.

H.R. 1329: Ms. BALINT and Ms. TITUS.

H.R. 1330: Ms. BALINT.

H.R. 1340: Mr. GILL of Texas.

H.R. 1422: Mr. PATRONIS.

H.R. 1428: Ms. JAYAPAL.

H.R. 1464: Mr. BACON.

H.R. 1484: Mrs. TRAHAN.

H.R. 1488: Ms. OMAR, Mr. NADLER, and Mr. MOULTON.

H.R. 1492: Mrs. FISCHBACH.

H.R. 1517: Mr. FITZPATRICK.

H.R. 1521: Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina.

H.R. 1532: Mr. TONKO.

H.R. 1582: Mr. VAN ORDEN and Mr. BERGMAN.

H.R. 1672: Mr. McDOWELL.

H.R. 1761: Mr. BABIN and Mr. RUTHERFORD.

H.R. 1772: Mr. SMITH of Nebraska.

H.R. 1818: Mr. BALDERSON.

H.R. 1933: Mrs. BEATTY.

H.R. 1965: Mr. VAN ORDEN.

H.R. 1970: Mr. NUNN of Iowa and Mr. CROW.

H.R. 2005: Mr. KUSTOFF.

H.R. 2033: Mr. PETERS, Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia, Mr. MAST, and Mr. PFLUGER.

H.R. 2034: Mr. VAN ORDEN.

H.R. 2036: Ms. CASTOR of Florida and Mr. RUTHERFORD.

H.R. 2048: Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Mr. FIELDS, Ms. WATERS, Ms. DELAURO, Mr. VINDMAN, and Mr. HIMES.

H.R. 2095: Mr. BOST and Ms. BROWNLEY.

H.R. 2102: Ms. LOFGREN and Mrs. FISCHBACH.

H.R. 2189: Mr. HAMADEH of Arizona, Mr. FINSTAD, and Mr. BURCHETT.

H.R. 2195: Mr. CONAWAY.

H.R. 2197: Mr. FINSTAD.

H.R. 2222: Mr. VINDMAN.

H.R. 2226: Mr. GROTHMAN.

H.R. 2314: Mr. COHEN.

H.R. 2343: Ms. CRAIG.

H.R. 2485: Ms. TITUS and Mrs. RAMIREZ.

H.R. 2489: Mr. NADLER.

H.R. 2497: Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois.

H.R. 2510: Mr. LALOTA.

H.R. 2538: Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania.

H.R. 2547: Mr. SMUCKER.

H.R. 2548: Mr. KEAN, Mr. OLSZEWSKI, Mr. MORAN, Mr. COHEN, Mr. LALOTA, Ms. ROSS, Mr. CISCOMANI, Mr. MAGAZINER, Mrs. SPARTZ, and Mr. MENENDEZ.

H.R. 2591: Mr. CARSON and Mr. OWENS.

H.R. 2599: Mr. DIAZ-BALART.

H.R. 2605: Mr. YAKYM and Mrs. SYKES.

H.R. 2725: Mr. SORESENSEN and Mr. SHREVE.

H.R. 2736: Ms. SIMON.

H.R. 2743: Ms. BYNUM.

H.R. 2761: Ms. SIMON and Ms. TLAIB.

H.R. 2799: Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia, Ms. MENG, Mr. GARCIA of California, Mr. TONKO, and Ms. LEE of Pennsylvania.

H.R. 2808: Mr. LICCARDO.

H.R. 2840: Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. GREEN of Texas, Mr. WITTMAN, and Mr. CUELLAR.

H.R. 2909: Mr. SORESENSEN.

H.R. 2948: Ms. KELLY of Illinois.

H.R. 2994: Mr. FIELDS.

H.R. 3051: Mr. MOULTON.

H.R. 3052: Mr. MOULTON.

H.R. 3087: Ms. CLARKE of New York, Ms. NORTON, and Mr. FIELDS.

H.R. 3093: Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN.

H.R. 3094: Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN.

H.R. 3110: Mr. GOLDEN of Maine.

H.R. 3112: Ms. CHU and Mr. FOSTER.

H.R. 3148: Ms. JOHNSON of Texas.

H.R. 3277: Mr. NUNN of Iowa, Mr. OLSZEWSKI, and Mr. VINDMAN.

H.R. 3398: Mr. CASTEN.

H.R. 3405: Mr. LANDSMAN, Mr. GOTTHEIMER, Mr. THANEDAR, and Ms. DELBENE.

H.R. 3409: Mr. KENNEDY of New York.

H.R. 3410: Mr. HURD of Colorado.

H.R. 3423: Ms. GILLEN.

H.R. 3449: Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia.

H.R. 3453: Mr. CARTER of Louisiana.

H.R. 3454: Mr. LATIMER.

H.R. 3476: Mr. CARTER of Georgia.

H.R. 3495: Mr. SUOZZI.

H.R. 3506: Ms. CLARKE of New York.

H.R. 3514: Mrs. FISCHBACH and Mrs. DINGELL.

H.R. 3526: Mr. VAN DREW and Mr. WEBER of Texas.

H.R. 3543: Ms. TOKUDA.

H.R. 3552: Mr. RUTHERFORD.

H.R. 3575: Mr. MOOLENAAR.

H.R. 3577: Mr. ALLEN.

H.R. 3592: Mr. ELLZEY.

H.R. 3595: Mr. HARIDOPOLOS, Ms. MALOY, and Mr. HAMADEH of Arizona.

H.R. 3597: Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina and Mr. VINDMAN.

H.R. 3598: Mr. BURCHETT.

H.R. 3604: Mr. CASTEN.

H.R. 3607: Mr. GOLDMAN of New York.

H.R. 3637: Mr. HURD of Colorado.

H.R. 3639: Ms. GOODLANDER.

H.R. 3643: Mr. WITTMAN.

H.R. 3667: Mr. KENNEDY of Utah.

H.R. 3683: Mr. SOTO.

H.R. 3692: Mr. FITZPATRICK.

H.R. 3696: Ms. FRIEDMAN and Mr. DELUZIO.

H.R. 3699: Mr. BEAN of Florida.

H.R. 3701: Ms. MATSUI and Ms. CASTOR of Florida.

H.R. 3708: Ms. RANDALL and Ms. JAYAPAL.

H.R. 3714: Mr. FITZPATRICK and Mr. HUFFMAN.

H.R. 3725: Mr. HARIDOPOLOS and Mr. KENNEDY of Utah.

H.R. 3740: Mr. KHANNA, Mr. PALLONE, Ms. JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. POCAN, and Mr. NADLER.

H.R. 3743: Mr. CARSON and Mr. SMITH of Washington.
H.R. 3748: Mr. FITZPATRICK.
H.R. 3757: Ms. BUDZINSKI, Mr. QUIGLEY, and Ms. PINGREE.
H.R. 3767: Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina.
H.R. 3770: Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania, Mr. RUTHERFORD, and Mr. HURD of Colorado.
H.R. 3772: Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina.
H.R. 3773: Mr. FITZPATRICK.
H.R. 3788: Mr. FITZPATRICK.
H.R. 3791: Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina.
H.R. 3806: Mr. ELLZEY and Mr. SESSIONS.
H.R. 3811: Mr. LATIMER.
H.R. 3843: Mr. DOWNING.
H. Con. Res. 8: Mr. MCDOWELL.

H. Con. Res. 12: Ms. GREENE of Georgia.
H. Res. 17: Mr. SMITH of New Jersey.
H. Res. 167: Mr. NEHLS and Mr. McGUIRE.
H. Res. 358: Mr. SUOZZI.
H. Res. 394: Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina, Ms. ROSS, Ms. BONAMICI, and Mr. RASKIN.
H. Res. 470: Ms. JOHNSON of Texas.
H. Res. 473: Mr. MOULTON.
H. Res. 476: Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ, Mr. AMO, Ms. HOYLE of Oregon, and Mr. GARCIA of California.

CONGRESSIONAL EARMARKS, LIMITED TAX BENEFITS, OR LIMITED TARIFF BENEFITS

Under clause 9 of rule XXI, lists or statements on congressional earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits were submitted as follows:

OFFERED BY MR. COLE

The provisions that warranted a referral to the Committee on Appropriations in H.R. 4, the Rescissions Act of 2025, do not contain any congressional earmarks, limited tax benefits, or limited tariff benefits as defined in clause 9 of rule XXI.



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The Senate met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the President pro tempore (Mr. GRASSLEY).

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Dr. Barry C. Black, offered the following prayer:

Let us pray.

O mighty God, teach us the mystery of life. Help us not to be victims but victorious in the living of our days. Lord, lead us to a place of understanding in spite of sorrow, pain, and setbacks. Make us more than conquerors because You love us. Today, instruct our lawmakers as they seek to be guided by honesty. May they perform their daily tasks following Your priorities. Show them Your truth so that they will be instruments of Your purposes when their light of hope is threatened. Renew them with faith in Your providence and power. We pray in Your omniscient Name. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The President pro tempore 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.

RESERVATION OF LEADER TIME

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. MORENO). Under the previous order, the leadership time is reserved.

CONCLUSION OF MORNING BUSINESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Morning business is closed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will pro-

ceed to executive session and resume consideration of the following nomination, which the clerk will report.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of David Fotouhi, of Virginia, to be Deputy Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Iowa.

TRANSPORTATION SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

Mr. GRASSLEY. Mr. President, last week, Secretary Noem ended a program that is called the Quiet Skies Program. It is a program that was well-intended when it was set up, but the Biden administration weaponized it to target its opposition, including the now-Director of National Intelligence Tulsi Gabbard.

Quiet Skies was supposed to track American airline travelers who had prior contact with known or suspected terrorists.

You can have no argument with that intent to make sure that air travel is safe, but instead it has been revealed that the Biden administration's Transportation Security Administration allegedly tracked U.S. citizens based upon nine nonsecurity-related considerations.

As just one example, whistleblowers told my office, some who were merely present at a rally on January 6, 2021, with President Trump were added to the Quiet Skies' list of targeting.

In another allegation, a woman was accused of invading the Capitol on January 6 and later added to the Quiet Skies. The woman was disabled and couldn't physically engage in those actions.

Now, fortunately, Secretary Noem shut down Quiet Skies to end this weaponization, and that should be music to everybody's ears.

In August 2024, I wrote to Biden's Transportation Security Administration questioning their abuse of this authority under this Quiet Skies Program. I did not get sufficient answers from the previous administration.

I will continue my oversight to learn the full truth about the Quiet Skies Program, and I appreciate Secretary Noem and Director Gabbard's leadership as my office works with them on the oversight request.

BORDER SECURITY

Mr. President, I would like to discuss a long-running oversight project of mine. In particular, during the last two Congresses, my oversight showed many ways that the Biden administration failed to protect unaccompanied alien children.

We all know that the previous HHS and the Department of Homeland Security lost track of hundreds of thousands of these kids. This is a crisis of their own making. They rushed, as we saw on television almost every night over the last few years—rushed people across the border too quickly to deal with the resulting chaos.

My oversight has shown other failures. I released documents showing that the Biden Health and Human Services placed kids in a household tied to the violent MS-13 gang and punished the whistleblowers who reported it.

I have shown HHS failed to give information to law enforcement, placing kids at greater risk of labor and sex trafficking. This oversight was confirmed by a DHS inspector general report in March.

My oversight continues to reveal the previous administration's either deliberate indifference or downright incompetence.

Recently, I released records showing that the Biden HHS also failed to address a backlog of over 65,000 reports expressing concern for unaccompanied children.

This included 7,346 reports related to trafficking. At the same time as the Biden administration was busy targeting pro-life Americans, parents at school board meetings, and traditional Catholics, it failed to follow up on actual reporting of children in danger.

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The Trump administration is cleaning up this mess. Secretary of HHS Kennedy has already worked through about a third of this backlog. Three dozen cases have been accepted by the U.S. attorneys for prosecution, with 11 arrests and 3 convictions. Much more is needed, but this is a great first step.

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

RECOGNITION OF THE MAJORITY LEADER

The majority leader is recognized.

ONE BIG BEAUTIFUL BILL ACT

Mr. THUNE. Mr. President, work on reconciliation continues apace. We are getting very close to the final bill.

Since I spoke on the floor on this topic last week, two more committees have released their sections of the bill text, the Banking Committee under the leadership of Chairman TIM SCOTT and the Commerce Committee under the leadership of Chairman TED CRUZ.

The Commerce Committee text released on Thursday addresses multiple bill priorities, including border security, savings, and the economy. On the economy front, the Commerce section of the bill focuses on boosting growth and investment by renewing spectrum auction authority and freeing up spectrum currently held by Federal Agencies.

The United States has been a leader in the next-generation telecommunications services like 5G and advanced Wi-Fi, and we are on track to be a leader in 6G as well. That is going to require both an increase in the amount of spectrum available to the private sector and using that spectrum as efficiently as possible through AI and other technologies.

Our bill will help meet that need for spectrum and help produce thousands of new jobs and billions of investment as a result, to say nothing of faster and more affordable internet for Americans.

This has been a long time coming.

I am grateful to Chairman CRUZ and colleagues from the Armed Services and Intel Committees for their continued work to find a way to get this done that preserves key national security interests and delivers a win for the American people.

On the border and national security front, the Commerce text addresses a key aspect of our domestic security: a strong Coast Guard. The Coast Guard secures our ports and waterways, provides support to American vessels in need, and plays a crucial role in enforcing maritime and immigration law and conducting drug interdictions.

Our final bill will make a substantial and sorely needed investment in the Coast Guard, including funding for des-

perately needed new ships and aircraft and maintenance of Coast Guard facilities.

Along with promoting safety of the seas, the Commerce text focuses on safety in the skies with a significant investment in fixing and updating our air traffic control system. The Commerce text also eliminates wasteful and unnecessary spending, which is the key focus of our bill.

So that was Thursday.

On Friday, the Banking Committee released its portion of the bill text, and eliminating unnecessary spending took center stage. Chairman SCOTT and Banking Committee Republicans pored over Federal programs to identify waste, duplication, and inefficiency and identified billions in savings. That includes eliminating the duplicative Office of Financial Research, transferring the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board's duties to the Securities and Exchange Commission to reduce duplication and lower costs, and postponing the implementation of duplicative small business lending data reporting requirements.

The Banking Committee's text also conserves taxpayer dollars by returning unused and unobligated funds to the Treasury. On the national security front, it authorizes \$1 billion for the Defense Production Act to boost domestic production of key national security needs.

I am grateful for the hard work of Chairman SCOTT, Chairman CRUZ, and for the hard work of all the members, both on and off the committees, who contributed to the Commerce and Banking text.

We have several more committees delivering texts this week, including border security language from the Judiciary Committee and energy language from the Energy and Natural Resources Committee.

Our final bill is rapidly taking shape. I am looking forward to considering it on the floor in the very near future. Republicans promised to build a stronger, safer, and more prosperous America, and we are going to deliver.

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

RECOGNITION OF THE MINORITY LEADER

The Democratic leader is recognized.

LOS ANGELES PROTESTS

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, from the moment Donald Trump entered the public sphere, he has thrived on division and diversion. He fans the flames of chaos, then pretends to be the firefighter—always looking for someone else to blame for the infernos he helps ignite—all in an attempt to divert Americans away from his many failures.

Now Donald Trump, cornered by his own failures from pushing a heartless bill that would rip healthcare away from 16 million Americans and raise costs from his reckless tariffs war, to waging war with Elon Musk—Trump is desperately seeking a distraction. His order to deploy the National Guard and Marines—our own troops on Americans—is not just outrageous and provocative; it is a dangerous authoritarian overreach that threatens the very fabric of our democracy. This isn't leadership; it is provocation.

To be very clear, violent protest is not the answer for achieving the work of justice—full stop. Protests must remain peaceful, and law and order must be maintained, but let me emphasize: Deploying federalized troops without a State's consent hasn't happened in over 60 years, and when it did, it was to protect civil rights heroes who were marching for justice in Selma, AL. That moment was about progress. This one is about power and intimidation.

We must all stand up and say loud and clear: America will not be bullied into submission by a President who confuses strength with force and democracy with domination.

Americans don't deserve more fear, more division, more chaos. The President is using the military not to protect the people but to silence them. He is playing politics with the lives of our troops and the safety of our citizens. It is shameful. It is unlawful. It is deeply un-American. Once again, President Trump is choosing chaos over competence and division over democracy.

We must all stand up and say loud and clear: America will not be bullied into submission by a President who confuses strength with force and democracy with domination.

The only consequence of Donald Trump's order of sending troops to Los Angeles is chaos, and Americans don't like it. Instead of deescalating, Donald Trump is pouring fuel into a fire, hoping for an explosion to distract from what he is really doing. President Trump should call back the National Guard and the Marines immediately and leave the work of law enforcement to the Governor and the mayor who are more than capable of keeping order without escalation.

TRUMP ADMINISTRATION

Finally, Mr. President, let me repeat: As Donald Trump orders troops to Los Angeles, he is working here in Washington to steal healthcare from tens of millions of Americans. He is pushing a billionaire tax cut that will explode the debt and sink America's economic future. He is letting DOGE run Social Security to the ground. He is spiking costs for everyday Americans through his reckless tariffs war, and Donald Trump hopes that nobody is paying attention.

ONE BIG BEAUTIFUL BILL

Mr. President, on reconciliation, Republicans continue their tortured effort to ram Donald Trump's "Big Ugly Betrayal" through Congress. In the

last few days, Senate Democrats have made the argument that the House Republican bill does not meet the requirements for privilege, and now Republicans have conceded that that is true. So the bill will have to be changed by House Republicans so it can meet privilege requirements.

This presents those Republicans who say they don't like parts of the bill with an unexpected opportunity. Now they have a chance to stand up and vote for their constituents. Speaker Johnson will try to rush a package of technical changes through the House to fix their mistakes. Every House Republican, though, now has a chance to reassert their leverage and force the bill back to the drawing board until they secure the changes they want. They say they don't like parts of the bill. Now is their opportunity to change it—no more ducking. They have their vote, and House Republicans, who claim loudly that they don't like parts of the bill, should use it to protect their constituents from the awful results of this horrible betrayal bill.

Now, Mr. President, let's talk about the costs of the so-called Big Beautiful Bill and why every American is going to pay a lot more. Trump ran by saying he was going to fight inflation. He is passing a bill that is going to increase American costs.

Last week, Senate Democrats zeroed in on the way Donald Trump's "Big Ugly Bill" will rip away healthcare from tens of millions of Americans, at least 16 million Americans in total—no healthcare.

This week, Senate Democrats will focus on how Donald Trump's bill will kill millions of jobs and send costs spiking for tens of millions of families. If Donald Trump's Big Beautiful Bill passes, Americans will pay thousands more out-of-pocket for everything from healthcare to energy to even their mortgages.

It is not just cutting Medicaid; Republicans are taking a meat cleaver at the ACA too. Under this bill, the average healthcare costs for people on the ACA will go up \$700 a year for over 20 million Americans. For New York families, it is much worse. New York couples covered through the ACA will pay \$2,700 more a year—that is about \$230 a month—\$2,700 extra for New Yorkers just to make life better for the billionaire class. And it is not just Americans who have ACA who will see costs go up. If you have private insurance—if you don't even have Federal insurance or ACA—you could be paying hundreds more a year too.

Just about everyone's healthcare costs are going to go up. People don't like paying that high cost to health insurance, but they are going to pay more because of Donald Trump and what he wants to do to help his billionaire buddies. All the while, while that is happening, hundreds of thousands of healthcare jobs will be lost, with some projections estimating 850,000 jobs will be lost in the healthcare economy while billionaires get more tax breaks.

Here is another fact: We are talking a lot about energy and clean energy and the cheapest way to produce new energy. Well, if the Big Beautiful Bill—so-called—becomes law, the average family's energy costs will go up \$400 in the upcoming years. Starting next year, average electricity prices will go up by 10 percent.

Hear that, America? You don't like it when your utility bill goes up? Well, Donald Trump and his rightwing ideologues are making it go up further because Donald Trump and the oil magnates he hangs around harbor a deranged hatred of clean energy, and they want to raise taxes on clean energy. Clean energy is the cheapest way to produce new energy. Solar is cheaper than any other way, and they are cutting it off, and that is going to raise your price on the cost of your energy bill, ladies and gentlemen, all Americans.

What is more, in addition to raising your energy prices, what they are doing is projected to cost our economy an additional 800,000 jobs. Between healthcare jobs and energy jobs—millions of good-paying jobs to be killed by the bill—some economists I have spoken to say the job losses could push us into a recession.

Even many Republicans know this would be destructive, but they need to speak up and use their leverage. Republicans who claim to fight for jobs and families back home should oppose any proposal that makes energy costs go up.

It is amazing. Here, even Trump and his people say we need a lot more new energy for AI, et cetera, and then they cut off the quickest, cheapest, easiest way to produce new energy. Why? Because the rightwing fossil fuel magnates in Trump's ear hate clean energy because they know it is the future. They know. They know that oil, gas, and coal are not the future, and, yet, they try to kill it.

Also, if the Republican bill becomes law, homeowners could see an extra \$600 to \$1,200 a year through higher interest rates on their home loans.

Last week, the CBO estimated that the Republican billionaire tax cuts would add \$2.4 trillion to the debt over the next decade. When you consider the cost of increased debt service, this rotten bill will add \$3 trillion to the debt over the next decade, and that is going to make it harder for Americans to buy a home, to buy a car, to start a business—dooming the middle class to a lifetime of higher rates.

And let's not forget the insurance prices as well. Insurance rates are going up for many people in many areas, particularly coastal areas, and now this Trump bill will make that worse because we are cutting off clean energy. It doesn't make much sense. Many people can't sell their houses or buy a house because flood and tornado insurance have raised the cost of insurance. And here we go again: cut off clean energy, make it worse, make people's insurance costs go up further.

So Elon Musk, as wrong as he is on so many things, says this bill is dangerous. Do you hear that, Republicans? Elon Musk, whom you guys are supposed to love, says the bill is dangerous.

So, when you step back and look at the big picture, there is nothing beautiful about the Republican bill. If Senate Republicans pass this heaping pile of legislative junk, it is not going to grow the economy; it is not going to help the middle class; it is not going to help working families climb the ladder. All it is going to do is make families pay more while billionaires pay less.

SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

Mr. President, on Social Security, Elon Musk might have been run out of town, but his handiwork lives on at the Social Security Administration.

Do you remember he called Social Security a big Ponzi scheme? Well, he is gone, but the Social Security Administrator, newly put in despite vehement opposition from Democrats because he is known as "Mr. Slash and Burn," Frank Bisignano said that, Musk or not, DOGE will remain king at SSA—DOGE. Do you remember that, folks—the chain saw? Well, it is going to be alive and well at Social Security with Mr. Bisignano in charge, "Mr. Slash and Burn," "Mr. Cut, Cut, Cut." It is alarming that, even after Elon Musk became persona non grata amongst Trump's circles, the Social Security Administrator still wants to keep using his failed playbook to oversee seniors' Social Security checks.

Social Security is sacred in America. Even after Musk's departure, which occurred in part because of DOGE's failure, this administration is talking about applying DOGE's strategies to Social Security—probably the most popular and sacrosanct program passed in the last 100 years. It shows how the billionaires like Elon Musk and Howard Lutnick—remember what he said. He said his mom could afford to miss a payment or two. It shows that these billionaires are running the show, and they are callous and cruel. They have no understanding of how average senior citizens depend on that Social Security check. It is a disgrace, and Donald Trump and his political cohort will pay a political price for endangering this popular program.

It is nice to talk about efficiency, but by now, we know there is nothing efficient about DOGE. It led to closures, longer wait times on the phone, glitches online, and an immense anxiety for seniors. Bisignano should send DOGE staffers packing before they cause more trouble with seniors' Social Security benefits.

HHS VACCINE ADVISORY PANEL

Finally, Mr. President, on RFK, Jr., and the vaccine, well, this morning, the American people are waking up fundamentally less safe from deadly diseases than they were yesterday because, yesterday, in one reckless move, HHS Secretary Robert Kennedy, Jr., purged every—every—expert from the CDC's vaccine advisory panel.

Kennedy's action will make America a lot sicker. By doing so, it is clear he lied to the Senate when he promised he would do no such thing without advance notice. The decision by RFK, Jr., to wipe out an entire panel of vaccine experts is rooted in conspiracy and paranoia, not science. Our kids will be in greater danger to preventable disease because of this move.

Secretary Kennedy should immediately reverse his decision before he causes more grave damage to our children.

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ENERGY

Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I just heard the minority leader of the U.S. Senate come here to the floor to talk about energy—the cost of energy, the impact of what we are doing here legislatively with regard to energy. The minority leader's comments, I would say, were laughable, but if I had to describe them in one word, that word would be "rubbish," and let me explain why. It is because this week, Senate Republicans are going to continue to point out the benefits of our comprehensive economic plan, and Americans are going to be able to see for themselves how our growth agenda delivers for them what they want, what they need, what they voted for. And they voted for safety and prosperity.

This is a 180-degree turn from the past 4 years of high prices and open borders. The Biden administration caused the worst economic disaster in our Nation since the 1970s. Democrats went on a tax-and-spend binge, and they piled job-killing regulations on the economy to the tune of over \$1.8 trillion. The reckless spending and the regulatory rampage fueled the worst inflation in 40 years.

So I hear him talk about energy. Prices were up across the board by 21 percent from the day Joe Biden came into office until the day he left. Energy bills climbed 31 percent as a result of the Democrat policies.

Families saw their savings evaporate, families saw their credit card debt skyrocket, and families struggled to keep up. Young families were locked out of homeownership because mortgage rates continued to climb.

Over 10 million illegal immigrants flooded into our Nation. Millions of these illegal immigrants were given free food, free housing, free phones, free travel, and free healthcare.

The American people have had enough, and they spoke up about it, and they elected Republicans to clean up the mess. We are delivering, and under Republican leadership, America is getting back on track.

Inflation is down. Grocery prices are down. Gas prices are down. Wages are up. Jobs are coming back. And consumer confidence is rising.

For the first time in the history of polling, a majority of Americans say our country is headed in the right direction. That is in the history of polling. That is what the American public is saying because the state of our economy is strong.

Friday's job numbers just showed more new jobs were created last month than they even expected—than the experts expected. Republicans' comprehensive plan is going to make it even stronger.

Our plan cuts taxes. It targets waste, fraud, abuse, and corruption. Our plan unleashes American energy, which will continue to bring down prices.

At the heart of our plan, of course, is tax relief. Republicans are going to stop a crushing \$4 trillion tax increase. This is a tax increase that every Democrat wants and has promised to vote for. That would be the biggest tax increase in American history.

Additionally, we are going to eliminate taxes on tips, on overtime, and on Social Security. Now, that is going to be a pay raise for hard-working Americans and for seniors.

The Republican plan puts more money in Americans' wallets, pockets, and purses. Families will have more money for gas, for groceries, and for emergencies. Families will have more money to pay the rent, to pay a mortgage, and to save for their kids' education.

Remember, it was Democrats who vowed to vote for a \$4 trillion tax increase. They actually said they are going to fight with everything they have to stop us from passing our bill. Our bill prevents that tax increase. How can they look at waiters, seniors, bartenders, police officers, and firefighters and admit that they voted to raise the taxes on all these hard-working Americans?

And let's not forget why Democrats want to raise taxes. They want to pay for healthcare for illegal immigrants. That is what they have been doing. Over a million illegal immigrants have had healthcare paid for because of what the Democrats have been doing.

Oh, and they want to subsidize electric vehicles that most people don't want, don't need, and can't afford.

The question is simple: Are you for stopping a \$4 trillion tax increase that will hit every working family in America—for the average middle-income family, \$3,000 of increased taxes—or are you not for stopping that and letting it go through?

While Republicans are standing with Americans families, Democrats are opposing them.

But, specifically, on what the minority leader addressed this morning, which was affordable energy, let's talk about that, because Americans want, need, and voted for affordable American energy, and Americans are starting to feel that relief.

Now, the Republicans are in the House, the Senate, and the White House. This Memorial Day, just a week or so ago, gas prices were 50 cents a gallon lower than they were a year ago. You know, you go fill up a vehicle in Wyoming, and you are going to save about 10 bucks.

Why? Why is it better? Because Joe Biden's war on American energy is over.

I will never forget when Joe Biden told members of his Cabinet to prioritize climate over energy that is affordable, available, and reliable—climate over affordable energy, the mantra of the Democrats.

President Trump has taken more than 50 bold actions to unleash and unlock American energy. He has done it onshore, offshore, and in Alaska. He overturned crushing regulations on available and affordable American energy. He took the handcuffs off of our energy workers and our energy producers.

I spent Friday in Laramie, WY, at the Wyoming Mining Association meeting. People from all around the State and country come together to that annual meeting. The hard-working men and women of Wyoming are celebrating the actions of President Trump.

The Republicans' comprehensive economic plan unleashes American energy like never before. It opens up new Federal land and Federal waters leases to all-of-the-above energy production. That means oil and natural gas, coal, geothermal, and critical mineral production. It also refills our Strategic Petroleum Reserve.

Remember when Joe Biden drained the Strategic Petroleum Reserve? Why? Because gas prices were so high under his punitive administration. It was the era of massive Democrat inflation. He drained our Strategic Petroleum Reserve rather than allow us to produce more American energy here at home. He drained it to a dangerously low level. It was the lowest level in over 40 years. He actually sold some of our reserves to China. That is the Democrats' approach to energy.

Well, Republicans are reversing all of this. Congress is returning to fiscal sanity and energy reality. Both of those were sorely missed the last 4 years.

Joe Biden's energy policies were defined by waste, fraud, abuse, and corruption. I investigated Joe Biden's Department of Energy. It was a disgrace.

The Department of Energy's loan office funneled billions of dollars in taxpayer money to politically connected wind and solar projects. Specifically, one of them is a company known as Sunnova.

I describe them as a very shady solar company. Sunnova was called on the carpet for scamming seniors. They targeted seniors and pressured them into signing leases that were impossible to make. Joe Biden rewarded this malicious behavior by giving them a \$3 billion loan, guaranteed by the taxpayers

of our country, guaranteed by each and every one of us—a \$3 billion loan.

Thankfully, President Trump was able to pull back part of that loan. Sunnova spent \$371 million of taxpayer dollars.

Well, guess what. Just yesterday, Sunnova filed for bankruptcy. Here is the article. I plan to put this into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, the article from the Wall Street Journal this morning, Tuesday, June 10: “Solar Installer Sunnova Seeks Bankruptcy.”

The handwriting was already on the wall, but the arrogant, condescending, and elitist personnel of Joe Biden’s Department of Energy refused to read it.

Republicans need to keep investigating, and we will. We need to finish the job we have started.

Today, Republicans in the Senate are unleashing affordable, reliable American energy. It will fuel our prosperity. It will benefit the entire Nation. Families will pay lower energy bills. Small businesses will be able to afford to invest and to expand. Our country will no longer depend on dictators for energy and critical minerals.

America is an energy superpower. Under Republican leadership, we are acting like it. That is why I started my comments by referring to the minority leader’s speech this morning about energy as “rubbish.”

Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the article that I referred to in my speech, “Solar Installer Sunnova Seeks Bankruptcy,” be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

[From the Wall Street Journal, June 10, 2025]
SOLAR INSTALLER SUNNOVA SEEKS
BANKRUPTCY

(By Jodi Xu Klein and Alicia McElhaney)

One of America’s largest rooftop-solar installation businesses filed for chapter 11 on Monday, a stark illustration of the strains haunting the U.S. clean-energy sector as shifting federal policies shake investor confidence.

Sunnova Energy International, once a poster child for America’s residential renewable energy boom with a market value above \$5 billion and more than 400,000 customers at its peak, plans to sell or wind down its assets in bankruptcy. Now a penny stock with \$8.9 billion debt, Sunnova in recent months struggled to take on new business providing solar-panel installations, energy storage and financing for residential customers.

Privately held Solar Mosaic, which makes loans to homeowners for solar installations, also filed bankruptcy on Friday. Both companies blamed political uncertainty around the future of solar-related tax credits, which hurt their ability to refinance debt or attract new investment, according to their filings with the U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Houston.

Debt defaults were building among solar companies before Sunnova and Solar Mosaic ran low on cash. Residential installers SunPower and Lumio also filed for bankruptcy last year, while Titan Solar unwound its business, leaving many residential customers with little support.

Weak demand, rising interest rates and shifting government tone toward renewables

have pummeled the solar energy sector, especially in recent months as Congressional leaders have moved to curtail incentives.

President Trump’s tax-and-spending package passed by the House sunsets certain tax credits for rooftop solar and battery storage, viewed by some analysts as a potential death knell for the solar industry. Further changes to the president’s “Big, Beautiful Bill” are likely in the Senate, where Republicans hold a 53-47 Majority.

Some senators from states benefiting from clean-energy job growth are pushing to preserve certain tax incentives, but investors have lost patience baking businesses like Sunnova with the continuing uncertainty.

Sunnova started out in 2012 in Texas to provide affordable residential solar products across the U.S. by offering financing options for homeowners that couldn’t afford the hefty upfront costs for installation. Customers can also lease the panels and pay monthly fees for the energy they use.

After going public in 2019, the company continued to leverage a residential solar boom driven by dropping panel costs and government incentives, expanding to be a nationwide provider. Trouble in its business, which relies on borrowed capital, began to escalate in late 2023 after rising interest rates made homeowners hesitant to install new solar systems.

The company reported a net loss of \$448 million for 2024, and its liquidity dried up. By April 2024, its shares lost more than 93% in value from their peak in 2021.

In March, Sunnova warned that even after securing a fresh \$185 million loan from asset manager KKR, the company might not generate enough cash to remain operational due to weakness in the residential solar market. The loan from KKR provided a temporary life-line, but at a steep cost of 15% interest.

Creditors holding roughly \$2 billion in junior debt hired advisers and began restructuring talks with the company. In the following weeks, Oaktree Capital acquired more than \$400 million of Sunnova’s debt and has since been driving the debt negotiations, said people familiar with the matter.

In an effort to quell creditor concerns, Sunnova replaced its founder and Chief Executive William J. Berger, promoting its chief operating officer Paul Mathews, who joined in 2023, to the top job. In April, Ryan Omohundro was appointed chief restructuring officer. On Friday, the company said it laid off more than half of its workforce, some 718 employees, in May.

While larger solar and wind projects now face an earlier expiration of federal credits in 2028, three years ahead of schedule, the impact was far more severe for battery storage and residential solar installers like Sunnova. The company recently exited a \$3 billion partial loan guarantee program it had secured from the federal government in 2023, citing falling demand for solar loans.

WAIVING QUORUM CALL

Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to waive the mandatory quorum calls with respect to the Vaden and Hughes nominations.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. BARRASSO. I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. PADILLA. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. SHEEHY). Without objection, it is so ordered.

LOS ANGELES PROTESTS

Mr. PADILLA. Mr. President, I rise today to reiterate my objection to Donald Trump’s EPA nominations and Republicans’ unprecedented attacks not only on California’s climate leadership but on the rules and procedures of this body. But before I do that, I want first to address what has unfolded in my hometown of Los Angeles over the last several days.

Now, in my opinion, it is not a coincidence, after one of the most embarrassing weeks, to be sure, of the Trump Presidency and as the public has continued to learn the truth about the budget reconciliation bill that would cut healthcare for so many working families across the country in order to pay for further tax breaks for the most wealthy in America—I am sure he didn’t appreciate us shining a light on that—and as we continue to see the impact of his failed tariff wars and the increasing costs on those same working families and, of course, the attention that his breakup with Elon Musk got—it was not a good week for the President.

So, just as he has done so many times before, when things are going bad, when all else fails, what does he do? Classic Trump playbook: He turns to scapegoating immigrants. And he decided that this was the time to launch indiscriminate ICE raids throughout the Los Angeles region, clearly not just targeting criminals but so many others—ICE raids in workplaces—in an attempt to manufacture a crisis.

Colleagues, for the first time since 1965, the President federalized the National Guard without the Governor’s approval, without the request of the Governor, in order to create chaos, in order to escalate tensions in the region and to create a pretext for more extreme actions in the future.

So let’s be clear. What you are all seeing on the news about the Los Angeles region right now is a crisis that Donald Trump has created, and he is doing it to distract from his failed agenda.

To those back in California who are watching, I have a couple of messages. No. 1, please peacefully protest. You have a right to peacefully protest. No. 2, let’s not give the President what he wants. There are two things he wants. He either wants us to be quiet and go away and let him continue to overreach and abuse his power—we will not stand for that. We have First Amendment rights. So let’s peacefully protest.

Second, for those who think this is an opportunity to exploit and to turn violent, to vandalize, that is exactly what Donald Trump wants—any excuse, large or small, to continue to escalate his use of force. Let’s not give him that.

To the rest of the country, I urge you to see this for what it is, because when the headline turns on Donald Trump, Donald Trump turns on the American

people. And the truth is, California is no stranger to Trump's playbook. We have seen it before—which brings me back to the point I have today about the EPA nomination.

NOMINATIONS FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION AGENCY

Just a few weeks ago, in this very Chamber, the Senate majority—Republicans—decided to overrule the Parliamentarian in order to undermine California's clean air authority—authority that has existed since the original Clean Air Act was adopted decades ago. So I don't want to let our Republican colleagues off the hook, and as the ranking member of the Senate Rules Committee, I want to make sure the record is clear on what happened.

This was the very first time in the history of this Senate that the majority decided to go nuclear to take up joint resolutions that were subject to the filibuster one minute and eliminate the legislative filibuster for them the next. They can deny it all they want, but it is written there in the RECORD for all of us to see, and it was sparked by the Trump administration's EPA abusing the Congressional Review Act and twisting it into something it was never intended to be. But I know they are not too worried because they are betting that, through all the smoke and mirrors of procedural language, the American people won't be able to discern what truly happened.

So part of the reason I rise today is to continue to sound the alarm for the American people because the consequences, folks, are not just the change in the rules or the change in procedure or the change in how the Senate does its business; the consequences will be physical, impacting the health—not just the lungs but the broader health—of the people of my home State of California.

So I rise to remind my Republican colleagues and the EPA's current leadership that these actions will have consequences. And as long as my Republican colleagues continue to try to pull the wool over the eyes of the American people, I am going to continue to speak up and fight back.

Earlier this month, I announced my intent to place a blanket hold on nominees for the EPA, and I didn't do so lightly. I recognize how important it is for Federal Agencies to have qualified leadership regardless of which party is in charge. I respect that. And already, in several cases, I have voted in favor of reporting the current administration's nominees out of committee. I have even voted to confirm some of them on the Senate floor notwithstanding the political and policy differences I may have with some of them.

But the Senate's constitutional role to advise and consent is an important check on the abuse and overreach of the executive branch, and abuse and overreach is exactly what Trump's EPA did in this particular situation. So my objection not only to this nomi-

nation but to future EPA nominees is part of my duty on behalf of my constituents in the State of California.

So, yes, I am objecting to expedited consideration of EPA nominees in response to the Trump EPA's abuse of the Congressional Review Act. The EPA knew that these waivers did not qualify as rules under the CRA. They have never qualified as rules under the CRA. The nonpartisan Government Accountability Office, the GAO, as well as the nonpartisan Senate Parliamentarian even affirmed that they were not subject to the CRA earlier this year. But the EPA chose to ignore that and submitted them as rules anyway, launching this unprecedented power grab.

In May, I stated that I would continue to hold up EPA nominees unless the Trump administration's EPA withdrew the waivers or the majority leader committed to not overturning the Senate Parliamentarian on this issue. Unfortunately, the Trump administration and the Republican majority plowed ahead, at the expense of the health of millions of children and families in California—and many other States, for that matter.

They took advantage of the EPA's clear abuse of the CRA to go nuclear, first overriding the procedural limits in the text of the CRA itself and then, second, by overturning the Parliamentarian's decision—all in a quest to do away with California's clear, longstanding authority under the Clean Air Act.

That is unacceptable because, thanks to the Clean Air Act and California's authority in it, for 50 years, California has exercised its authority and leadership to set its own emissions standards to protect the health of our residents. It was granted by Congress on a bipartisan basis in recognition of California's unique air quality challenges.

In the time since, California has done nearly all it can do to reduce emissions from stationary sources of air pollution, which is what is under its jurisdiction. California has invested in R&D into cleaner locomotives, because mobile sources are not within its jurisdiction, but maybe there is an indirect way we can try to impact and reduce pollution in those sectors. California has invested in port electrification—again, trying to push the envelope in areas that are not quite within its jurisdiction because it is in the Federal jurisdiction—and making breakthroughs in hydrogen technologies, like the first hydrogen fuel cell ferry in the country.

Despite all of this, California still can't meet its Federal clean air standards because the biggest sources of continued air pollution are mobile sources—not the stationary sources under the State's jurisdiction but the mobile sources that are in the jurisdiction of the Federal Government. So California has done everything it can, and now the Federal Government needs to step up and do its part—do its part

or get out of the way and let California continue to lead.

That is why these waivers are so important—because absent the Federal Government doing its part, California needs the Federal waivers to fill the gap, to reduce pollution further, to reach attainment to protect the lungs and the health of Californians. But now, as a result of the Trump EPA and the Senate Republicans' abuse of the CRA, the people of California will be forced to breathe more toxic air pollution than they should have to and suffer the devastating impacts.

So to hold the Agency's leadership accountable for their actions, I am objecting to the Senate proceeding to all nominations for the EPA except for the vacancy of the inspector general. Let me be clear about that. I will maintain these objections unless acceptable accommodations are reached for the State of California to protect the health of our people.

To my Republican colleagues who may express frustration with this process, how many times have we heard you talk about “cooperative federalism”? Yet it seems to me that the rhetoric about cooperative federalism apparently only applies to some States, not California, because the second it touches California's ability to regulate the air we breathe, then their “States' rights” claims disappear.

But it is not a surprise, what is going on here. From the minute Donald Trump came back into office, we knew California was a target. The President decided to not just attack California on climate but with ICE raids, with attacks on Federal funding and research grants, with threats to withhold disaster aid, and more.

So to President Trump and to all those who choose to target California for a political agenda, you will soon see what California is capable of, and you will learn that it is far better to bet on California than against California.

In the meantime, I will continue to oppose these EPA nominees until the EPA reverses course and works with California—not just for California's interest but our Nation's interest. California is the most populous State in the Nation, with the largest economy of any State in the Nation. California's success drives America's success. If you rein in California's ability to lead, you restrain our country's success.

So I hope we can reach an agreement in the near future, but if not, we will continue to raise objections. And I will always stand up and defend California.

I yield the floor.

THE PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Arkansas.

NOMINATION OF STEPHEN VADEN

Mr. BOOZMAN. Mr. President, I rise today in support of Judge Stephen Vaden's nomination to be the Deputy Secretary of Agriculture.

Judge Vaden is no stranger to public service. He served as USDA general

counsel during President Trump's administration and now sits on the U.S. Court of International Trade, both roles confirmed by this body.

He brings a deep understanding of rural America because he has lived it. His family has farmed in Tennessee and Kentucky for generations. That firsthand knowledge, combined with his experience in ag policy, makes him uniquely qualified to serve.

USDA needs proven leaders to support Secretary Rollins to carry out the administration's mission in rural communities. Judge Vaden is ready to serve again, and I urge my colleagues to confirm him.

I yield the floor.

VOTE ON FOTOUHI NOMINATION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the Fotouhi nomination?

Mr. MARSHALL. I ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There appears to be a sufficient second.

The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Colorado (Mr. BENNET), the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS), the Senator from Georgia (Mr. OSSOFF), the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED), the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER), and the Senator from Oregon (Mr. WYDEN) are necessarily absent.

The result was announced—yeas 53, nays 41, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 299 Ex.]

YEAS—53

Banks	Graham	Moreno
Barrasso	Grassley	Mullin
Blackburn	Hagerty	Murkowski
Boozman	Hawley	Paul
Britt	Hoeven	Ricketts
Budd	Husted	Risch
Capito	Hyde-Smith	Rounds
Cassidy	Johnson	Schmitt
Collins	Justice	Scott (FL)
Cornyn	Kennedy	Scott (SC)
Cotton	Lankford	Sheehy
Cramer	Lee	Sullivan
Crapo	Lummis	Thune
Cruz	Marshall	Tillis
Curtis	McConnell	Tuberville
Daines	McCormick	Wicker
Ernst	Moody	Young
Fischer	Moran	

NAYS—41

Alsobrooks	Hickenlooper	Rosen
Baldwin	Hirono	Sanders
Blumenthal	Kaine	Schatz
Blunt Rochester	Kelly	Schiff
Booker	Kim	Schumer
Cantwell	King	Shaheen
Cortez Masto	Klobuchar	Slotkin
Duckworth	Luján	Smith
Durbin	Markley	Van Hollen
Fetterman	Merkley	Warnock
Gallagher	Murphy	Warren
Gillibrand	Murray	Welch
Hassan	Padilla	Whitehouse
Heinrich	Peters	

NOT VOTING—6

Bennet	Ossoff	Warner
Coons	Reed	Wyden

The nomination was confirmed.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the motion to re-

consider is considered made and laid upon the table, and the President will be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

CLOTURE MOTION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Pursuant to rule XXII, the Chair lays before the Senate the pending cloture motion, which the clerk will state.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the nomination of Executive Calendar No. 112, Stephen Vaden, of Tennessee, to be Deputy Secretary of Agriculture.

John Thune, Eric Schmitt, Bernie Moreno, John Boozman, Jim Justice, Dan Sullivan, Pete Ricketts, Mike Rounds, Chuck Grassley, Jon A. Husted, Ted Cruz, Rick Scott of Florida, Josh Hawley, John Hoeven, Mike Crapo, Ashley B. Moody, Marsha Blackburn.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. By unanimous consent, the mandatory quorum call has been waived.

The question is, Is it the sense of the Senate that debate on the nomination of Stephen Vaden, of Tennessee, to be Deputy Secretary of Agriculture, shall be brought to a close?

The yeas and nays are mandatory under the rule.

The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. BARRASSO. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. BOOZMAN), the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BUDD), the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. HOEVEN), the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MARSHALL), and the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. TILLIS).

Further, if present and voting: the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BUDD) would have voted "yea", the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. HOEVEN) would have voted "yea", and the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. TILLIS) would have voted "yea".

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Georgia (Mr. OSSOFF) and the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED) are necessarily absent.

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 48, nays 45, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 300 Ex.]

YEAS—48

Banks	Graham	Moreno
Barrasso	Grassley	Mullin
Blackburn	Hagerty	Murkowski
Britt	Hawley	Paul
Capito	Husted	Ricketts
Cassidy	Hyde-Smith	Risch
Collins	Johnson	Rounds
Cornyn	Justice	Schmitt
Cotton	Kennedy	Scott (FL)
Cramer	Lankford	Scott (SC)
Crapo	Lee	Sheehy
Cruz	Lummis	Sullivan
Curtis	McConnell	Thune
Daines	McCormick	Tuberville
Ernst	Moody	Wicker
Fischer	Moran	Young

NAYS—45

Alsobrooks	Heinrich	Rosen
Baldwin	Hickenlooper	Sanders
Bennet	Hirono	Schatz
Blumenthal	Kaine	Schiff
Blunt Rochester	Kelly	Schumer
Booker	Kim	Shaheen
Cantwell	King	Slotkin
Coons	Klobuchar	Smith
Cortez Masto	Luján	Van Hollen
Duckworth	Markley	Warner
Durbin	Merkley	Warnock
Fetterman	Murphy	Warren
Gallagher	Murray	Welch
Gillibrand	Padilla	Whitehouse
Hassan	Peters	Wyden

NOT VOTING—7

Boozman	Marshall	Tillis
Budd	Ossoff	
Hoeven	Reed	

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CURTIS). On this vote, the yeas are 48, the nays are 45. The motion is agreed to.

The motion was agreed to.

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the nomination.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the nomination of Stephen Vaden, of Tennessee, to be Deputy Secretary of Agriculture.

RECESS

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate stands in recess until 2:15 p.m.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 12:56 p.m., recessed until 2:15 p.m. and reassembled when called to order by the Presiding Officer (Mrs. BRITT).

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR—Continued

VOTE ON VADEN NOMINATION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the Vaden nomination?

Ms. CANTWELL. I ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There appears to be a sufficient second.

The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. BARRASSO. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BUDD) and the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. TILLIS).

Further, if present and voting: the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BUDD) would have voted "yea" and the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. TILLIS) would have voted "yea."

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Arizona (Mr. GALLEG0), the Senator from Georgia (Mr. OSSOFF), and the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED) are necessarily absent.

The result was announced—yeas 51, nays 44, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 301 Ex.]

YEAS—51

Banks	Graham	Moran
Barrasso	Grassley	Moreno
Blackburn	Hagerty	Mullin
Boozman	Hawley	Murkowski
Britt	Hoeben	Paul
Capito	Husted	Ricketts
Cassidy	Hyde-Smith	Risch
Collins	Johnson	Rounds
Cornyn	Justice	Schmitt
Cotton	Kennedy	Scott (FL)
Cramer	Lankford	Scott (SC)
Crapo	Lee	Sheehy
Cruz	Lummis	Sullivan
Curtis	Marshall	Thune
Daines	McConnell	Tuberville
Ernst	McCormick	Wicker
Fischer	Moody	Young

NAYS—44

Alsobrooks	Hickenlooper	Sanders
Baldwin	Hirono	Schatz
Bennet	Kaine	Schiff
Blumenthal	Kelly	Schumer
Blunt Rochester	Kim	Shaheen
Booker	King	Slotkin
Cantwell	Klobuchar	Smith
Coons	Lujan	Van Hollen
Cortez Masto	Markley	Warner
Duckworth	Merkley	Warnock
Durbin	Murphy	Warren
Fetterman	Murray	Welch
Gillibrand	Padilla	Whitehouse
Hassan	Peters	Wyden
Heinrich	Rosen	

NOT VOTING—5

Budd	Ossoff	Tillis
Gallego	Reed	

The nomination was confirmed.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the motion to reconsider is considered made and laid upon the table, and the President will be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

CLOTURE MOTION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Pursuant to rule XXII, the Chair lays before the Senate the pending cloture motion, which the clerk will state.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

CLOTURE MOTION

We, the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the nomination of Executive Calendar No. 117, Andrew Hughes, of Texas, to be Deputy Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

John Thune, Eric Schmitt, Bernie Moreno, John Boozman, Jim Justice, Dan Sullivan, Pete Ricketts, Mike Rounds, Chuck Grassley, Jon A. Husted, Ted Cruz, Rick Scott of Florida, John Hoeven, Mike Crapo, Ashley B. Moody, Marsha Blackburn, Katie Boyd Britt.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the mandatory quorum call under rule XXII has been waived.

The question is, Is it the sense of the Senate that debate on the nomination of Andrew Hughes, of Texas, to be Deputy Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, shall be brought to a close?

The yeas and nays are mandatory under the rule.

The clerk will call the roll.

The senior assistant executive clerk called the roll.

Mr. BARRASSO. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BUDD) and the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. TILLIS).

Further, if present and voting: the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BUDD) would have voted "yea" and the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. TILLIS) would have voted "yea."

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Arizona (Mr. GALLEGO), the Senator from Georgia (Mr. OSSOFF), the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED) are necessarily absent.

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 51, nays 44, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 302 Ex.]

YEAS—51

Banks	Graham	Moran
Barrasso	Grassley	Moreno
Blackburn	Hagerty	Mullin
Boozman	Hawley	Murkowski
Britt	Hoeben	Paul
Capito	Husted	Ricketts
Cassidy	Hyde-Smith	Risch
Collins	Johnson	Rounds
Cornyn	Justice	Schmitt
Cotton	Kennedy	Scott (FL)
Cramer	Lankford	Scott (SC)
Crapo	Lee	Sheehy
Cruz	Lummis	Sullivan
Curtis	Marshall	Thune
Daines	McConnell	Tuberville
Ernst	McCormick	Wicker
Fischer	Moody	Young

NAYS—44

Alsobrooks	Hickenlooper	Sanders
Baldwin	Hirono	Schatz
Bennet	Kaine	Schiff
Blumenthal	Kelly	Schumer
Blunt Rochester	Kim	Shaheen
Booker	King	Slotkin
Cantwell	Klobuchar	Smith
Coons	Lujan	Van Hollen
Cortez Masto	Markley	Warner
Duckworth	Merkley	Warnock
Durbin	Murphy	Warren
Fetterman	Murray	Welch
Gillibrand	Padilla	Whitehouse
Hassan	Peters	Wyden
Heinrich	Rosen	

NOT VOTING—5

Budd	Ossoff	Tillis
Gallego	Reed	

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CURTIS). On this vote, the yeas are 51, the nays are 44. The motion is agreed to.

The motion was agreed to.

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the nomination.

The senior assistant executive clerk read the nomination of Andrew Hughes, of Texas, to be Deputy Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Democratic whip.

DREAM ACT

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, it was over 20 years ago that our office was contacted in Chicago. It was a young woman named Tereza Lee. She had been born in Korea and as an infant was taken to Brazil. And then her father, who was a Protestant minister, brought her and her mother to Chicago.

She contacted our office because she had a problem when it came to her citizenship.

It seems that the decision to move her around as an infant, made by her parents, left her undocumented.

Her family didn't have a lot of money. She grew up with her father who was a Protestant minister, trying to find the proper church. And she went from church to church as her father preached sermons and made a few dollars to keep the family together.

While her father was practicing his sermons at the church, she was in the back room banging away at the piano. As a student in public schools in Chicago, she got her first opportunity for real lessons through something called the Merit Music Program. She was great—extraordinary.

By the time she finished high school, people recognized in her an extraordinary musical genius. They encouraged her to apply to the best—Juilliard and Manhattan Conservatory of Music. As she filled out the application to go to these great schools, she would run across that question: What is your nationality? What is your citizenship?

She never thought to ask. Turns out she was undocumented. She didn't know what that meant in terms of her future, and a friend of hers contacted our office to see what we could do.

The law is very clear for Tereza Lee. Although it was her parents and others who made decisions in her life that resulted in an undocumented status, the law of the United States said that she had to leave the United States for 10 years and apply to come back in.

Didn't sound right to me. She didn't make any of those decisions; her parents did. She had done everything she was supposed to do: go to school, get good grades, develop her talent. And yet, we were rejecting her and sending her out of the country.

It is at that point that I introduced a bill called the DREAM Act. If you talked about Dreamers before that bill was introduced, most people would refer you to the British rock group Freddie and the Dreamers, which very few people remember.

But since then, the word "Dreamers" has come to characterize these young people who, by decisions of their parents, are in the United States undocumented.

Today, we mark the 13th anniversary of the program called Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals Program, known as DACA. It is a program which affects these Dreamers and their future.

I first introduced the DREAM Act with Republican Senator Orrin Hatch in 2001—24 years ago. I have included it in many forms of legislation that comes to the Senate floor, repeatedly introduced it as an amendment over the years. I have never quite been able to reach the point where I can meet the 60-vote requirement to waive the filibuster or to pass it in the House the same year.

After years of congressional action, in 2010, I wrote a letter to a man who is my former colleague from Illinois who had been elected President of the

United States, Barack Obama. And I asked him—and Senator Richard Lugar, a Republican from Indiana, joined me in asking President Obama if he could do something to stop the deportation of these young Dreamers.

Two years later, President Obama announced the DACA Program. The DACA Program has protected nearly 835,000 Dreamers, many of whom who have gone on to pursue higher education, purchase homes, start businesses, and make America a better country to live in.

These young people who grew up in this country alongside my own kids, went to school, stood up in the morning before class and pledged allegiance to that flag and believed that they were real Americans from the start—but not in the eyes of the law.

DACA recipients have started families; 37 percent have U.S. citizen children; and 935,000 U.S. citizens live with DACA holders. It is a large chunk of our population, and they have done dramatic things to make this a better country.

DACA recipients greatly contribute to our labor force. They are teachers, nurses, workers, doctors, and more. They boost our economy, providing nearly \$16 billion to the U.S. economy each year.

I have been coming to the Senate floor for 20 years telling the stories of Dreamers and DACA recipients. I don't think there is any better way to describe who they are and what they go through to try to become American citizens and be part of the future of this country.

I would like to highlight one of them today.

This is the 149th story of a Dreamer that I have shared on the floor of the Senate. Alondra O. was born in Mexico and moved to the St. Louis metropolitan area when she was 5 years old. She was a great student.

She became a member of the National Honor Society. She was certified as a nurse assistant, a patient care technician, and phlebotomist all by the time she graduated from high school. Her dream was to become a full-time registered nurse. Do we need more nurses? Absolutely.

Despite the national nursing shortage and her excellent qualifications, Alondra was unable to get a nursing license in her home State of Missouri because State law there prohibits DACA recipients from becoming nurses.

But she didn't give up.

Missouri's loss became my home State of Illinois's gain. And today, Alondra serves as an emergency department registered nurse in Alton, IL, just across the river from Missouri.

Sadly, Alondra still lives in fear today every day that all of her hard work would mean nothing if DACA is eliminated. She has lived in this country since she was 5 years old. She should not be forced to leave the only home she has ever known simply because Congress has failed to do its job to fix our broken immigration system.

Alondra should be able to work in this critical field where we desperately need nurses, wherever her services are most needed, and do so without fear of deportation.

I have heard a lot said in political campaigns about murderers, rapists, terrorists, and mentally deranged people who were seeking to make a future in the United States. What about Alondra? Does she fit any of those categories? Of course not.

She, against the odds, built a great reputation and a great resume, with her education, training, and work experience. She is doing work in her field in a part of our State where we desperately need nurses. She is no threat to anyone. She is not a danger. She is, in fact, a beacon of hope for those people who are sick and need a good nurse.

Unfortunately, there has been a relentless campaign to eliminate DACA and deport Dreamers, so the future for Alondra and other DACA recipients remains legally uncertain.

Basic question: Is America better off to have Alondra the nurse in Alton, IL, here or to deport her from the United States to a country she hasn't seen since she was 5 years old?

More than 100,000 Dreamers have initial DACA applications that are still pending. They are in limbo because for years we haven't allowed those who qualified to apply to join the ranks of DACA. DACA was always intended to be a temporary program to give Congress time to pass a permanent solution. We are not very good at passing anything in Congress.

Now in their 13th year, it is time for us to honor the Dreamers' patience, act on our promises, and provide them with a pathway to citizenship.

My mother was an immigrant to this country. I am proud of immigrants. Our family came here with nothing, not even speaking the language, worked hard, and established themselves.

My mother—eighth grade education, no experience in high school or college—raised three boys to serve this country. My two brothers were in the U.S. Navy, and I serve here in the U.S. Senate. Is immigration important for this country? The Durbin family believes that it is.

I am going to continue to fight for the Dreamers, continue to fight for DACA.

I urge my Republican colleagues, be thoughtful on the issue of immigration. Don't penalize Alondra, this wonderful young woman who has worked so hard to become a registered nurse in my State of Illinois. Give her a chance to make America and my State a better place.

We remember this anniversary of the DACA Program and thank President Obama for his vision to realize these young people could make this a better country and realize we have to be thoughtful when it comes to immigration.

If you are a danger to this country, we don't want you here, we don't want

you coming here, but if you are going to make this a better place to live, we not only want you, we desperately need you. The DACA Program represents hundreds of thousands of young people who prove that every single day of their lives.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Nevada.

Ms. CORTEZ MASTO. Mr. President, first of all, let me thank the Democratic whip from Illinois. He has been steadfast and persistent in his fight for Dreamers in this country and has not given up and has been a critical and crucial voice not only for Dreamers but for the fight for passage of comprehensive immigration reform that puts Dreamers on a pathway to citizenship, and their families, and I thank him for that.

In 5 days, we will celebrate 13 years since President Obama created the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, or DACA, Program, which so many have been referring to. DACA has proven to be an overwhelming success, allowing Dreamers who have only ever known the United States as their home to continue contributing to our economy and our communities.

DACA protects immigrants who came to the United States as children from deportation, and it authorizes them to legally work.

Nevada and every State in the country has benefited from DACA. We are a better, stronger country because of this program.

In my State, in Nevada, nearly 136,000 U.S. citizens live with at least 1 family member who is undocumented. In Nevada, 10,730 people are DACA recipients. And we know, no matter what President Trump and others say, that our immigrant communities are a critical part of what makes our country great. I know that.

My grandfather is from Chihuahua, across the border, served in our military, and became a U.S. citizen.

The Dreamers I know in my community have gone to college, they have become a part of our workforce, they pay millions of dollars in taxes, and they are woven into the fabric of every community in Nevada and, I will say, across this country. Dreamers contribute \$810 million each year to our economy in Nevada alone.

They love this country, and it is their home.

As we celebrate the 13th anniversary of DACA, we must remember that the young people who became the first DACA recipients are now in their thirties and forties. They have the responsibilities that all American adults have: maintaining their careers, caring for elderly relatives, paying bills and mortgages, and, yes, putting food on the table for their families. But their ability to remain in the only home they have ever known is in jeopardy thanks to this administration's threats to end DACA.

President Trump tried to terminate DACA entirely in his first term, but he

was stopped by the courts. Now immigrant families across the country are once again bracing for their lives to be turned upside down on any given day because of the threats of mass deportation and further attacks on the program.

I can't even imagine how exhausting it must be to spend so many years in fear and limbo—especially for Dreamers who have done everything right, who know this country as their only home, who want to be the future leaders, who want to be part of our communities, who want to be our doctors and our teachers, and to know that they are always concerned about that opportunity for their future.

They have, for the last 13 years, been met with endless delays and politics and people playing with their lives for some sort of political gain. Not only that, but immigrant communities, as you have heard the minority whip say, are being demonized, and they are facing threats because of politicians stoking hate and division in our communities. People who have lived here their whole lives and contribute to our country are now being told by those politicians that they do not belong.

Here is the other thing: I know that in my State, they are being demonized and called out by these politicians as criminals and drug traffickers and rapists. Well, I invite any of those politicians to come into my State and meet with my Dreamers.

I challenge anyone in this country who knows these families and knows these Dreamers to stand by them because right now, they are under attack. And it is something that is not happening out of sight or behind closed doors; it is happening in our neighborhoods every single day.

These Dreamers have families who are a crucial part of our communities. You know them. We know them. They have families. Many of them have spouses and children who are U.S. citizens. They just want to be able to live normal lives and contribute and continue to pay taxes and be a part of our jobs and our economy and expanding this economy and this country.

I will tell you, over the years, my office has received stacks of letters from Nevadans who have been impacted by DACA about the importance of the program for them and their families. I want to share just a couple of those stories and those letters with you.

I received a letter from a 10-year-old girl who was born in North Las Vegas. Her father is a Dreamer who has lived in the United States since he was 7 years old.

Her father always dreamed of becoming a doctor, but for much of his career, he was denied opportunity after opportunity. But that changed when he became a recipient of DACA. He was able to get a good job, buy a home for his family, and give his kids a better life.

But every day, his daughter lives in fear that her father, who has worked

hard in America all his life, could get deported back to Mexico and that she and her siblings would have to live in a country whose language they don't even speak.

She said:

I would love for the government to see that my daddy and all Dreamers like him only want to be good citizens and have a better future.

She hopes to be a pediatrician one day and serve her community just like her dad always dreamed.

The second letter I want to share with you I received from a young woman whose parents brought her to Nevada when she was just 2 years old. When she turned 18, she was excited to start working so that she could earn a living for herself, but as an undocumented Dreamer without a Social Security number, she couldn't apply for the jobs her peers were getting.

She said:

I am as much a citizen as them. I can do all that they are able to do. I have witnessed several individuals around my age waste their potential. They have everything they could possibly receive and choose not to take advantage [of it].

I will tell you Dreamers jump at every opportunity to create a better life for themselves than their parents had. I will tell you these Dreamers do not run afoul of the law. I will tell you these Dreamers do everything they possibly can to prove why they want to live here and be a crucial part of our communities, but all the while, they live in fear that their families could be torn apart by our broken immigration system that we have an obligation to fix.

DACA has been an essential way to provide stability for the Dreamers and their families, but right now in my State and across the country, Dreamers haven't been able to apply for new DACA protections. Nearly half of Nevada's Dreamers are eligible for DACA, but unfortunately thousands of Dreamers in my State are currently vulnerable because this administration is refusing to accept their DACA applications.

Now it is in direct defiance of a court order. As of March of this year, the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that the Trump administration must start accepting new DACA applications because that is the law, but months have gone by, and we have not seen any progress.

Yesterday—yesterday—my staff learned for the first time that one single new application had been processed and accepted—just one. Well, while one is better than zero, I will say this administration has a lot of work to do to follow the law and accept more applicants into the DACA Program.

I am so pleased my colleagues and I are here today to keep the pressure on, to make sure this administration follows the law but also to appeal to our Republican colleagues. It is time we come together and work together to put Dreamers and their families on a

pathway to citizenship. These Dreamers are as American in their hearts as you and I. Our country is better with them in it. As we celebrate the 13th anniversary of DACA, I remain committed to working with anyone—anyone—who is willing to protect them and do the same.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Oregon.

Mr. MERKLEY. Mr. President, I so appreciate the comments of my colleague from Nevada. So many of us are so frustrated with the failure of this legislature to address this fundamental injustice to our Dreamers.

Certainly immigration has been a part of the American spirit for a very long time. In 1752, three Merkle brothers—a name that was later converted to Merkley—arrived from Germany to be the first three of four settlers of the town of New Durlach.

More than a century later, we had those powerful words written by Emma Lazarus carved into the base of the Statue of liberty:

Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free, the wretched refuse of your teeming shore. Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me, I lift my lamp beside the golden door!

Generations of immigrant families that were brought in through the Statue of Liberty island immigration center read those words as they arrived and were inspired as they began their American dream. But those who didn't come through that immigration center were also inspired by that vision of people coming from around the world to build this land, this land in which we have government of, by, and for the people.

Among those who have been inspired are those who arrived in more recent times. And our Dreamers, those who were less than 16, arriving before 2007, they were being given the chance, through the decision of President Obama, to grant them status in 2012 to have their American dream. And their success as a group shows it was the right policy and that it is long past time for Congress to pass a Dream Act to give them a path to citizenship.

Our good colleague from Illinois, Senator DURBIN, has been fighting for these young people for passage of the Dream Act time and time again. And it is the Senate's 40-vote veto that has stopped us from ever having a vote on that policy, a final vote on that policy.

You know, the Dream Act didn't simply come from one side of the aisle. It was Senator Orrin Hatch, a Republican, who first introduced it in 2001. But the bill for the Dreamers has languished in Congress year after year after year. In 2012, President Obama, therefore, took action and announced a deferred action for childhood arrivals, the DACA policy, to protect those children who were brought here as youth, knew, often, no other country, often spoke no other language. This is their home.

And he noted at the time that this was to be “a temporary stopgap measure” for Congress to be able to debate and vote on a permanent legislation, the Dream Act. But Congress hasn’t voted—that is, the Senate has never voted on final passage—despite decades, despite bipartisan support. And even now, in December, President Trump said on “Meet the Press”—so we are talking just months ago, after he won reelection: “We have to do something about the Dreamers.”

So let’s do something here as we note the 13th anniversary of DACA. More than 825,000 young men and women—approximately 8,000 in my home State of Oregon—are caught in legal limbo yet “yearning to breathe free.” Won’t they be able to breathe a lot freer if we were able to resolve their legal status?

In 2022, the Department of Homeland Security codified DACA. But due to litigation, more than 100,000 applications are still pending from people seeking DACA protections. The Trump administration has been quite aggressive about deporting undocumented immigrants. And it could, in fact, rescind DACA’s protections. So let’s act. Let’s resolve this situation.

Here is what we understand. In 2012, President Obama described recipients as “young people who study in our schools, who play in our neighborhoods, who are friends with our children, who pledge allegiance to the flag.” But while Congress waited to act all these years, those young people have grown up. DACA’s protections allowed them to graduate from school, to apply for jobs, to become pillars in our communities. Over the last 13 years, they contributed more than \$140 billion to the U.S. economy and more than \$40 billion in Federal payroll, State, and local taxes.

They enrich our country in so many ways, serving as teachers, as nurses, as police officers, in addition to being our colleagues, our neighbors, and our friends.

We are a nation of immigrants. Unless you are part of the Tribal communities that have been on this land from time immemorial, unless you just arrived as a new immigrant, you are descended from immigrants, immigrants who arrived here often with welcoming arms, as mentioned in Emma Lazarus’s poem engraved in the foundation of the Statue of Liberty.

We should not be slamming that door shut on the Dreamers who were brought here as children, who already contributed so much to our country.

Let’s not just give speeches about the 13th anniversary, let’s get those 100,000 pending DACA applications processed. Let’s get the Dream Act to the floor to give DACA recipients a legal path to citizenship, and let’s finish the work that Senator DURBIN and so many others have been carrying forward for so many years to ensure that the American dream is open to all.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from California.

Mr. PADILLA. Mr. President, colleagues, time and time again, we have seen one of the most frequently called plays out of the Trump playbook. When everything else is going wrong, shift the narrative, scapegoat immigrants, blame immigrants for whatever your failure is at the moment.

Well, today, between his failing trade wars that are raising the cost of living on working families across the country to his losses in Federal court and delays in the Congress on the efforts to give billionaires even bigger tax breaks, and even the embarrassing breakup recently with his former BBFF—billionaire best friend forever—Elon Musk, it is safe to say that Donald Trump is grasping for anything he can do to change the narrative, to distract us from the damage that his political agenda has going on.

The smart thing would be to actually change course, rectify things, do things in the interest of our Nation and our economy. But what has he chosen to do instead? To double down. In order to distract the country from his failures and his efforts to “flood the zone,” Donald Trump is expanding his deportation agenda far beyond the focus and targeting of violent and dangerous criminals that he claimed would be the strategy.

He is so desperate to show quick results that he is even throwing due process rights out the window for so many; the due process rights, by the way, that I know most of you, if not all of you, should agree are paramount, foundational to our democracy.

As you continue to see this week, Trump is launching indiscriminate ICE raids in the Los Angeles region followed by a chaotic escalation federalizing California’s National Guard and even mobilizing the Marines.

It is personal for me, not just because Los Angeles is home—I was born and raised in Los Angeles—but as a proud son of immigrants. I know the true story of the vast majority of immigrants and immigrant families in Los Angeles, throughout California, and throughout the country.

But instead of honoring those contributions—there is no disagreement with the prioritization and targeting of violent criminals—but the vast majority of folks, their contributions deserve to be honored. Instead, Donald Trump is manufacturing a crisis to, once again, not just distract us but divide us. Just as he has always done, he is using immigrants to do it.

I can’t help but speak up and remind us, immigrants are not political pawns for his agenda, just as servicemembers—women and men—are not political pawns for his agenda.

So, yes, as we should be celebrating the 13th anniversary of DACA this week, hundreds of thousands of DACA recipients and Dreamers are actually now worried that they are at risk—at further risk—that they could be next as President Trump struggles to find enough violent criminals to detain and

deport to meet a campaign promise. Since he can’t get his numbers there, he will look elsewhere.

I want to take this moment to make very clear: Dreamers are our neighbors. Dreamers are our loved ones. These are young people who are Americans in every sense of the word except for one important piece of paperwork, including over 160,000 DACA recipients in the State of California, alone.

Yet because of Congressional Republicans’ refusal to act, Dreamers live, at a minimum, in a constant state of uncertainty but oftentimes in a constant state of fear. They deserve better.

They deserve permanent protections. This isn’t just a moral issue, as righteous and compelling as those moral arguments should be. Colleagues, if that doesn’t get you, you should be moved by the economic issues that this represents because if, through the President or through Republicans’ actions in Congress, you were to take away work authorization for hundreds of thousands of DACA recipients, that is reducing our workforce at a time when we are trying to grow the workforce and grow the economy. If DACA were to come to an end, it could strip our workforce of over 400,000 workers and cost our country nearly \$650 billion.

Yes, they, too, are productive. I am talking about Dreamers who work as teachers, as caregivers, as nurses and doctors, as construction workers, as food service workers, and so many other key industries for our economy. And they are hard-working community members who pay taxes just like the rest of us and just want a chance to work hard and raise a family in the country that they love.

They deserve peace of mind, the peace of mind to know that they are safe here at home. And that is why I am proud to support the Dream Act, a bill to provide permanent protections for Dreamers who contribute so much to our country. It is the least that we can do for Dreamers who have spent decades contributing to the Nation.

And for my Republican colleagues who may be caught up in the heat of the moment and trapped in this anti-immigrant rhetoric in our current political climate on the right, I will say this: Dreamers make our communities better; Dreamers make our economy stronger; and Dreamers make our Nation stronger.

The Dream Act is a commonsense bill that has enjoyed bipartisan support. So I urge you to join me in supporting the Dream Act now and in giving these young people the certainty and the protections that they deserve and strengthen our Nation in the process.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Nevada.

Ms. ROSEN. Mr. President, as we approach the 13th anniversary of DACA, I rise today in support of this program and the thousands of Nevadans who rely on it.

My State of Nevada is home to more than 12,000 DACA beneficiaries who

know of no other country as their own. They grew up in our communities and contribute to our Nation and to our economy. They are our neighbors, our friends, our family members. Many of them are now even raising their own families here—sending their kids to school, taking them to soccer practice, and going to the park on weekends.

But Washington has failed them. What started out as a temporary program meant to protect Dreamers, while Congress worked to pass a more permanent solution, has turned into a decades-long lifeline for so many. Washington's gridlock and its inability to pass comprehensive immigration reform, with a pathway to citizenship for Dreamers, has left them to depend on DACA. It has also opened the doors to attacks from the Trump administration and rightwing extremists.

During his first term, Donald Trump rescinded DACA and threw this critical program into a tailspin, leaving the future of Dreamers and their families to depend on court case after court case.

Can anyone in this Chamber imagine the stress, the fear, the uncertainty that they have had to endure all of these years, not knowing if they would be separated from their families or not?

In his second term, Trump has been relentless—relentless—in attacking and separating hard-working, law-abiding immigrant families, increasing fear and worry in our immigrant communities, including DACA recipients.

If DACA were to end, millions of Dreamers across our Nation would be at risk of having to leave the only country they have ever known, the only place they have ever called home. Parents would face separation from their children, leaving families forever traumatized. And our economy and communities would greatly suffer.

And just imagine—just imagine—the message we would be sending. Nevadans who have done everything right since they arrived in our State, Nevadans who were brought here as kids through no fault of their own and who followed the rules when government asked them to—who followed the rules—Nevadans who have graduated college, Nevadans who have served in the military, Nevadans who have started businesses in our communities, Nevadans who are currently protected could now lose the only life they have ever known.

So it is past time that politicians in Washington stopped using Dreamers as a political football and finally passed a law that permanently protects them. These hard-working Americans deserve to have peace of mind, and they deserve a life without fear.

I want Dreamers to know they have allies in their corner. As Nevada's Senator, I will do everything in my power to protect all of our communities and keep families—keep families—together. Since day one in the Senate, I have been pushing my colleagues to come together, in a bipartisan way, to pass a

permanent solution, one that gives Dreamers permanent protections and a pathway to citizenship—a pathway to citizenship now, now—while we continue to work on comprehensive immigration reform that this country so surely needs—surely needs. It shouldn't be a partisan issue.

As long as I am in the Senate, I won't stop fighting for it. I want everyone to know that, in the meantime, I will continue to do everything in my power to protect DACA and the thousands of Nevadans who rely on it.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Vermont.

RESCISSIONS

Mr. WELCH. Mr. President, last week, President Trump sent to Congress a request to rescind \$9.4 billion in fiscal year 2025 and 2024 funds that a majority of Republicans and Democrats had debated and had voted for. Those appropriations were signed into law by President Trump.

I want to briefly discuss the impact these rescissions would have because of the consequences for Americans, for our relationships with other governments, and for millions of people around the world. Also, I want to speak about what this does to the appropriations power and authority and responsibility of Congress.

We are seeing, from my view, an abdication of article I authority that belongs under the Constitution to Congress and delegating that to the Chief Executive. It is a violation of our separation of powers, which is a pillar of the checks and balances that is essential to the well-being of our democracy.

First, talking about the rescissions: The White House—as it says about everything that we do appropriate money for—the White House claims it is waste, fraud, and abuse and also claims that it contributes to the ballooning deficit.

There is a contradiction here because according to the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office, the so-called Big Beautiful Bill that the President is determined to pass will add \$2.4 trillion to the deficit—\$2.4 trillion. And that is before we add the increased debt service that will be required to pay it.

In this country, taxpayers are now on the verge of paying a trillion dollars annually in interest payments, and that is dead money. It doesn't support our military. It doesn't support our schools. It doesn't support scientific research. It is paid to bondholders, many of whom are in China.

Most of the funds that the President is proposing to cancel were approved 2½ months ago for fiscal year 2025. And there has been absolutely no showing that any of these funds—not a single dollar—cannot or should not be used for the purposes for which they were appropriated by a bipartisan majority in Congress. There has been absolutely no showing—none—of any waste, fraud, and abuse. These funds were deemed worthy of funding 2 months ago, and

the President himself agreed. He signed it.

This is an end run around the article I authority of Congress: We pass a budget, and then the Executive rescinds what it is we appropriated our funds for—an enormous erosion of the responsibility of Congress under article I.

But let me just mention a few specific examples of the funds that are on the chopping block: the Corporation for Public Broadcasting. In the case of Vermont, it is called Vermont Public. It is our public radio station, and it is our public broadcasting. Every State has the Public Broadcasting System.

In Vermont—and I know we are not unique—it is essential programming that knits together our community and provided information that was crucial, constantly, when we had floods in July of 2023 and July of 2024. Federal funding is about 10 percent of our budget, but in many States it is about 40, 50 percent.

The administration is proposing to get rid of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting altogether. I totally and completely oppose that. It is the equivalent of \$1.60 for each American annually. It provides a source of local news at a time when we have news deserts all around the country. The pressure on our local newspapers, on our local broadcasters, on our local radio stations is enormous. We need public broadcasting.

I saw it in Vermont, as I mentioned, when we had the enormous benefit of the information we needed desperately to deal with the floods.

My Republican colleagues in North Carolina had a similar experience. It was local public media markets and outlets that provided lifesaving emergency alert information to ensure that victims knew which roads they could travel, which food distribution centers were open. The elimination of the Corporation for Public Broadcasting puts all of this at risk.

Another program said to be eliminated is PEPFAR. PEPFAR is a flagship HIV/AIDS prevention program. It was started by President George W. Bush. It has saved millions of lives. It has created enormous goodwill for the United States around the entire world.

The chairwoman of the Appropriations Committee has strongly opposed any rescission of PEPFAR funds, and I agree with Senator COLLINS and cannot, for the life of me, understand how anyone would support rescinding those funds that provide so much to so many for so little.

Here are some other programs: Global Health—\$500 million would be cut. These activities on Global Health protect child and maternal health. They combat HIV/AIDS and infectious diseases. We would be rescinding funds that fight malaria, Ebola, polio, HIV and AIDS, and other diseases that have been kept under control and out of the United States—in many cases, thanks to these programs—but could easily explode into full-blown epidemics.

There is \$800 million being cut for refugees, like those who are fleeing genocide in Darfur and Burma. Should we turn our back on the Afghan refugee folks who served our men and women in uniform during the course of the Afghan war?

Another cut is \$83 million for programs that have supported democracy through organizations like the International Republican Institute, the National Democratic Institute, and Freedom House. These have all historically received bipartisan support and strong support. This rescission would put them out of business, even though we kept them in business by a bipartisan vote just 2½ months ago.

There is a cut of \$1.65 billion for the Economic Support Fund. It may not necessarily be apparent on its face, but that fund account funds our economic assistance for Jordan, which has been an incredibly important ally to kind of release pressure in the Middle East, Egypt, Indonesia, Lebanon, and other programs that combat corruption, transnational money laundering, terrorist financing, human trafficking, and wildlife trafficking. These programs also, by the way, expand and build markets for U.S. exports, creating good, high-paying jobs in the United States of America.

There is a cut of \$460 million for assistance for Georgia, Armenia, Macedonia, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, and other former Soviet Republics. We want them to be our friend. We are in a contest with Russia. Walking away from these on-the-edge countries, fragile countries, would send the message that Putin wants, even while he is seeking to overtake Ukraine.

There is a cut of \$496 million for international disaster assistance. That, by the way, provides lifesaving aid for victims of natural and manmade disasters, from earthquakes and hurricanes to armed conflicts. This is the United States doing its share as the major power in the world to help those who have been impacted by these extreme events that cause immense harm and suffering to people, through no cause of their own.

Also, it would cut \$202 million for some specialized Agencies, including UNICEF that has traditionally been led by an American. And the Chinese love this because where we leave, they have made it no secret that they want to replace us.

These are just a few of the examples of the irreparable harm these rescissions could cause to programs and organizations that have had longstanding bipartisan support. They serve our interests, and they promote U.S. global leadership.

I understand the White House is looking everywhere it can—except the defense budget—to find revenue, and they need that revenue to offset the tax breaks that will go, by and large, to the richest Americans. But these rescissions are thoughtless, and they are reckless.

Leadership of the United States is not solely a function of military power. Soft power really makes a difference, and it is a function and a power that we have to use our resources to act as a full force multiplier for democratic principles for free markets and for building alliances.

If these rescissions are approved, we will be asked to explain why Congress did an about-face literally in a matter of 2½ months and ceded U.S. global engagement influence to China. None of us want that; all of us will get that.

The President likes to talk about his historic mandate. He did win. It was 2 million votes out of 152 million cast. It was a small margin of victory—the smallest by a Republican Presidential candidate since the 1900s. My point here is not so much the size of the mandate. Whatever the mandate, a President should embrace the responsibility that he or she has to the entire country, and that includes folks who didn't vote for him.

I do not believe even those who did were voting to risk the lives and their children's lives by cutting funds to stop the spread of Ebola or measles or West Nile virus. This wasn't a mandate to shut down programs to defend democracy where it is under assault. This was not a vote to withdraw from UNICEF. This was not a vote, necessarily, to turn our back on the world's refugees, including, in particular, Afghan refugees who saved the lives of our men and women in uniform.

In the talk about wasteful spending, we are with everybody. I have yet to meet a Member of the U.S. Senate who is in favor of waste, fraud, and abuse. But we have got to identify it and then attack it, not assert the deficit justification for ending a program like PEPFAR that has proven to be efficient and effective in saving lives at very little cost.

The final point I think all of us have to consider is the one I made at the beginning, and that is about the article I responsibility of Congress.

Alexander Hamilton warned about the excessive power that could reside in any one branch of government and that for the well-being of our democracy, we had to maintain that competition between the branches, which required them to exercise and assert the authority that was given to each branch in the Constitution.

Of course, article I gives to the Congress the power to tax and the power to spend, and it is absolutely essential that we do that carefully and wisely because our constituents are the ones who are going to pay the bill through taxes we assess, and they are the ones who are going to receive the benefits through appropriations we make.

To abdicate that power, which is essentially what rescission would accommodate for the Executive, is to turn over that power to the President. And it is not just a matter of being this President; it is any President.

In order for us to meet our responsibilities, we have to adhere to our constitutional responsibility under article I that we are the ones who are subject to the will of the people—in the House, every 2 years; in the Senate, every 6 years—to account for how we tax and how we spend. Let's not dodge by delegating that power to the Executive.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Connecticut.

DACA

Mr. BLUMENTHAL. Mr. President, I am here to join my colleagues—with thanks to them, most especially to Senator DURBIN—to highlight the impact of Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, or DACA, which for the last 13 years has benefited countless young people who have come to this country as infants or young children, brought by their parents before they could even speak any language, some of them, and many of them here knowing only English, only the neighborhoods where they live now, only this country as their home.

DACA has offered safety, security, and hope to thousands of people, including 3,000 active DACA recipients living in Connecticut alone. They are our friends and neighbors. They are students, nurses. They have all kinds of jobs that are important to our community and our State in Connecticut. They are key members of communities, having lived in the United States for an average of 26 years—that is right, 26 years on average. Ninety-one percent of DACA recipients in Connecticut participate in the Connecticut labor force.

Mr. President, 92 percent of DACA recipients have a high school diploma, and 81 percent have some college education. In Connecticut, 30 percent of DACA recipients are married, 17 percent have children, and there are 6,000 U.S. citizens living with DACA recipients.

Let me tell you the stories of two DACA recipients in Connecticut.

Agnes was brought to Connecticut when she was 9 years old. She worked hard in school and qualified for a Rotary Club scholarship to attend Western Connecticut State University. Because of DACA, she was able to obtain work authorization and get a job upon graduating college.

She says DACA eliminated the uncertainty she felt as a child and allowed her to pursue opportunities she otherwise would not have. She is now a U.S. citizen, married, with two beautiful boys. She owns a home. She manages a global team at a commodity trading company in Connecticut.

Another DACA recipient who also came to the United States when she was 9 years old said DACA was “monumental.” It gave her a sense of independence. It allowed her to build a future for herself that she wanted and aspired to have. She can't imagine what her life would have been like without it.

In 2009, before she graduated from college, she learned about the DREAM

Act and was inspired to pursue advocacy work. She is now part of an organization in Connecticut called Connecticut Students for a Dream, working to help other Dreamers like her. Through her advocacy, she pushed for the passage of legislation in Connecticut that provided in-state tuition access, institutional financial aid, and a college access program for undocumented students. Finally, after receiving DACA, she obtained her work authorization. She got a job overseeing a leadership program for Connecticut high school students.

These two remarkable stories are just two examples of the extraordinary impact that DACA recipients have on our community.

Last December, President Trump said:

We have to do something about the Dreamers.

He said:

We have to do something about the Dreamers. Republicans are very open to Dreamers.

I call on the administration to resume processing initial DACA applications outside of Texas, in line with the ruling from the Fifth Circuit. I call on this administration to do the right thing, to do what is legally open, what history encourages us to do. The history of this program shows the human potential of DACA recipients.

I encourage my colleagues from both sides of the aisle to come together with more permanent legislation for Dreamers. They give back. They contribute to our communities. They work tirelessly to do better. We owe them better. These Dreamers deserve to build a future in this country with the security and safety of permanent status and a path to citizenship.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CURTIS). The Senator from New Mexico.

REMEMBERING RALPH VIGIL

Mr. HEINRICH. Mr. President, in New Mexico, we practice *querencia*. *Querencia* is a deep, even spiritual, connection to the land—a love of place that demands that we care for what has been passed down to us and protect it so we can pass it along to future generations.

Today, I stand on the Senate floor to pay tribute to a man who literally embodied this idea. His name was Ralph Vigil. And Ralph grew up along the Pecos River, at the foot of the Sangre de Cristo Mountains, in Northern New Mexico.

With family roots extending hundreds of years, Ralph often called himself “a twelfth-generation Hispano in a state of Nuevomexicanos.” He took pride in his Hispanic and indigenous heritage, and every aspect of Ralph’s life was really a testament to his commitment and connection to our State and its people.

A *parciante* of his local *acequia*, Ralph often brought people in to share *acequia* traditions, and this included

Mark Allison, the executive director of the New Mexico Wilderness Alliance.

One year, Ralph and his family invited Mark for an annual *acequia* spring cleaning. So all day, they shoveled and raked and cleared the way for the water to be able to nourish the fields.

Once they were done, they went up and opened up the headgate. Ralph’s dad moved a few rocks, and Mark and Ralph stood and watched the water come down to water the fields.

As *mayordomo* of the *Acequia del Molino*, Ralph determined the allocation of water for each family like he did everything else, with the resounding belief that in the *acequia*, as in life, everyone is equal, bound together by water, by land, by tradition.

So Ralph carried these principles of equality and justice and interconnectivity to literally everything he did. As chairman of the New Mexico *Acequia* Commission for 19 years, Ralph fought to protect the water and the needs of local communities.

In the words of Juan Sanchez, who worked alongside Ralph at the commission, “Ralph . . . helped communities who didn’t really have a voice, keep a voice.”

And when extensive mining proposals threatened the traditional way of life along the Pecos River, Ralph stepped into action, helping to form the Stop Terrero Mine Coalition.

This is where I really got to know Ralph, as we worked together to craft and introduce legislation, the Pecos Watershed Protection Act—legislation to defend our watersheds and designate over 11,000 acres of national forestland as the Thompson Peak Wilderness Area.

At the Federal and State level, Ralph was a community leader in every sense of the phrase, committed to protecting and nurturing the people and places of New Mexico. He was also a farmer, a father, a skateboarder, a mariachi, and a friend—one who let others know how much they meant to him.

As described by one of his close friends and colleague he worked with, Garrett VeneKlasen, “Ralph was an old soul and a sage” who “radiated goodness and grace.”

His friend Robert Apodaca put it similarly:

Ralph . . . loved with his whole heart and soul. . . . [And his] legacy lives on in every life he touched and every cause he stood for.

Julie and I extend our heartfelt condolences to Ralph’s family, friends, colleagues, and community. And I know that we will all think of Ralph every time we see the Pecos River.

May we all honor Ralph’s memory by carrying on our own *querencia* for the places and waters that have sustained our way of life, traditions, and forged our communities.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from South Dakota.

Mr. ROUNDS. I would ask unanimous consent to begin the rollcall vote immediately.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

VOICE ON HUGHES NOMINATION

The question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the Hughes nomination?

Mr. SCHATZ. I ask for the yeas and nays.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there a sufficient second?

There appears to be a sufficient second.

The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. BARRASSO. The following Senators are necessarily absent: the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BUDD) and the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. TILLIS).

Further, if present and voting, the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. TILLIS) would have voted “yea.”

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Arizona (Mr. GALLEGO), the Senator from Georgia (Mr. OSSOFF), the Senator from Rhode Island (Mr. REED), and the Senator from Vermont (Mr. SANDERS) are necessarily absent.

The result was announced—yeas 51, nays 43, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 303 Ex.]

YEAS—51

Banks	Graham	Moran
Barrasso	Grassley	Moreno
Blackburn	Hagerty	Mullin
Boozman	Hawley	Murkowski
Britt	Hoeven	Paul
Capito	Husted	Ricketts
Cassidy	Hyde-Smith	Risch
Collins	Johnson	Rounds
Cornyn	Justice	Schmitt
Cotton	Kennedy	Scott (FL)
Cramer	Lankford	Scott (SC)
Crapo	Lee	Sheehy
Cruz	Lummis	Sullivan
Curtis	Marshall	Thune
Daines	McConnell	Tuberville
Ernst	McCormick	Wicker
Fischer	Moody	Young

NAYS—43

Alsobrooks	Hickenlooper	Schatz
Baldwin	Hirono	Schiff
Bennet	Kaine	Schumer
Blumenthal	Kelly	Shaheen
Blunt Rochester	Kim	Slotkin
Booker	King	Smith
Cantwell	Klobuchar	Van Hollen
Coons	Lujan	Warner
Cortez Masto	Markey	Warnock
Duckworth	Merkley	Warren
Durbin	Murphy	Welch
Fetterman	Murray	Whitehouse
Gillibrand	Padilla	Wyden
Hassan	Peters	
Heinrich	Rosen	

NOT VOTING—6

Budd	Ossoff	Sanders
Gallego	Reed	Tillis

The nomination was confirmed.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the motion to reconsider is considered made and laid upon the table, and the President will be immediately notified of the Senate’s action.

The Senator from Oregon.

GAZA

Mr. MERKLEY. Mr. President, I have witnessed starvation up close.

Many years ago, I was visiting Mother Teresa’s Home for the Dying in Calcutta. The room had a series of cots,

filled with men. There was a men's side and a women's side, and I was on the men's side.

Many of the men, the priest told me, had come after they had reached a point of malnutrition on the streets to which they had then collapsed.

I was asked to tend to one young man, and his eyes were very bright, and I asked the priest: It appears like he is really focused.

He said: No, no, no. This young man has been starving to death. His body has started to damage its own organs, and there is no recovery. All we can do is minister to his comfort.

That involved taking sections of grapefruit and wiping them across his lips.

I also visited a refugee center in Juba, in South Sudan, where the children's level of malnutrition was measured by an armband. It is one way of getting a quick sense of how little food they have had. It is called a mid-upper arm circumference. It is color coded, green to yellow to red, so aid workers can quickly see the severity of the malnutrition—the extent, if you will, of the impact of starvation.

And I visited refugee camps in Somalia and in Kenya and in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, where families were fleeing conflict and, quite frankly, fleeing starvation.

Starvation is sometimes the result of the chaos of war, sometimes the result of natural disasters, sometimes agricultural disasters. But what we are seeing now in the Middle East is a different form of disaster. It is a failure of political will to provide food. There is starvation in Gaza today because the Netanyahu government, which controls the amount of food flowing in, has chosen to use access to food as a weapon of war.

I have come to the floor tonight to say that this is immoral, that this use of food as a weapon of war is wrong under any structure of religion or moral code. I have come to the floor to say that it violates human rights and to say that it violates international law, and that all of us should join together and call for our government—the U.S. Government—to use every leverage of influence we have with our close ally Israel to have the Netanyahu government end this strategy.

Over the last few months, public attention has turned away from the ongoing war in Gaza because there is so much else going on here in the United States and so much else going on around the world. Our newspapers and news feeds are full of stories about the Trump administration, about new tariffs, new Executive orders, new events across the country, and, also, quite frankly, about heartbreaking events of anti-Semitic violence against our American Jewish community.

Before I turn to deliberate further on the horrific use of food as a weapon of war, I want to really note the importance of never allowing criticism of the practices of another government or,

certainly, criticism of the Government of Israel—the Netanyahu government—to blur into discrimination or persecution of anyone based on their faith identity.

I abhor discrimination, abhor persecution. I abhor anti-Semitism. Anti-Semitic acts, including assault and harassment and vandalism, have increased dramatically here in the United States. Across the country, in 2024 and on into 2025, the highest level has been recorded since the Anti-Defamation League started tracking the data in 1979.

On the first night of Passover, an arsonist set fire to the Pennsylvania Governor's mansion, while the Governor, Josh Shapiro, and his family were asleep inside.

Sarah Milgrim and Yaron Lischinsky, who met working at the Israeli Embassy, were murdered here in Washington, DC, outside the Jewish Museum.

And 12 people marching in support of the release of the hostages being held in Gaza were attacked and injured in Boulder, CO, just a week ago Sunday.

I condemn these acts of anti-Semitism and violence. We must root out prejudice and discrimination. We must root it out of our hearts. We must root it out of the public acts. We must stand arm in arm with our Jewish community members whenever they are threatened.

With that emphasis, let me be clear. As we stand arm in arm with our fellow Jewish citizens who are threatened by assault and harassment and vandalism and discrimination, we should also be standing arm in arm together against the use of the denial of food as a weapon of war, including by the Netanyahu government using that strategy in Gaza.

We need an immediate cease-fire in Gaza, and I hope and pray every day that we will have such a cease-fire, and with that cease-fire will come the swift and safe return of all the remaining hostages.

We also need an immediate massive influx of humanitarian aid, including water and medicine and, certainly, food.

But under the relevant rules of international humanitarian law, the provision of food can never be tied to some other act like a cease-fire. Every nation has the responsibility in conflict to make sure they are not denying food in kind of a mass punishment of the other side. And, therefore, food should not be contingent upon the cease-fire. It needs to be provided under moral code, under religious code, under humanitarian law, under international law—cease-fire or no cease-fire.

I have spoken previously about my concerns for the indiscriminate bombing that has killed tens of thousands of innocent Palestinian civilians in Gaza, including women and children and the elderly. Those individuals are victims, as well, of the Netanyahu government's use of food as a weapon of war.

I oppose and condemn this strategy, and I oppose and condemn the failure of the United States to use our resources and our influence to strive in every way possible to persuade the Netanyahu government to abandon the strategy of starvation.

Following the horrific attacks of October 7, 2023, Israel had every right to go after Hamas. But how you do so does matter, and starving the civilian population of Gaza is morally reprehensible. Yet that is the strategy the Netanyahu government has employed, with only a periodic exemption, since the start of the war.

Two days after the October 7, 2023, attack by Hamas, then-Israeli Defense Minister Gallant laid out this strategy, saying:

I have ordered a complete siege on the Gaza Strip. There will be no electricity, no food, no fuel, everything is closed.

From the start of the war through the first 15 months, until the cease-fire of January 2025, the United Nations and international humanitarian organizations have warned of the growing crisis over food in Gaza.

Before the war began, an average of 500 trucks entered Gaza each day to provide the basic food needed to feed 2.1 million people. That food was supplemented by food that people in Gaza were growing.

When Senator VAN HOLLEN and I visited the Rafah gate crossing, in January of 2024, an average of only 150 trucks per day were getting into Gaza to provide medicine, equipment, and food. While we were at that gate, a doctor came out. He had just left through the Rafah gate crossing, after treating patients for about—I believe he told me—3 weeks at the European hospital. So this was, essentially, 3 months into the Gaza war.

He said: We are already seeing major changes in patients' ability to recover because, he said, they are not getting enough nutrition. If you don't have enough food, your body doesn't have the energy to recover from a wound.

This was just months into that war.

For the following year, the number of trucks entering Gaza fell even lower, to an average of 100 trucks a day, just a fraction of the amount of food needed to provide civilians with sufficient nutrition. And the ability to grow food in Gaza essentially evaporated under the bombardment and the conditions of war.

Then there was a moment of hope that this atrocity was ending, the discussion of the possibility of a lengthy cease-fire. But even as those discussions progressed, the information was flowing about, already, of the devastating effects of malnutrition. The Netanyahu government's strategy of food deprivation had inflicted massive malnutrition and health problems on the 2 million Palestinians in Gaza.

Malnutrition is devastating on the body. Malnutrition prevents the body from recovering from bombing-induced injuries. Malnutrition increases the

risk of miscarriage. Malnutrition prevents mothers from being able to breastfeed their babies because their milk dries up. Malnutrition creates the possibility that babies will die because mothers who do not have breast milk may not be able to get clean water or formula, both being necessary for a baby to survive.

Adults, as well as babies and children, suffer from the collateral effects of bodies weakened from malnutrition. And for those who do survive, the long-term health injuries are vast. Children who endure long-term hunger and malnutrition will have lifelong health damage, including stunted growth and impaired cognitive development.

But then we had that break. Finally, after 15 months—January 2025—the parties agreed to a cease-fire, including the return of 33 hostages and a surge in humanitarian aid, including food. During that cease-fire, 600 trucks a day on average entered Gaza with food and supplies. This delivery showed that it is entirely possible to efficiently get trucks into Gaza.

When Senator VAN HOLLEN and I were at the Rafah gate in January of the previous year, 2024, we witnessed a miles-long backup of trucks parked along the road to Rafah gate. We kept hearing from the Israeli Government: We just can't process these trucks and get them into Gaza.

And they blamed the international organizations for the challenge.

But it is clear: Once the Netanyahu government made a decision to get the trucks in, they could get them in. We saw it during the cease-fire. We knew it was possible all along. We knew it was an issue of political decision making to keep those trucks out, to inflict this hunger, to inflict this starvation on the population of Palestinians.

But that food that came in, those 600 trucks, for that limited time period—a time period of 58 days—wasn't sufficient to make up for the malnutrition of the previous 15 months. It didn't erase the ravages that had been inflicted on the population. It certainly meant that enough food was getting in for kind of a daily consumption at that point, but it certainly wasn't long enough and didn't reverse the impacts of those first 15 months.

And then, the interlude ended. On March 2, the cease-fire ended, and the Netanyahu government resumed using food as a weapon of war, blockading all humanitarian aid, including food and water and medicine, from reaching civilians in Gaza.

The Netanyahu government's claims that not enough aid was delivered during the cease-fire to compensate for the blockade to come simply was false.

Repeated public reports from the United Nations, from credible news sources, and from international humanitarian aid organizations all raised the alarm, month after month, that widespread hunger, malnutrition, and starvation had been growing as aid supplies ran out.

One way to determine if there is a shortage is to look at food prices. When there is no shortage in food, prices are stable.

There is a tool that governments use and nongovernmental organizations use called the Integrated Food Security Phase Classification System—fancy words for a tool to evaluate prices and how they reflect shortages. That tool provides reports from that, and it reported that a 55-pound sack of flour, which sold for \$17 in Gaza in February 2025, in May 2025, after the blockade was reimposed, sold for \$520—not \$17 but \$520. Here at home in the United States, restaurant all-purpose flour can be found on the internet for \$18.69, a 50-pound sack, with free home delivery.

In other words, the shortage of food resulted in flour being about 27 times more expensive than it had been previously in Gaza a few months before and about 27 times more expensive than what a pound of flour costs here in the United States of America.

Those staggering prices tell you several things: first, that the humanitarian feeding operations, after the blockade was reimposed, were absolutely unable to meet the need for food. People who have their food needs met don't pay that type of price—\$520—for a sack of flour. Second, it means that food was a luxury that only the affluent in Gaza could afford, the few who had the ability to get funds from outside of Gaza; and finally, that folks who did not have that money weren't going to be able to buy flour to cook anything.

Then, on March 25, just 3 weeks into the blockade, the World Food Programme reported that due to the Netanyahu government's blockade, all 25 of their bakeries had run out of flour and fuel.

So realize: March 2, the reimposition of the blockade, and within a couple weeks, by March 25, the bakeries under the World Food Programme had run out of flour and fuel.

According to the New York Times, those bakeries had produced “enough bread to supply about 70 percent of Gaza's population,” but those bakeries were shut down weeks after the blockade was reimposed.

The IPC also reports that Gaza's 177 hot-meal kitchens, run by various aid organizations, exhausted their supplies at the beginning of April, 1 month into the reimposition of the blockade. One of these aid organizations was World Central Kitchen. World Central Kitchen is known around the world for stepping into situations and helping out where there are humanitarian disasters of all kinds and in this case, the disaster of the restriction of food by the Netanyahu government.

World Central Kitchen's emergency meal services provide an estimated 400,000 to 500,000 meals per day, but on May 7, World Central Kitchen announced:

After serving more than 130 million total meals and 26 million loaves of bread over the

past 18 months, World Central Kitchen no longer has the supplies to cook meals or bake bread in Gaza.

Within weeks of the blockade being reestablished, the markets were empty, the bakeries were shut down, and hot-meal kitchens were closed. The effect on the people in Gaza, the Palestinians of Gaza, the 2.1 million Palestinians living there: devastating. Palestinian civilians had been suffering from malnutrition from early on—as the doctor told me, 3 months after the war had begun—and it just got worse and worse over time with the deprivation of food.

UNICEF reports that the number of children suffering from acute malnutrition increased 80 percent just from February of this year to March of this year—80 percent increase. That is because children have no food.

Parents have watched helplessly as they see clothes that once fit their toddlers hang off their brittle bodies, their kids' bony ribcages and shockingly thin limbs. Increased malnutrition means it is even harder to recover from bombing-induced injuries, a higher risk of miscarriages, a higher risk of mothers not being able to breastfeed their babies. It means babies are weaker. It means adults are weaker, children are weaker.

Often, it is not malnutrition—that is, starvation—that kills someone; it is the weakened body dying from other diseases. And as noted before, the impacts on the development of the brain and the development of the body of the children can last a lifetime.

World Health Organization representative Rik Peeperkorn warned that “without enough nutritious food, clean water and access to healthcare, an entire generation will be permanently affected.”

I might add, the effects are not just those of malnutrition but also the trauma of being under constant bombardment over the course of this war, often without a home, often without electricity, often without clean water, often without access to medicine, often watching your family members die.

So these children—at a minimum, we should make sure they have food, at a minimum—at a very minimum. We probably can't reverse many of the traumatic effects that will affect their lives. Just like we know trauma affects those who go to war, these are children and civilians living through the effects of war.

The World Health Organization reports as of May 13 that almost 5 dozen children had starved to death in Gaza. If dozens of children have died from starvation, how many thousands of children more are on the verge of a devastating level of malnutrition and potential death from starvation?

The headlines tell the escalating and devastating story to the world. On March 2, the day the blockade began, the Washington Post headline read:

Israel halts all aid to Gaza as ceasefire falters.

On April 1, 1 month into the blockade, the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation said:

Fear of famine looms after all Gaza bakeries run out of flour amid month-long Israeli blockade.

May 4, 2 months into the blockade, NBC News:

Starvation looms as Israel's total blockade on Gaza enters its third month.

You start seeing the word "starvation" appear in story after story, headline after headline.

If you or I could travel to Gaza right now, we would be absolutely shocked to see the bodies of the adults and the bodies of the children, but we can't travel there because it is closed to all of us. But reports from credible news organizations have been alerting us to this horrific disaster coming from using food as a weapon.

Starvation looms as . . . blockade enters its third month.

In mid-May, the New York Times had a headline:

In Private, Some Israeli Officers Admit That Gaza Is on the Brink of Starvation.

So we have heard time and again from the Netanyahu government: Don't believe international organizations—even though they are experts. Don't believe because we are telling you there is no problem.

But even the Israelis are telling the world there is a problem, that Gaza is on the brink of starvation.

Then, on May 16, President Trump, our President, "acknowledges starvation in Gaza as Israeli airstrikes kill more than 100." The President said the United States will take care of the situation in Gaza on the final day of the Gulf tour in Abu Dhabi.

Why don't we join together, Democrats and Republicans, and support President Trump in having the United States take care of the situation, address the starvation in Gaza? That is the moral thing to do. That is the right thing to do under any religious code.

We have this incredibly close relationship with the Israeli Government. We are their primary source of economic support. We have close technological support. We have a close security relationship. We share intelligence. We have many connections between members of our government and our military and our intelligence community and theirs. Why not support President Trump in using these connections to end the starvation in Gaza?

You know, starvation happens many places in the world where we don't have a close relationship with the government and it may seem very distant, but here, we are complicit because we are so closely tied and so supportive of the Israeli Government. So we have a special responsibility to address this and use every leverage at our power to end it.

Facing week after week of these horrifying headlines, world leaders pressed Prime Minister Netanyahu to end this strategy and implement a new plan.

Only after, it was reported, "Israel's closest friends," meaning U.S. leaders, warned the Israeli Government that it would lose international support because allies could not handle pictures of mass starvation did Prime Minister Netanyahu consider changing course.

On May 19—so now we are talking just about 3 weeks ago—after more than 11 weeks of an all-out blockade, Prime Minister Netanyahu announced that—and he used the word "minimal"—a "minimal" amount of food would be allowed into Gaza.

But that plan is hardly satisfactory. The new U.S.- and Israeli-backed organization, the Gaza Humanitarian Foundation, which has taken over aid distribution, working in partnership with the Israeli military and private U.S. security contractors—they are distributing aid from just four sites—one in central Gaza near the Netzarim Corridor and three in southern Gaza in the Rafah area. Civilians have to get to one of those four sites to obtain a box of food.

If you have visited Israel, you know that Gaza is about 40 miles long from north to south. It is a thin wafer along the Mediterranean coast. How do four sites, with three of them at the very southern end of that 40 miles, possibly get food to 2.1 million people? It needed hundreds of kitchens before to get food distributed throughout the country.

So what you have is a formula that says millions of people are going to descend on these four sites to acquire a box of food. The logistics of that are impossible, and they are meant to be impossible. It is deliberately designed not to work because there is no way that four sites can handle handing out food to 2.1 million people. So it has produced chaotic scenes, with desperate crowds—crowds of men, women, and children—rushing toward boxes of aid to try to get one of those boxes and then warning shots being fired—and not just warning shots, shots that killed Palestinians. Warning shots don't kill people.

On Sunday, June 1, ABC News reported that 31 people were killed and 200 injured when the Israeli troops opened fire.

On Tuesday June 3, the BBC reported 27 civilians were killed by military gunfire for "deviating from the designated access routes" while desperately trying to collect food.

On Wednesday, June 4, less than a week ago, the BBC called Gaza "worse than hell on Earth," as the Israeli military closed its aid distribution sites for the day, warning that roads leading to the sites are "combat zones."

How do 2.1 million people get to the aid sites if the roads leading to the sites are combat zones and if each time the food distributions are open, people end up dying because they are shot?

On Sunday, June 8, the New York Times reports that about a half mile from a distribution site, shots were fired and "five people were killed and 123 were wounded."

Yesterday, morning—here we are on Tuesday—Monday, yesterday, June 9, the Associated Press reports "14 people were killed" on their way to a food distribution center.

This is not a plan designed to address the hunger, to end the malnutrition, to end the starvation. This is a plan to make it virtually impossible for the Palestinians to get food while telling the world: Don't worry, we have a distribution plan.

Everyone understands this is not a plan designed to provide food. It is a plan designed to make sure that very little food gets just to a small number of people so that the starvation continues and gets worse, the malnutrition continues and gets worse, the impact on the ravaged bodies of children and babies and women and seniors and all kinds of folks who had nothing ever to do with Hamas continue to decline.

The New York Times interviewed many Gazans who said they go to the distribution sites when they are closed despite the warnings of the Israeli military because they "are desperate for food . . . and seeking to get ahead of large crowds."

If there is only a few boxes and the site is only open for a few minutes, you are willing to wait all night because your family is starving. You want your kids to survive. You want your spouse to survive. You want to survive yourself. Of course, you are going to try to beat the crowd there, but you know it is impossible the food will be sufficient for everyone to walk away with a box of food.

Yesterday, June 9, the Gaza Humanitarian Foundation announced the opening of an aid distribution center in a post on its Facebook page, only to post again the center had completed distributions less than 20 minutes later and closed.

It was open for 20 minutes. Of course, you are going to try to beat the crowds. It is only going to be open for a few minutes. There is only going to be a modest number of boxes—nothing that could possibly serve thousands of people, let alone hundreds of thousands, let alone 2.1 million people. Of course, you are going to try to go early.

And the foundation closed a second center "because of the chaos of the surrounding crowds."

Whenever you have starvation, you are going to have chaos around food distribution centers.

Early in this conflict, when I went to Rafah gate in January of 2024, the International Aid Organization said we are pushing to make the point that if there isn't sufficient food, eventually, the trucks carrying food will be raided because people will be desperate. That always happens when people are desperate—not as a particular condition of the situation in Gaza, but wherever people are starving, they are going to raid the trucks to get food.

They won't wait for a warehouse that has very little food in it to open up in

an orderly fashion because there isn't enough food for everyone, so they are going to make that effort to get that food for their families.

So this chaos—this was understood that this would be this way. It is not something that is, if you will, incidental to the plan. It is the plan—not enough food, not enough distribution centers, not open long enough—deliberate effort to make hundreds of thousands of people compete with each other for a few boxes. That is chaos.

Aid groups say the Netanyahu government system will be ineffective in reversing the widespread hunger because not nearly enough food is being allowed in. The United Nations has called the food that is being let in “a drop in the ocean.”

Food is being distributed far from where it is needed most, especially for the elderly and people with disabilities.

How are they going to travel? It is a 40-mile-long strip of land. How are they going to travel if they are disabled, if you are elderly, to compete with hundreds of thousands of people trying to get to just four distributions centers? It is impossible.

Dangerous and deadly chaos at food distribution sites is being fueled not through some clever plan by Hamas, but by the deprivation of starving civilians who hope to keep their families and their children alive. And that desperation is the direct and inevitable result of Netanyahu government's strategy of deliberately imposed starvation.

Even if civilians could make that dangerous journey safely, the amount of aid in this new system is wholly insufficient. During the cease-fire in the winter, 600 trucks a day entered Gaza. Only a few hundred trucks have been allowed into Gaza over the last week, and the World Food Programme reports only one-third of their trucks reached their destination.

A handful of World Food Programme bakeries actually did resume bread production on May 22, but the supplies were so limited that World Food Programme Country Director Antoine Renard warned:

This is just a drop in the bucket of what is needed to reverse the catastrophic levels of hunger.

We are in a race against time to prevent widespread starvation.

The World Food Programme reports that:

Over 140,000 metric tons of food—enough to feed the entire population for two months—is pre-positioned at aid corridors and ready to be brought into Gaza at scale.

Just as I saw in January of 2024—trucks piled up for miles waiting to try to get in. Here we have a World Food Programme reporting that now, again, food is ready to move in, but the Netanyahu government is blocking them.

On June 8, 2 days ago, Janti Soeripto, the CEO of Save the Children told Face the Nation:

When we had the pause in fighting from January 'til March, as you will recall, we got

trucks and trucks of supplies in at scale, [and] we were able to deliver, [and] we treated children with malnutrition, [and] we did vaccinations, [and] we did medical care, [and] hospitals were operating . . .

So this current new mechanism doesn't seem to work. The failings seem to play out exactly the way that we warned against. It is also the militarization of aid—

I am continuing this long quote—

It is the militarization of aid—if you put men with guns near a distribution point and you ask a desperate, desperate, starving population to come and walk for miles to get boxes of food . . . you're going to create crowd control issues and increased risk of harm to an already incredibly desperate population.

That is the end of the quote. And that is exactly what we are seeing happen.

As CNN reported yesterday, June 9:

Aid to Gaza hangs by a thread amid looting and starvation.

Let's be clear: That trickle of aid is not about Prime Minister Netanyahu ending food deprivation as a weapon of war. It is continuing food deprivation as a weapon of war while deflecting just enough international pressure to keep himself in power.

Jonathan Whittall, lead of the U.N.'s Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs in the Palestinian Territories, said May 28:

The newly developed distribution scheme is more than just the control of aid. It is engineered scarcity. The new distribution model cannot possibly meet Gaza's needs.

The same day, Riyadh Mansour, the Palestinian Authority's representative to United Nations, told the Security Council:

Children are dying of starvation. The images of mothers embracing their motionless bodies, caressing their hair, talking to them, apologizing to them—it's unbearable.

And on May 30, the New York Times reporting led with the headline:

In Emaciated Children, Gaza's Hunger Is Laid Bare.

Every moral and religious code says this is wrong—wrong to withhold food, wrong to induce starvation. And under international law, it is a crime.

Rule 53 of Customary Humanitarian Law states:

The use of starvation of the civilian population as a method of warfare is prohibited.

It isn't prohibited because it was some bureaucratic decision. It is prohibited because it is completely wrong under every religious and moral code—people who had no role—no role—being punished collectively; being punished the way that kills children, kills babies, kills adults.

Other countries are speaking out in opposition to Netanyahu's government's use of food as a weapon.

On May 19, the Governments of the United Kingdom and France and Canada issued a joint statement saying that the amount of food the Netanyahu government is allowing into Gaza is “wholly inadequate.”

Even Israel's leaders from across the political spectrum are speaking out that this is wrong.

Amit Halevi, from Prime Minister Netanyahu's Likud party, said:

This war is a deception [and it] is not succeeding in destroying Hamas.

Yair Golan, the leader of Israel's Democrats party, said in a radio interview:

Israel is on the way to becoming a pariah state, like South Africa was, if we don't return to acting like a sane country. A sane country [that] does not fight against civilians.

Even former Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert wrote in the newspaper on May 27:

What we are doing in Gaza now is . . . indiscriminate, limitless, cruel and criminal killing of civilians.

He continued.

. . . Yes, Israel is committing war crimes.

Mr. President and colleagues, this use of food as a weapon of war should never have happened, and it has to end. We know that the United States has such a close relationship with Israel that we can apply multiple levels to push the Netanyahu government to end it.

We have a moral responsibility that is heightened by our close relationship between our two nations. We should have acted long ago to end this strategy—the strategy of malnutrition and starvation. But that provides no excuse for not acting now.

I pressed the Biden administration to act, and I will press the Trump administration to act.

There was that moment of hope in December when Trump said we will address this situation. Colleagues, I have witnessed the horror of starvation in multiple countries around the world.

I believe that if the Netanyahu government would let us as Senators go and witness firsthand, a bipartisan delegation going to Gaza, we would come back and speak from the depths of our hearts, the ferocity of our understanding of right and wrong, that we have to press for this strategy of starvation to end. But we are not allowed in, so we have to depend on the press reports that have come from international organizations who have people on the ground in Gaza, from news reporting, from competent international sources.

We have a profound responsibility to pressure the Netanyahu government to end its strategy of starvation through food deprivation and deliver a massive influx of aid immediately.

It is tempting to look away. There is a lot more going on in the world. But it is wrong to look away. We must carry that responsibility on our consciousness. We must speak and act forcefully to end the Netanyahu government's strategy of deliberately starving 2 million men, women, and children in Gaza.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Montana.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. DAINES. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate resume legislative session and be in a period of morning business, with Senators permitted to speak therein for up to 10 minutes each.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ARMS SALES NOTIFICATION

Mr. RISCH. Mr. President, section 36(b) of the Arms Export Control Act requires that Congress receive prior notification of certain proposed arms sales as defined by that statute. Upon such notification, the Congress has 30 calendar days during which the sale may be reviewed. The provision stipulates that, in the Senate, the notification of proposed sales shall be sent to the chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

In keeping with the committee's intention to see that relevant information is still available to the full Senate, I ask unanimous consent to have printed in the RECORD the notifications that have been received. If the cover letter references a classified annex, then such an annex is available to all Senators in the office of the Foreign Relations Committee, room SD-423.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

DEFENSE SECURITY
COOPERATION AGENCY,
Washington, DC.

Hon. JAMES E. RISCH,
Chairman, Committee on Foreign Relations,
U.S. Senate, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(b)(5)(C) of the Arms Export Control Act (AECA), as amended, we are forwarding Transmittal No. 25-0P. This notification relates to enhancements or upgrades from the level of sensitivity of technology or capability described in the Section 36(b)(1) AECA certification 23-72 of September 15, 2023.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL F. MILLER,
Director.

Enclosure.

TRANSMITTAL NO. 25-0P

Report of Enhancement or Upgrade of Sensitivity of Technology or Capability (Sec. 36(b)(5)(C) AECA)

(i) Prospective Purchaser: Government of Canada.

(ii) Sec. 36(b)(1), AECA Transmittal No.: 23-72; Date: September 15, 2023; Implementing Agency: Air Force.

(iii) Description: On September 15, 2023, Congress was notified by congressional certification transmittal number 23-72 of the possible sale, under Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, of munitions and other systems to be integrated into MQ-9Bs purchased through Direct Commercial Sales, to include: twelve (12) AN/APY-8 Lynx Synthetic Aperture radars; two hundred nineteen (219) AGM-114R2 Hellfire II missiles; eighteen (18) KMU-572 tail kits for the GBU-38 Joint Direct-Attack Munition (JDAM) and GBU-54 Laser JDAM (LJDAM); twelve (12)

Mk82 500-lb General Purpose (GP) bombs; and six (6) Mk82 Filled Inert bombs. Also included were Due Regard Radars; SAGE 750 and SNC 4500 Electronic Surveillance Measures Systems; AN/ARC-210 radios; Compact Multi-Band Data Link (CMDL); KY-100M Narrowband/Wideband Terminals; KOR-24A Small Tactical Terminals; High-Bandwidth Compact Telemetry Modules (HCTM); KIV-77 cryptographic appliques and other Identification Friend or Foe (IFF) equipment; AN/PYQ-10C Simple Key Loaders (SKL); Common Munitions Built-In-Test/Reprogramming Equipment (CMBRE); FMU-139 Joint Programmable Fuses (JPF); M299 Hellfire launchers and training missiles; DSU-38 Precision Laser Guidance Sets; classified publications and technical documentation; munitions support and support equipment; secure communications, precision navigation, and cryptographic equipment; spare and repair parts, consumables, accessories, and repair and return support; unclassified software delivery and support; testing and integration support and equipment; maps and charts; personnel training and training equipment; transportation support; warranties; studies and surveys; Contractor Logistics Support (CLS); U.S. Government and contractor engineering, technical, and logistics support services; and other related elements of logistics and program support. The estimated total cost was \$313.4 million. Major Defense Equipment (MDE) constituted \$75.2 million of this total.

This transmittal notifies the inclusion of the following additional MDE items: sixteen (16) Joint Direct Attack Munition (JDAM) KMU-572 tail kits for GBU-38 or Laser JDAM GBU-54; eighteen (18) inert filled Mk-82 bombs; four (4) AN/APY-8 Lynx synthetic aperture radars; and eight (8) Hellfire Captive Air Training Missiles. The following non-MDE items will also be included: M34 Hellfire training missiles; Hellfire support equipment; AN/ALQ-230 Radar Warning Receiver/Electronic Support Measures (RWR/ESM) system; Computer Program Identification Numbers (CPIN); minor and major modifications and kits; aircraft and engine support equipment; and other related elements of logistics and program support. The estimated total value of the new items is \$149 million. The estimated MDE value will increase by \$27 million. The estimated non-MDE value will increase by \$122 million to a revised \$360.2 million. The estimated total case value will increase by \$149 million to a revised \$462.4 million. MDE constitutes \$101.2 million of this total.

(iv) Significance: This notification is being provided because the additional MDE items were not enumerated in the original notification. The inclusion of this MDE represents an increase in capability over what was previously notified.

(v) Justification: This proposed sale will support the foreign policy and national security objectives of the United States by helping to improve the military capability of Canada, a NATO Ally that is an important force for ensuring political stability and economic progress, and a contributor to military, peacekeeping, and humanitarian operations around the world.

(vi) Sensitivity of Technology:

The Sensitivity of Technology statement contained in the original notification applies to items reported here.

The highest level of classification of defense articles, components, and services included in this potential sale is SECRET.

(vii) Date Report Delivered to Congress: June 10, 2025.

ARMS SALES NOTIFICATION

Mr. RISCH. Mr. President, section 36(b) of the Arms Export Control Act

requires that Congress receive prior notification of certain proposed arms sales as defined by that statute. Upon such notification, the Congress has 30 calendar days during which the sale may be reviewed. The provision stipulates that, in the Senate, the notification of proposed sales shall be sent to the chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

In keeping with the committee's intention to see that relevant information is still available to the full Senate, I ask unanimous consent to have printed in the RECORD the notifications that have been received. If the cover letter references a classified annex, then such an annex is available to all Senators in the office of the Foreign Relations Committee, room SD-423.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

DEFENSE SECURITY
COOPERATION AGENCY,
Washington, DC.

Hon. JAMES E. RISCH,
Chairman, Committee on Foreign Relations,
U.S. Senate, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(b)(5)(C) of the Arms Export Control Act (AECA), as amended, we are forwarding Transmittal No. 25-0T. This notification relates to enhancements or upgrades from the level of sensitivity of technology or capability described in the Section 36(b)(1) AECA certification 15-62 of November 19, 2015.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL F. MILLER,
Director.

Enclosure.

TRANSMITTAL NO. 25-0T

Report of Enhancement or Upgrade of Sensitivity of Technology or Capability (Sec. 36(b)(5)(C), AECA)

(i) Prospective Purchaser: Government of Japan.

(ii) Sec. 36(b)(1), AECA Transmittal No.: 15-62. Date: November 19, 2015, Military Department: Air Force.

(iii) Description: On November 19, 2015, Congress was notified by congressional certification transmittal number 15-62 of the possible sale, under Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, of three (3) RQ-4 Block 30 (I) Global Hawk Remotely Piloted Aircraft with Integrated Sensor Suite (EISS); eight (8) Kearfott Inertial Navigation System/Global Positioning System (INS/GPS) units (2 per aircraft with 2 spares); and eight (8) LN-251 INS/GPS units (2 per aircraft with 2 spares). Also included were operational-level sensor and aircraft test equipment, ground support equipment, operational flight test support, communications equipment, spare and repair parts, personnel training, publications and technical data, U.S. Government and contractor technical and logistics support services, and other related elements of logistics support. The total estimated case value was \$1.2 billion. Major Defense Equipment (MDE) constituted \$689 million of this total.

On April 4, 2016, Congress was notified by congressional certification transmittal number 0J-16 of the inclusion of two Ground Control Elements (GCE). The GCEs were not enumerated as MDE in the original notification of the Global Hawk RPA system. The total cost of the new MDE items was \$31 million, increasing the total estimated MDE value to \$720 million. The total estimated case value remained \$1.2 billion.

On April 4, 2022, Congress was notified by congressional certification transmittal number 0C-22 of the inclusion of the following additional MDE items: five (5) Kearfott INS/GPS; and two (2) LN-251 INS/GPS. Also included was hardware and software integration support. The total estimated MDE value remained \$720 million. The total estimated case value remained \$1.2 billion.

This transmittal notifies the inclusion of the following non-MDE items: Contractor Logistics Support (CLS) services; the Joint Mission Planning System (JMPS); classified and unclassified software delivery and support; maps, publications, and technical documentation; transportation support; and other related elements of logistics and program support. The estimated total value of the new items is \$1.61 billion. The estimated non-MDE value will increase by \$1.61 billion to \$2.09 billion. The estimated MDE value will remain at \$720 million. The total case value will increase by \$1.61 billion, resulting in a revised estimated total case value of \$2.81 billion.

(iv) Significance: This proposed sale will significantly enhance Japan's intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance (ISR) capabilities and help ensure Japan is able to continue to monitor and deter regional threats.

(v) Justification: This proposed sale will support the foreign policy goals and national security objectives of the United States by improving the security of a major ally that is a force for political stability and economic progress in the Indo-Pacific region.

(vi) Sensitivity of Technology: The Sensitivity of Technology Statement contained in the original notification applies to other items reported here.

The highest level of classification of defense articles, components, and services included in this potential sale is SECRET.

(vii) Date Report Delivered to Congress: June 6, 2025.

VOTE EXPLANATION

Mr. WYDEN. Mr. President, I was necessarily absent for rollcall vote No. 299, confirmation of the nomination of David Fotouhi to be Deputy Administrator for the Environmental Protection Agency. Had I been present for this vote, I would have voted no. Mr. Fotouhi has demonstrated an alarming record as a partner in the D.C. law firm Gibson, Dunn, and Crutcher LLP, where he has represented an industry challenge to the Biden ban on asbestos, challenged EPA's water quality standards related to legacy PCB contamination, represented tire companies that released a chemical known to kill salmon, and represented International Paper in lawsuits accusing the firm of contamination from PFASs. During the first Trump administration, he served as the EPA's deputy general counsel and acting general counsel. In these roles, he played a central part in revising the Waters of the U.S. rule that stripped Federal protections from wetlands and streams, and also led the EPA's effort to oppose bonding requirements on mining companies. Because of this poor environmental record, I would have voted no on his confirmation.

VOTE EXPLANATION

Mr. WARNER. Mr. President, I was absent on Tuesday, June 10, 2025, for

rollcall vote no. 299. Had I been present, I would have voted nay on the confirmation of Executive Calendar No. 49, David Fotouhi, of Virginia, to be Deputy Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

VOTE EXPLANATION

Mr. BENNET. Mr. President, I was necessarily absent from rollcall vote No. 297, confirmation of Brett Shumate, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Attorney General. Had I been present for the vote I would have voted nay.

I was necessarily absent from rollcall vote No. 298, the motion to invoke cloture on David Fotouhi to be Deputy Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency. Had I been present for the vote I would have voted nay.

I was necessarily absent from rollcall vote No. 299, confirmation of David Fotouhi to be Deputy Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency. Had I been present for the vote I would have voted nay.

VOTE EXPLANATION

Ms. BALDWIN. Mr. President, on June 9, 2025, the Senate voted on rollcall vote No. 297, the confirmation of the nomination of Brett Shumate, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Attorney General. Due to travel delays, I missed this vote. However, I oppose confirming this nominee, and I would have voted nay if I were present.

VOTE EXPLANATION

Ms. HIRONO. Mr. President, I was absent for one rollcall vote on June 9, 2025.

On June 9, had I been present, I would have voted nay on the Nomination of Brett Shumate, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Attorney General, rollcall vote No. 297.

VOTE EXPLANATION

Ms. WARREN. Mr. President, I was absent, but had I been present, I would have voted no on rollcall vote No. 293, confirmation of Executive Calendar No. 144, James O'Neill to be Deputy Secretary of Health and Human Services.

I was absent, but had I been present, I would have voted no on rollcall vote No. 294, motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar No. 120, John Andrew Eisenberg to be an Assistant Attorney General.

I was absent, but had I been present, I would have voted no on rollcall vote No. 295, confirmation of Executive Calendar No. 120, John Andrew Eisenberg to be an Assistant Attorney General.

I was absent, but had I been present, I would have voted no on rollcall vote No. 296, motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar No. 111, Brett Shumate to be an Assistant Attorney General.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO JIM AND RACHEL CHAMBERS

• Mr. CRAMER. Mr. President, on June 18, 2025, Jim and Rachel Chambers commence their 50th year of marriage.

Jim and Rachel met at Cedarville College, both in preparation for ministry. Little did they know, this common calling would lead them to the joint venture of a lifetime.

After getting married in 1976, the Chambers began their journey together as many newlyweds do: humble beginnings, a can-do attitude, and constant reliance on God and each other. This has characterized their lives ever since. They built their own home from the ground up, raised a family in it, followed God's calling to serve the people of Zambia, Africa, as missionaries, and have now returned home to where they started together.

No matter the location, Jim and Rachel's home has exemplified love and hospitality. They both come from humble circumstances, surrounded by loving parents who pinched every penny and worked whatever job was necessary to give them opportunity. This sacrificial generosity has been emulated by Jim and Rachel ever since. They have welcomed foster children, provided shelter to widows and orphans, given respite to fellow missionaries and pastors, and always been available when family came knocking. From tea parties and pillow forts for their kids and grandkids to giving a glimmer of hope to the hopeless, their home has always been full of heart.

Family has never been in short supply for the Chambers. Jim comes from a family of 12 children, Rachel from a family of four. They have been blessed with six children—Nathan, Anne, Megan, Micah, Mary, and Rebecca—five children and one grandchild by marriage—Nathan, Michelle, David, Jake, Brandon, and Jake—19 grandchildren—Abigail, Caleb, Joanna, Hannah, Andrew, Karis, Adrianna, Timothy, Ethan, Kaeden, Jamin, Selah, Elisabeth, Julia, Levi, Asher, Leo, Claire, and Sophia—and a great-grandchild—Heinrich. From Ohio to Zambia, Indiana, Honduras, Pennsylvania, Florida, and right here in the Halls of Congress, the fingerprints of their legacy are everywhere.

Isaiah 40:31 says, "But those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint."

June 18 starts Jim and Rachel's 50th year of waiting on the Lord together, soaring together, running together, and relying on the strength that never fails together.

Congratulations on 50 years and many more to come.●

RECOGNIZING NORTHWOOD FOODS

• Ms. ERNST. Mr. President, as chair of the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, each week I recognize an outstanding Iowa small business that exemplifies the American entrepreneurial spirit. This week, it is my privilege to recognize Northwood Foods as the Senate Small Business of the Week.

In 1998, Brian Burkard founded Northwood Foods in Northwood, IA, with a vision to provide high-quality, custom pork processing services. The company began with a focus on boning and fabrication, quickly gaining traction in the industry. Within just 2 years, it expanded to serve clients not only across the United States but internationally. The rapid growth prompted major facility expansions in 2001 and 2006 to support increased demand for its products and services.

Today, Northwood Foods operates a 40,000-square-foot facility and employs more than 180 community employees. Renowned for its quality products and reliable service, the company now processes more than 600,000 pounds of fresh pork daily. Northwood Foods then ships the pork products directly to many of the Nation's premier pork processors for further production and distribution. Northwood Foods offers a wide range of pork processing services, including both standardized and custom-cut products tailored to client needs. Its versatile capabilities allow for pork ham boning, loin boning, rib cutting, and specialty fabrication. The company produces a broad selection of cuts, from semi-boneless and skinless shanks to various bone-in and boneless options. With a strong emphasis on food safety, consistency, and customer service, Northwood Foods upholds rigorous quality control standards and operates a production schedule 5 days a week to meet domestic and international demand.

In addition to its industry leadership, Northwood Foods is deeply committed to giving back to the Northwood community and the surrounding area. As a proud Purple Ribbon Partner of the Worth County Fair, the company plays a vital role in supporting this annual event. Their sponsorship helps ensure the fair remains a vibrant celebration of the area's farming heritage and community spirit. Northwood Foods is also a member of the Northwood Chamber of Commerce and supports national industry organizations, including the U.S. Meat Export Federation and the American Association of Meat Processors. In February, Northwood Foods celebrated its 27th anniversary.

I want to congratulate Brian Burkard and the entire team at Northwood Foods for their dedication and continued leadership in the pork processing industry, alongside their long-standing commitment to quality, innovation, and community support. I look forward to seeing their continued growth and success.●

RECOGNIZING THE DENISON MEN'S SWIMMING AND DIVING TEAM

• Mr. HUSTED. Mr. President, today I would like to offer my congratulations to the Denison Men's Swimming and Diving Team on capturing their sixth National Championship. This incredible accomplishment reflects the tradition of excellence that has become synonymous with the Denison swim program. Led by Coach Gregg Parini, a pillar of Denison's athletic community for decades, the team upholds a standard of sportsmanship and discipline that sets them apart on the national stage. Their success this season was defined not only by dominant performances and individual accolades, but also by a strong sense of camaraderie and accountability. This championship adds to a rich legacy and points toward even greater accomplishments in the years ahead.●

RECOGNIZING THE DENISON MEN'S TENNIS TEAM

• Mr. HUSTED. Mr. President, today I would like to congratulate the Denison Men's Tennis Team on winning their first-ever National Championship. This remarkable achievement represents a historic milestone for the program and reflects the dedication, hard work, and determination of the players, coaches, and staff. Throughout the season, the team exemplified the values of perseverance, sportsmanship, and unity—qualities that reflect the broader Denison community. Their journey to the national title was not only a display of athletic excellence, but also a testament to the culture of integrity and resilience that has been built within the program over many years. I am proud to recognize this achievement and look forward to seeing what the future holds for this outstanding team.●

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE NEW BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH

• Mr. PETERS. Mr. President, I rise today to honor the legacy and mission of the New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church, as they celebrate 100 years of fellowship and service to the greater Pontiac community.

The New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church was founded in Pontiac, MI, in 1925. Established with the mission of empowering its members and the wider community, since its earliest days, it has served as a beacon, bringing together its congregants, local leaders, and other key community stakeholders to strengthen the spiritual fabric and build the resilience of Pontiac. A century later, its mark on the greater Pontiac area is indelible and most acutely felt in the countless residents whose lives have been lifted up by its endeavors.

In 1992, the church opened the New Bethel Outreach Shelter, providing a safe, welcoming environment to vul-

nerable women and children. Since its opening, the shelter has stood as a barrier against housing insecurity for thousands in the Pontiac area. The church has also worked to combat food insecurity, establishing a food pantry in 1985 that serves low-income families within the greater Pontiac area. And this year, the church intends to continue its social ministry by opening a community garden for the benefit of its congregation and the wider public.

New Bethel's own Rev. Keyon Payton established the Institute for Trauma and Economic Justice, a nonprofit which aims "to create a supply and demand economy of positive experiences" by combating cycles of trauma in the underserved communities. His example has since inspired other churches across Michigan to institute similar initiatives.

While serving the Pontiac community, New Bethel has also continued its spiritual mission to spread the gospel across generations and has focused on bringing young people of faith into its congregation. Every summer, the church's Camp Hosanna provides a welcoming space for elementary school-aged children to learn and grow, offering a forum where they can pursue their spiritual growth and academic excellence in tandem. New Bethel is also investing in Pontiac's future through the creation of an education scholarship fund. These efforts are making education more accessible to future generations, which is the key to our community's enduring prosperity.

The impact of New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church on the Pontiac community and Oakland County as a whole is immeasurable and readily apparent in the lives of those who have benefited from both the fellowship of its congregation and the breadth of its charitable works. Throughout its century-long history, the leadership and congregation of New Bethel have demonstrated their faith through compassion, stewardship, and grace which has strengthened the fabric of our community. I ask you to join me in recognizing the New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church as they celebrate their centennial anniversary.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Hanley, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

In executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the Committee on Armed Services.

(The messages received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE

REPORT OF THE CONTINUATION
OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY
THAT WAS ORIGINALLY DE-
CLARED IN EXECUTIVE ORDER
13405 OF JUNE 16, 2006, WITH RE-
SPECT TO BELARUS—PM 31

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs:

To the Congress of the United States:

Section 202 (d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622 (d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, within 90 days prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent to the *Federal Register* for publication the enclosed notice stating that the national emergency with respect to Belarus that was declared in Executive Order 13405 of June 16, 2006, which was expanded in scope in Executive Order 14038 of August 9, 2021, is to continue in effect beyond June 16, 2025.

The actions and policies of certain members of the Government of Belarus and other persons, and the Belarusian regime's harmful activities and long-standing abuses, continue to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States. Therefore, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13405 with respect to Belarus.

DONALD J. TRUMP.
THE WHITE HOUSE, June 9, 2025.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:27 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 248. An act to require Amtrak to install baby changing tables in bathrooms on passenger rail cars.

H.R. 252. An act to amend title 46, United States Code, to prohibit certain contracts for port operations and management, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1182. An act to require the Secretary of Transportation to promulgate regulations relating to the approval of foreign manufacturers of cylinders, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1373. An act to require certain meetings of the Tennessee Valley Authority to be transparent and open to the public, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1948. An act to authorize the International Boundary and Water Commission to accept funds for activities relating to wastewater treatment and flood control works, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2035. An act 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.

H.R. 2351. An act 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.

H.R. 2390. An act 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.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 248. An act to require Amtrak to install baby changing tables in bathrooms on passenger rail cars; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 252. An act to amend title 46, United States Code, to prohibit certain contracts for port operations and management, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 1182. An act to require the Secretary of Transportation to promulgate regulations relating to the approval of foreign manufacturers of cylinders, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 1373. An act to require certain meetings of the Tennessee Valley Authority to be transparent and open to the public, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

H.R. 1948. An act to authorize the International Boundary and Water Commission to accept funds for activities relating to wastewater treatment and flood control works, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

H.R. 2035. An act 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; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 2351. An act 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; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

H.R. 2390. An act 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; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

ENROLLED BILL AND JOINT
RESOLUTIONS PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, June 10, 2025, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled bill and joint resolutions:

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".

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Under the authority of the order of the Senate of June 10, 2025, the following reports of committees were submitted on June 10, 2025:

By Mr. CRUZ, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:

Special Report entitled "Legislative Activities Report of the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the United States Senate During the One Hundred Eighteenth Congress" (Rept. No. 119-29).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND
JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. COTTON:

S. 2000. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to increase the penalty for rioting; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. COTTON (for himself and Mr. BANKS):

S. 2001. A bill to subject aliens convicted of certain crimes to expedited removal from the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SCHMITT:

S. 2002. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to establish a tax on remittance transfers; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina (for himself, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. TILLIS, and Mr. MARSHALL):

S. 2003. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to permit certain excess plan assets to be used for benefits for active employees, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HEINRICH (for himself and Mr. WICKER):

S. 2004. A bill to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to issue guidance on best practices for screening and treatment of congenital syphilis under Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. HYDE-SMITH (for herself, Mrs. CAPITO, and Ms. HASSAN):

S. 2005. A bill to improve the Institutional Development Award program of the National Institutes of Health; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. WARREN (for herself, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. WYDEN, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. FETTERMAN, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. KIM, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. SCHATZ, and Ms. SMITH):

S. 2006. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to prohibit discrimination in

the Armed Forces on the basis of gender identity, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. BENNET (for himself and Mr. JUSTICE):

S. 2007. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to modify the private business use requirements for bonds issued for lead service line replacement projects; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself and Mr. LANKFORD):

S. 2008. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to prohibit Medicaid and CHIP funding for gender transition procedures; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 2009. A bill to award posthumously a congressional gold medal to Charles B. Rangel, an American trailblazer and public servant, in recognition of his remarkable life and career in which he elevated the voices and interests of underserved communities, bolstered the reputation of the United States on the global stage, and cofounded the Congressional Black Caucus; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. CRUZ (for himself, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mrs. BRITT, Mr. COTTON, Mr. CRAPO, Ms. LUMMIS, Mr. MARSHALL, Mr. RISCH, and Mr. SCHMITT):

S. 2010. A bill to require online service providers to disclose their acceptable use policies, provide users with written notice before the termination of a user's account, and publish an annual report detailing actions taken to enforce their acceptable use policies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. CASSIDY (for himself and Ms. SMITH):

S. 2011. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure coverage of mental and behavioral health services furnished through telehealth; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. COLLINS (for herself, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. WARNOCK, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, and Mr. WELCH):

S. 2012. A bill to reauthorize the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. HAWLEY (for himself and Mr. WELCH):

S. 2013. A bill to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to provide for increases in the minimum wage, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CORNYN (for himself, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. MORENO, and Mr. GALLEGOS):

S. 2014. A bill to require the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to issue guidance to agencies requiring special districts to be recognized as local government for the purpose of Federal financial assistance determinations; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. WYDEN (for himself and Mr. BUDD):

S. 2015. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to encourage and expand the use of prescribed fire on land managed by the Department of the Interior or the Forest Service, with an emphasis on units of the National Forest System in the western and southeastern United States, to acknowledge and support the long-standing use of cultural burning by Indian Tribes and Indigenous practitioners, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself and Mr. SULLIVAN):

S. 2016. A bill to exchange non-Federal land held by the Chugach Alaska Corporation for

certain Federal Land in the Chugach Region, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. SHEEHY:

S. 2017. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for S corporation reform, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BOOKER (for himself and Mr. MORAN):

S. 2018. A bill to modify certain limitations and exclusions regarding defense articles and requirements regarding security assistance and sales with respect to the Republic of Cyprus; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. CRAPO (for himself, Mr. WARNER, Mr. MORAN, and Mr. WARNOCK):

S. 2019. A bill to establish a Task Force for Recognizing and Averting Payment Scams, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. WELCH (for himself and Ms. MURKOWSKI):

S. Res. 267. A resolution honoring the deep and enduring friendship between the Kingdom of Denmark and the United States on the occasion of Danish Constitution Day celebrations; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. LEE (for himself, Mr. HAWLEY, Mrs. BLACKBURN, and Mr. HAGERTY):

S. Res. 268. A resolution condemning James B. Comey, former Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, for inciting violence against President Donald J. Trump; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MORAN (for himself, Mr. REED, Mr. BENNET, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. BUDD, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. DAINES, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Ms. ERNST, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Mr. KELLY, Mr. KING, Mr. PETERS, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SCHMITT, Ms. SLOTKIN, and Mr. TILLIS):

S. Res. 269. A resolution recognizing the 250th birthday of the United States Army; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. SCOTT of Florida (for himself, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. JUSTICE, Ms. CANTWELL, Mrs. MOODY, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. KING, Mr. RISCH, Mr. WARNOCK, Mrs. CAPITO, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. BOOKER, and Ms. ROSEN):

S. Res. 270. A resolution designating June 6, 2025, as National Naloxone Awareness Day; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 44

At the request of Mr. COONS, the name of the Senator from California (Mr. SCHIFF) was added as a cosponsor of S. 44, a bill to direct the Joint Committee of Congress on the Library to procure a statue of Benjamin Franklin for placement in the United States Capitol.

S. 219

At the request of Mrs. BLACKBURN, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. DAINES) was added as a cosponsor of S. 219, a bill to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a pilot

program to improve the ability of veterans to access medical care in medical facilities of the Department of Veterans Affairs and in the community by providing veterans the ability to choose health care providers.

S. 410

At the request of Mr. WARNOCK, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. WELCH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 410, a bill to amend titles 10 and 38, United States Code, to improve benefits and services for surviving spouses, and for other purposes.

S. 475

At the request of Mr. TILLIS, the names of the Senator from Maine (Mr. KING) and the Senator from Georgia (Mr. OSSOFF) were added as cosponsors of S. 475, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure appropriate access to non-opioid pain management drugs under part D of the Medicare program.

S. 554

At the request of Mr. SULLIVAN, the name of the Senator from Tennessee (Mrs. BLACKBURN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 554, a bill to enhance bilateral defense cooperation between the United States and Israel, and for other purposes.

S. 556

At the request of Mr. SULLIVAN, the name of the Senator from Tennessee (Mrs. BLACKBURN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 556, a bill to impose sanctions with respect to persons engaged in logistical transactions and sanctions evasion relating to oil, gas, liquefied natural gas, and related petrochemical products from the Islamic Republic of Iran, and for other purposes.

S. 599

At the request of Mr. WELCH, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. FETTERMAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 599, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the mileage rate offered by the Department of Veterans Affairs through their Beneficiary Travel program for health related travel, and for other purposes.

S. 736

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Texas (Mr. CRUZ) was added as a cosponsor of S. 736, a bill to increase the penalty for prohibited provision of a phone in a correctional facility, and for other purposes.

S. 911

At the request of Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Ms. HASSAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 911, a bill to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to include certain retired law enforcement officers in the public safety officers' death benefits program.

S. 985

At the request of Mr. HAGERTY, the name of the Senator from Nebraska (Mr. RICKETTS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 985, a bill to prohibit entities

integral to the national interests of the United States from participating in any foreign sustainability due diligence regulation, including the Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive of the European Union, and for other purposes.

S. 1009

At the request of Mr. DURBIN, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. WELCH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1009, a bill to establish the Baltic Security Initiative for the purpose of strengthening the defensive capabilities of the Baltic countries, and for other purposes.

S. 1017

At the request of Mr. SHEEHY, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. MORENO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1017, a bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to modify a provision relating to criminal penalties for damaging or destroying pipeline facilities, and for other purposes.

S. 1162

At the request of Mr. MARSHALL, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr. LEE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1162, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to remove short-barreled rifles, short-barreled shotguns, and certain other weapons from the definition of firearms for purposes of the National Firearms Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1239

At the request of Mr. FETTERMAN, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. WARNER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1239, a bill to amend title XXVII of the Public Health Service Act to require group health plans and health insurance issuers offering group or individual health insurance coverage to permit enrollees to obtain a 365-day supply of contraceptives.

S. 1375

At the request of Mr. HAGERTY, the names of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. GRASSLEY) and the Senator from Alabama (Mr. TUBERVILLE) were added as cosponsors of S. 1375, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reinstate the exception for de minimis payments by third party settlement organizations with respect to returns relating to payments made in settlement of payment card and third party network transactions, as in effect prior to the enactment of the American Rescue Plan Act, and for other purposes.

S. 1379

At the request of Mr. LUJÁN, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. GALLEGOS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1379, a bill to ensure consumers have access to data relating to their motor vehicles, critical repair information, and tools, and to provide them choices for the maintenance, service, and repair of their motor vehicles, and for other purposes.

S. 1515

At the request of Mr. YOUNG, the names of the Senator from North Da-

kota (Mr. HOEVEN) and the Senator from Nevada (Ms. ROSEN) were added as cosponsors of S. 1515, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reform the low-income housing credit, and for other purposes.

S. 1696

At the request of Mr. DAINES, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. MORENO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1696, a bill to prohibit the Administrator of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration from issuing a rule or promulgating a regulation requiring certain commercial motor vehicles to be equipped with speed limiting devices, and for other purposes.

S. 1744

At the request of Mr. RICKETTS, the name of the Senator from North Carolina (Mr. BUDD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1744, a bill to amend the Arms Export Control Act to include Taiwan among the list of recipient countries with respect to which shorter certification and reporting periods apply and to expedite licensing for allies transferring military equipment to Taiwan, and for other purposes.

S. 1809

At the request of Mrs. MOODY, the name of the Senator from Tennessee (Mrs. BLACKBURN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1809, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit taking or transmitting video of defense information, and for other purposes.

S. 1821

At the request of Mr. TILLIS, the name of the Senator from Iowa (Mr. GRASSLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1821, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to establish a tax on income from litigation which is received by third-party entities that provided financing for such litigation.

S. 1829

At the request of Mr. HAWLEY, the names of the Senator from Florida (Mrs. MOODY) and the Senator from Mississippi (Mrs. HYDE-SMITH) were added as cosponsors of S. 1829, a bill to combat the sexual exploitation of children by supporting victims and promoting accountability and transparency by the tech industry.

S. 1845

At the request of Mr. BANKS, the name of the Senator from Ohio (Mr. MORENO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1845, a bill to amend the public service loan forgiveness program under the Higher Education Act of 1965 to ensure qualifying public service excludes employment with organizations that engage in activities that have a substantial illegal purpose.

S. 1858

At the request of Mr. DAINES, the name of the Senator from Tennessee (Mrs. BLACKBURN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1858, a bill to require that national cemeteries be open to visitors on legal public holidays.

S. 1894

At the request of Ms. LUMMIS, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Mr.

KELLY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1894, a bill to amend MAP-21 to modify provisions relating to a categorical exclusion for projects of limited Federal assistance, and for other purposes.

S. 1912

At the request of Mr. DAINES, the name of the Senator from Tennessee (Mrs. BLACKBURN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1912, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to expand access to the Veterans Community Care Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs to include certain veterans seeking mental health or substance-use services, and for other purposes.

S. 1948

At the request of Mr. PADILLA, the name of the Senator from California (Mr. SCHIFF) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1948, a bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to reinstate the authority of the Secretary of Education to make Federal Direct Stafford Loans to graduate and professional students.

S. 1952

At the request of Mrs. BLACKBURN, the name of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1952, a bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to establish a criminal prohibition on the public release of the name of a Federal law enforcement officer with the intent to obstruct a criminal investigation or immigration enforcement operation.

S.J. RES. 53

At the request of Mr. MURPHY, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Ms. HIRONO) was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 53, a joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval of the proposed foreign military sale to the Government of Qatar of certain defense articles and services.

S.J. RES. 54

At the request of Mr. MURPHY, the name of the Senator from Hawaii (Ms. HIRONO) was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 54, a joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval of the proposed foreign military sale to the Government of the United Arab Emirates of certain defense articles and services.

S.J. RES. 56

At the request of Mr. CRUZ, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BANKS) was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 56, a joint resolution designating the month of June as "Life Month".

S. RES. 231

At the request of Mr. BLUMENTHAL, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. KIM) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 231, a resolution recognizing the roles and contributions of the teachers of the United States in building and enhancing the civic, cultural, and economic well-being of the United States.

S. RES. 236

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the names of the Senator from Oregon (Mr.

WYDEN) and the Senator from Indiana (Mr. YOUNG) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 236, a resolution calling for the return of abducted Ukrainian children before finalizing any peace agreement to end the war against Ukraine.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 2009. A bill to award posthumously a congressional gold medal to Charles B. Rangel, an American trailblazer and public servant, in recognition of his remarkable life and career in which he elevated the voices and interests of underserved communities, bolstered the reputation of the United States on the global stage, and cofounded the Congressional Black Caucus; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the text of the bill be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the text of the bill was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

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 “Charles B. Rangel Congressional Gold Medal Act”.

SEC. 2. FINDINGS.

Congress finds the following:

(1) Charles Bernard Rangel, born on June 11, 1930, in Harlem, New York City, was raised largely by his mother Blanche Mary Wharton Rangel and grandfather Charles Wharton alongside his older brother Ralph, Jr., and younger sister Frances.

(2) After dropping out of high school at age 16, Rangel enlisted in the United States Army and served as an artillery operations specialist in the all-Black 503rd Field Artillery Battalion in the 2nd Infantry Division from 1948 to 1952 during the Korean War.

(3) During the Battle of Kunu-ri near the Yalu River on the border of China and North Korea, Rangel and his fellow soldiers were encircled by Chinese military forces and were subsequently ordered to withdraw by their command.

(4) Upon receiving the withdrawal order, then-Private First Class Rangel was injured by shrapnel from a barrage of Chinese shells, which struck his back and triggered disarray amongst his comrades.

(5) Despite his serious injuries, rank, and an encircled position behind enemy lines, in the middle of the night Rangel led his unit of an estimated 40 men through a mountain pass to safety.

(6) For his bravery and sacrifice, Rangel was bestowed the Bronze Star with Valor and Purple Heart, as well as receiving overwhelming admiration, appreciation and lasting respect from his comrades. When asked to reflect on the harrowing episode, Rangel often noted that he had “not had a bad day since”, a phrase that he adopted as the title of his autobiography.

(7) Upon his honorable discharge from the Army with the rank of Staff Sergeant, Rangel returned to Harlem, finished high school, and used his benefits under the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944 (commonly known as the “G.I. Bill”; 58 Stat. 284, chapter 268) to obtain a Bachelor of Science from New York University where he made the Dean's List. He subsequently received a full scholarship

to attend St. John's University School of Law, from which he graduated in 1960.

(8) After a tenure in private practice, Rangel was appointed Assistant United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York by Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy. After leaving the role, Rangel served as Associate Counsel to the Speaker of the New York State Assembly, a law clerk to Judge James L. Watson on the United States Court of International Trade, and as General Counsel to the National Advisory Commission on Selective Service.

(9) The positions he took early in his career ensured that Rangel would always remain in close proximity to his roots in Harlem, where he met his wife Alma Carter, a social worker, in the mid-1950s, at the Savoy Ballroom. Their loving marriage stretched more than 60 years and included 2 children, Steven and Alicia, daughter-in-law Adelina, son-in-law Howard, and 3 grandsons, Howard R. Haughton, Joshua R. Haughton, and Charles R. Haughton.

(10) Rangel's early political marks can be found on matters and missions of profound significance. He participated in the 1965 Selma to Montgomery March, was elected to replace his mentor Percy Sutton in the New York State Assembly, and was one of the pillars in New York's generational political powerhouse, “The Gang of Four”, which included New York State Senator Basil Paterson, Manhattan Borough President and Civil Rights Leader Percy Sutton, and David Dinkins, the first black mayor of New York City.

(11) Following his election to the House of Representatives in 1970, Rangel quickly rose through the ranks of the Congressional Democrats and was ultimately reelected 23 times.

(12) Shortly after his induction to the House in early 1971, Rangel, along with 12 other Black Members of Congress founded the Congressional Black Caucus. He was elected by his colleagues to lead the Caucus as Chairman in 1974.

(13) Rangel energized the national discussion around drug trafficking, later becoming Chairman of the Select Committee on Narcotics, and was a prominent contributor to the work of the Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives on the Watergate Scandal.

(14) Due to his growing influence, Rangel was granted a position on the coveted Ways and Means Committee and was elevated to serve as Deputy Majority Whip under Speaker Tip O'Neill.

(15) Rangel used his newfound power in Congress to secure Federal support for programs that benefitted his congressional district and other constituencies.

(16) He authored and supported legislation and programs that uplifted vulnerable populations like Child Care and Development Block Grants, the Low Income Housing Tax Credit, the Earned Income Tax Credit, the Work Opportunity Tax Credit, Empowerment Zones, and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families.

(17) He introduced measures to ensure that human rights and democratic principles were reflected in international business activity, including an amendment rescinding tax credits for companies doing business in apartheid South Africa.

(18) To ensure that the diplomatic corps reflected the diversity of the United States, Rangel established the Charles B. Rangel International Affairs Fellowship Program in partnership with Howard University, which now has more than 200 alumni serving in posts around the world.

(19) Rangel was also the primary force behind the African Growth and Opportunity Act (19 U.S.C. 3701 et seq.), the first Act to

provide incentives for United States trade with sub-Saharan Africa, which he authored and advanced despite significant political headwinds. He subsequently worked with President George W. Bush, to pass the AGOA Acceleration Act of 2004 (19 U.S.C. 3701 note), which synergized and expanded on his earlier efforts that instituted the trade program.

(20) Rangel similarly forged a sequence of trade agreements and programs pertaining to Latin America and the Caribbean, including trade preferences for countries in the Caribbean under the Caribbean Basin Economic Recovery Act (19 U.S.C. 2701 et seq.), as expanded by the United States-Caribbean Basin Trade Partnership Act (19 U.S.C. 2701 note) and the Haitian Hemispheric Opportunity through Partnership Encouragement Act of 2008 (19 U.S.C. 2701 note), and the Dominican Republic-Central America-United States Free Trade Agreement.

(21) Rangel was a lifelong champion for veterans, particularly service members who historically faced discrimination both in uniform and upon returning home. As a decorated Korean War veteran himself, Rangel often leaned on his personal experience and legislative authority to spotlight the needs of underserved veterans and ensure they received the benefits, respect, and opportunities they earned through their service. Rangel spearheaded legislation to close systemic gaps in Federal veterans programs, establish the Office of Minority Veterans, expand access to services of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and strengthen the G.I. Bill, veterans housing programs, and small business opportunities.

(22) As one of the few Korean War veterans serving in Congress, Rangel sponsored and secured enactment of legislation establishing National Korean War Veterans Armistice Day on July 27th in the section 127 of title 36, United States Code, to honor his fellow veterans. He also deepened United States-Korea relations through founding the Congressional Caucus on Korea, facilitating passage of the United States-Korea Free Trade Agreement, and passing resolutions that strengthen the bilateral strategic alliance, promote peace and stability on the Korean Peninsula, and support Korean American family reunification efforts.

(23) As Dean of the New York Congressional Delegation, he led his colleagues in the wake of the 9/11 attacks to pass measures that provided funding to recovery efforts and relief to families that were impacted, such as the extension of unemployment benefits and provided health benefits to 9/11 first responders and survivors.

(24) In 2007, Rangel became Chair of the powerful Ways and Means Committee. In that role, he was instrumental in the development and passage of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (Public Law 111-148; 124 Stat. 119), which has provided coverage to an estimated 20,000,000 uninsured or underinsured people of the United States. He also ensured that United States territories like Puerto Rico were not left out of this landmark law.

(25) Rangel's exceptional life was heavily marked by his extraordinary accomplishments in the military, various government roles, and elected office, which led to economic and social advancements for his fellow servicemembers, constituents of his district, underserved communities across the country, and people around the globe.

(26) During his congressional career, Rangel crafted and passed numerous measures of significance, including several that remain foundational to our military, diplomatic corps, healthcare system, international trade relationships, and tax code.

SEC. 3. CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL.

(a) **PRESENTATION AUTHORIZED.**—The Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President pro tempore of the Senate shall make appropriate arrangements for the posthumous presentation, on behalf of Congress, of a gold medal of appropriate design to Charles B. Rangel, in recognition of his contribution to the United States and his achievements of paving the way for equality and for people of all backgrounds, regardless of demographic or economic class.

(b) **DESIGN AND STRIKING.**—For purposes of the presentation described in subsection (a), the Secretary of the Treasury (referred to in this Act as the “Secretary”) shall strike a gold medal with suitable emblems, devices, and inscriptions, to be determined by the Secretary. The design shall bear an image of, and inscription of the name of, Charles B. Rangel.

(c) **DISPOSITION OF MEDAL.**—Following the presentation described in subsection (a), the gold medal shall be given to the children of Charles B. Rangel, Steven Rangel and Alicia Rangel.

SEC. 4. DUPLICATE MEDALS.

The Secretary may strike and sell duplicates in bronze of the gold medal struck pursuant to section 3, at a price sufficient to cover the costs of the medals, including labor, materials, dies, use of machinery, and overhead expenses.

SEC. 5. STATUS OF MEDALS.

(a) **NATIONAL MEDALS.**—Medals struck under this Act are national medals for purposes of chapter 51 of title 31, United States Code.

(b) **NUMISMATIC ITEMS.**—For purposes of sections 5134 and 5136 of title 31, United States Code, all medals struck under this Act shall be considered to be numismatic items.

SEC. 6. AUTHORITY TO USE FUND AMOUNTS; PROCEEDS OF SALE.

(a) **AUTHORITY TO USE FUND AMOUNTS.**—There is authorized to be charged against the United States Mint Public Enterprise Fund such amounts as may be necessary to pay for the costs of the medals struck under this Act.

(b) **PROCEEDS OF SALE.**—Amounts received from the sale of duplicate bronze medals authorized under section 4 shall be deposited into the United States Mint Public Enterprise Fund.

By Ms. COLLINS (For herself, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. WARNOCK, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, and Mr. WELCH):

S. 2012. A bill to reauthorize the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Ms. COLLINS. Mr. President, I rise today with my colleague, the senior Senator from Illinois and ranking member of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Senator DURBIN, to introduce the Runaway and Homeless Youth and Trafficking Prevention Act of 2025. This bill would update and reauthorize Runaway and Homeless Youth Act programs, which have provided lifesaving services and housing for America's homeless youth for nearly half a century.

Homelessness is affecting youth in truly staggering numbers. According to the National Network for Youth, an estimated 4.2 million young people experience homelessness at some point each

year. Some of these youth may be away from home for a few nights, while others have been living on the streets for years. No area of this country is immune from the scourge of homelessness, as it affects rural and urban communities alike.

Tragically, runaway and homeless youth are at high risk of victimization, abuse, criminal activity, and even death. This population is at greater risk of suicide, unintended pregnancy, and substance abuse. Many are unable to continue with school and are more likely to enter our juvenile criminal justice system. The reality is that available data likely underestimate the scale and consequences of this problem.

I have met with teachers, social workers, and others from Maine who work directly with young people experiencing homelessness. We talked about the pressure that student homelessness places on teachers, school administrators and their already strapped resources, and, most important, the homeless students themselves. I have also visited New Beginnings in Lewiston, where I saw firsthand how Runaway and Homeless Youth Act resources are providing essential safety nets for young people in need. The staff at New Beginnings helps young people with case management, provides referrals to State and local agencies, assists with housing needs and access to shelter, and connects individuals to local educational and employment programs.

Several years ago, as the chair of the Senate Transportation and Housing Appropriations Subcommittee, I held a hearing that featured testimony from Brittany Dixon, a former homeless youth from Auburn, ME, who gave powerful testimony on her personal experience with homelessness. After becoming homeless, Brittany was connected with New Beginnings. In her testimony, she said, “New Beginnings provided many resources I could use to succeed, including assistance with college applications and financial aid . . . New Beginnings has helped me to develop critical life skills and to become self-sufficient.” “Programs that support homeless youth are important to so many young people like me,” she added. “It gives young people the chance to have a safe place to stay while they get their footing and figure out what they want to do in their lives.”

Runaway and Homeless Youth Act programs helped make Brittany's success story possible. Sadly, however, there are still many homeless youth who do not have the support they need. We must build on our past efforts because homeless youth should have the same opportunities to succeed as their peers.

The three existing Runaway and Homeless Youth Act programs—the Basic Center Program, the Street Outreach Program, and the Transitional Living Program—help community-

based organizations reach young people when they need support the most. These programs help runaway and homeless youth avoid the juvenile justice system, and early intervention can help them escape victimization and trafficking.

The Runaway and Homeless Youth and Trafficking Prevention Act would reauthorize and strengthen these programs that help homeless youth meet their immediate needs, and it would help secure long-term residential services for those who cannot be safely reunited with their families. Our legislation would also create a new program—the Prevention Services Program—designed to help prevent youth from running away and becoming homeless in the first instance. Moreover, our bill supports wrap-around services for victims of trafficking and sexual exploitation.

Mr. President, the Runaway and Homeless Youth and Trafficking Prevention Act will support those young people who run away, are forced out of their homes, or are disconnected from their families. A caring and safe place to sleep, eat, grow, study, and develop is critical for all young people. The programs reauthorized and modernized through this legislation help extend those basic services to the most vulnerable youth in our communities.

I thank Senator DURBIN for his partnership on this bill and urge my colleagues to support it.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS**SENATE RESOLUTION 267—HONORING THE DEEP AND ENDURING FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE KINGDOM OF DENMARK AND THE UNITED STATES ON THE OCCASION OF DANISH CONSTITUTION DAY CELEBRATIONS**

Mr. WELCH (for himself and Ms. MURKOWSKI) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

S. RES. 267

Whereas Denmark and the United States have enjoyed peaceful, mutually beneficial relations since establishing diplomatic relations in 1801;

Whereas more than 1,000,000 people in the United States claim Danish ancestry;

Whereas Denmark has bravely stood with the United States in nearly every conflict of the last 3 decades, sending troops and forces to fight alongside United States Armed Forces in the 1991 Gulf War, the Balkans conflicts, and in Afghanistan, while dedicating military forces to stabilization and peacekeeping missions in Africa, the Middle East, and around the world;

Whereas Denmark and the United States are bound by a treaty of mutual defense and enjoy intense cooperation on intelligence-sharing, weapons sales, military exercises, and joint basing;

Whereas Denmark is a founding member of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO)—the backbone of peace and prosperity in North America and Europe for more than 75 years;

Whereas Denmark spends more on national defense than the target objective required by NATO for defense spending as a percentage of gross domestic product;

Whereas Denmark is the seventh largest source of foreign direct investment in the United States, contributing to the creation of approximately 200,000 jobs; and

Whereas Denmark was 1 of 8 founding partner-nations of the multinational F-35 Lightning II program: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) acknowledges Danish Constitution Day in a spirit of friendship and respect toward the people of Denmark;

(2) recognizes the deep commitment of the Danish people and government to the friendship and cooperation between Denmark and the United States;

(3) expresses gratitude for the sacrifices borne in battle by Danish heroes in securing the shared interests of Denmark and the United States; and

(4) looks toward many more decades of shared prosperity, peace, cooperation, and friendship.

SENATE RESOLUTION 268—CONDEMNING JAMES B. COMEY, FORMER DIRECTOR OF THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION, FOR INCITING VIOLENCE AGAINST PRESIDENT DONALD J. TRUMP

Mr. LEE (for himself, Mr. HAWLEY, Mrs. BLACKBURN, and Mr. HAGERTY) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. RES. 268

Whereas James B. Comey, former Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (in this preamble, referred to as the “FBI”), on May 15, 2025, posted an image on Instagram depicting the numbers “86 47” with the cryptic caption “cool shell formation”;

Whereas this message promotes violence against the sitting President of the United States, Donald J. Trump;

Whereas Mr. Comey posted this to his public Instagram account during President Trump’s first overseas trip to the Middle East, jeopardizing his security and invigorating the enemies of the United States abroad;

Whereas it is indefensible and inexcusable to issue a call for violence against the President of the United States;

Whereas Mr. Comey exhibits a clear desire to undermine President Trump;

Whereas there have been multiple assassination attempts against President Trump;

Whereas former public officials owe a special duty of care not to use their past positions and influence accrued through public service to threaten the lives of their political opponents; and

Whereas Congress must hold Mr. Comey accountable for his violations of the public trust and preserve the rule of law to protect our institutions from those that seek to sow discord and promote violence against their political opponents: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) unequivocally condemns James Comey’s apparent incitement of political violence against President Trump;

(2) urges the relevant authorities to take every relevant action to ensure that Mr. Comey is never again permitted to serve as an employee of the Federal Government; and

(3) requests that the Department of Justice and Department of Homeland Security conduct a full and comprehensive investigation

of Mr. Comey’s attempts to incite violence against the President, and release the findings to the relevant committees of Congress and the public.

SENATE RESOLUTION 269—RECOGNIZING THE 250TH BIRTHDAY OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY

Mr. MORAN (for himself, Mr. REED, Mr. BENNET, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. BOOZMAN, Mr. BUDD, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. DAINES, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Ms. ERNST, Mrs. HYDE-SMITH, Mr. KELLY, Mr. KING, Mr. PETERS, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SCHMITT, Ms. SLOTKIN, and Mr. TILLIS) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 269

Whereas on June 14, 1775, the Second Continental Congress, representing the citizens and patriots of the Thirteen American Colonies, authorized the establishment of the Continental Army;

Whereas the collective expression of the pursuit of personal freedom that created the United States Army also led to the adoption of the Declaration of Independence and the realization of the fundamental principles and values of the United States in the Constitution;

Whereas, for the past 250 years, the Army’s central mission has been to fight and win the wars of the United States;

Whereas the 190 campaign streamers carried on the United States Army flag are a testament to the valor, commitment, and professionalism of the brave soldiers who have served “to build the Nation’s might”;

Whereas the battles of Yorktown, Gettysburg, Cantigny, Normandy, the Bulge, Okinawa, Inchon, Ia Drang, 73 Easting, Fallujah, and Kamdesh are but a few of the notable battles soldiers of the United States Army have fought with extraordinary courage and distinction;

Whereas “loyalty, duty, respect, selfless service, honor, integrity, and personal courage” are the values by which the United States soldier lives and serves;

Whereas the United States Army of today is the world’s most capable and lethal ground force that “always places the mission first” and “will never accept defeat”;

Whereas Army forces are “ready to deploy, engage, and destroy the enemies of the United States of America in close combat”;

Whereas no matter what the cause, location, or magnitude of future conflicts, the United States can rely on its Army to produce well-trained, well-led, and highly motivated soldiers to carry out the missions entrusted to them;

Whereas the United States Army’s motto, as carried on its flag is “This We’ll Defend.”; and

Whereas, whatever the mission, the United States turns to its Army for decisive victories as “the guardians of freedom and the American way of life”: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate, recognizing the historic significance of the 250th anniversary of the United States Army—

(1) expresses the appreciation of the people of the United States to the Army and the soldiers who have served in it with dedication for 250 years;

(2) honors the valor, commitment, and professionalism that United States soldiers have displayed throughout the history of the Army; and

(3) calls on the people of the United States to observe that anniversary with honorific programs, ceremonies, and activities.

SENATE RESOLUTION 270—DESIGNATING JUNE 6, 2025, AS NATIONAL NALOXONE AWARENESS DAY

Mr. SCOTT of Florida (for himself, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. JUSTICE, Ms. CANTWELL, Mrs. MOODY, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. KING, Mr. RISCH, Mr. WARNOCK, Mrs. CAPITO, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. BOOKER, and Ms. ROSEN) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 270

Whereas the opioid epidemic continues to devastate communities across the United States, leading to a significant loss of life and widespread societal impact;

Whereas opioid overdoses during the 12 months preceding December of 2024 claimed a reported 54,101 lives in the United States;

Whereas fatal overdoses are often witnessed by a bystander;

Whereas, in 2024 alone, the Drug Enforcement Administration seized more than 380,000,000 doses of potentially deadly fentanyl, enough to kill every individual in the United States;

Whereas, according to data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, fentanyl-related poisonings are a leading cause of death for individuals in the United States between 18 and 44 years of age;

Whereas naloxone is a safe and effective medication that can reverse opioid overdoses and save lives when administered promptly by rapidly reversing the effects of opioids;

Whereas naloxone plays a vital role in preventing long-term brain damage and reducing the risk of fatality associated with opioid overdoses;

Whereas the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has declared naloxone to be a key tool in preventing opioid overdose deaths;

Whereas it is imperative to educate individuals, families, healthcare professionals, and first responders about—

(1) the benefits of naloxone, including the potential naloxone has to reduce opioid-related fatalities; and

(2) how to safely administer naloxone;

Whereas it is imperative to identify current or potential barriers, including cost, for individuals, organizations, and Federal, State, and local governments to obtain and distribute naloxone;

Whereas increasing access to naloxone can ensure that individuals struggling with opioid use disorder have a chance at recovery and a future free from the grip of opioid use disorder;

Whereas the Food and Drug Administration acted to authorize the over-the-counter sale of 4 milligram and 3 milligram doses of naloxone in 2023; and

Whereas recognizing National Naloxone Awareness Day will contribute to the ongoing efforts to educate the public, reduce the stigma associated with substance use disorder, and promote access to lifesaving naloxone: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates June 6, 2025, as National Naloxone Awareness Day;

(2) recognizes the life-saving benefits of naloxone in reversing opioid overdoses and preventing unnecessary deaths;

(3) acknowledges that increased access to naloxone empowers individuals, families, healthcare professionals, and first responders to intervene in emergency situations and provide immediate assistance to those experiencing an opioid overdose;

(4) recognizes that National Naloxone Awareness Day serves as an opportunity to

educate the public about the importance of recognizing the signs of opioid overdose and equipping themselves with naloxone to save lives;

(5) encourages Federal, State, and local governments, as well as private and non-profit organizations, to collaborate and allocate resources towards increasing naloxone access, education, and distribution efforts; and

(6) calls upon Federal agencies, including the Substances Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Office of National Drug Control Policy, the Drug Enforcement Administration, and all others engaged in the National Drug Control Strategy to continue supporting public awareness of naloxone, harm reduction, and overdose and poisoning prevention.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 2348. Mr. BENNET submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2307 proposed by Mr. HAGERTY (for himself and Mrs. GILLIBRAND) to the bill S. 1582, to provide for the regulation of payment stablecoins, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2349. Mr. MERKLEY (for himself, Mr. SCHUMER, Ms. WARREN, Mr. PETERS, Mr. REED, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. BENNET, Mr. KELLY, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mr. WARNOCK) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1582, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2350. Mr. MERKLEY (for himself and Mr. BENNET) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2307 proposed by Mr. HAGERTY (for himself and Mrs. GILLIBRAND) to the bill S. 1582, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2351. Mr. MERKLEY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1582, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2352. Mr. MERKLEY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1582, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 2353. Mr. KIM submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1582, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 2348. Mr. BENNET submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2307 proposed by Mr. HAGERTY (for himself and Mrs. GILLIBRAND) to the bill S. 1582, to provide for the regulation of payment stablecoins, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

In section 2, add at the end the following:
(34) SENIOR EXECUTIVE BRANCH OFFICIAL.—The term “senior executive branch official” includes the President and the Vice President.

SA 2349. Mr. MERKLEY (for himself, Mr. SCHUMER, Ms. WARREN, Mr. PETERS, Mr. REED, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. BENNET, Mr. KELLY, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mr. WARNOCK) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1582, to provide for the regulation of payment stablecoins, and for other purposes;

which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

Strike section 4(i) and insert the following:
(i) RULES OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this Act shall be construed as expanding the authority of the Board with respect to the services the Board can make directly available to the public.

(j) PREVENTING PAYMENT STABLECOIN CORRUPTION.—

(1) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection—

(A) the term “covered former special Government employee” means an individual who—

(i) served as a special Government employee associated with the Executive Office of the President on or after January 1, 2024; and

(ii) ceased to serve as a special Government employee associated with the Executive Office of the President during the period beginning on January 2, 2024 and ending on the day before the date of enactment of this Act;

(B) the term “covered individual” means—

(i) the President;
(ii) the Vice President;
(iii) a Member of Congress;
(iv) an individual appointed to a Senate-confirmed position;

(v) a special Government employee associated with the Executive Office of the President; or

(vi) a covered former special Government employee;

(C) the term “directly” means by virtue of the ownership or beneficial interest of a covered individual, or the spouse or child of a covered individual, in a payment stablecoin issuer;

(D) the term “indirectly” means by virtue of the financial interest of a covered individual, or the spouse or child of a covered individual, in a business entity, partnership interest, company, investment fund, trust, or other third party in which the covered individual, or the spouse or child of a covered individual, has an ownership or beneficial interest;

(E) the term “Member of Congress” has the meaning given that term in section 13101 of title 5, United States Code;

(F) the term “promote” includes the use of the name and likeness of a covered individual in any marketing materials, including in the title of the payment stablecoin; and

(G) the term “special Government employee” has the meaning given the term in section 202(a) of title 18, United States Code.

(2) PROHIBITION.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—It shall be unlawful for any covered individual described in clauses (i) through (v) of paragraph (1)(B), or any spouse or child of such a covered individual, to directly or indirectly own, control, promote in exchange for anything of value, or affiliate with any payment stablecoin issuer or any entity that provides custodial or safekeeping services for payment stablecoins.

(B) COVERED FORMER SPECIAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES.—It shall be unlawful for any covered former special Government employee, or any spouse or child of a covered special Government employee, to directly or indirectly own, control, promote in exchange for anything of value, or affiliate with any payment stablecoin issuer or any entity that provides custodial or safekeeping services for payment stablecoins during the 1-year period beginning on the last day of service of the covered former special Government employee as a special Government employee associated with the Executive Office of the President.

(3) TRANSITION.—Any individual in violation of subparagraph (A) or (B) of paragraph (2) on the date of enactment of this Act

shall, not later than 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act, come into compliance with the applicable prohibition under that paragraph.

(4) ENFORCEMENT.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Beginning on the date that is 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act, a violation of subparagraph (A) or (B) of paragraph (2) shall be punishable by not more than 5 years in prison and fines of not more than 3 times the monetary value of any earnings related to the violation.

(B) NOT AN OFFICIAL ACT.—A violation of paragraph (2)(A) shall not be deemed an official act if committed by any covered individual described in clauses (i) through (v) of paragraph (1)(B) who is in office at the time of the violation.

(C) STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS.—No person shall be prosecuted, tried, or punished for any offense under this subsection unless the indictment for such offense is found, or the information for such offense is instituted, not later than 15 years after the date on which the offense was committed.

(k) FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE REPORTS.—Section 13104(b) of title 5, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by redesignating paragraph (2) as paragraph (3); and

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

“(2) DISCLOSURE RELATING TO PAYMENT STABLECOIN INVOLVEMENT.—

“(A) DEFINITIONS.—In this paragraph:

“(i) DIRECTLY.—The term ‘directly’ means by virtue of the ownership or beneficial interest of a reporting individual, or the spouse or child of a reporting individual, in a payment stablecoin issuer.

“(ii) INDIRECTLY.—The term ‘indirectly’ means by virtue of the financial interest of a reporting individual, or the spouse or child of a reporting individual, in a business entity, partnership interest, company, investment fund, trust, or other third party in which the reporting individual, or the spouse or child of a reporting individual, has an ownership or beneficial interest.

“(iii) PAYMENT STABLECOIN.—The term ‘payment stablecoin’ has the meaning given the term in section 2 of the GENIUS Act.

“(iv) PROMOTE.—The term ‘promote’ includes the use of the name and likeness of a reporting individual in any marketing materials, including in the title of the payment stablecoin.

“(B) REQUIREMENT.—Each report filed pursuant to subsections (b) and (c) of section 13103 shall include a statement of whether the reporting individual, or the spouse or child of the reporting individual, as of the filing date, directly or indirectly owns, controls, promotes in exchange for anything of value, or affiliates with any payment stablecoin issuer or any entity that provides custodial or safekeeping services for payment stablecoins.”.

SA 2350. Mr. MERKLEY (for himself and Mr. BENNET) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 2307 proposed by Mr. HAGERTY (for himself and Mrs. GILLIBRAND) to the bill S. 1582, to provide for the regulation of payment stablecoins, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

Strike section 4(i) and insert the following:

(i) RULES OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this Act shall be construed as expanding the authority of the Board with respect to the services the Board can make directly available to the public.

(j) PREVENTING CRYPTOCURRENCY CORRUPTION.—

(1) DEFINITIONS.—In this subsection—

(A) the term “covered cryptocurrency” means any cryptocurrency, meme coin, token, non-fungible token, payment stablecoin, or other digital asset that is sold for remuneration;

(B) the term “covered former special Government employee” means an individual who—

(i) served as a special Government employee associated with the Executive Office of the President on or after January 1, 2024; and

(ii) ceased to serve as a special Government employee associated with the Executive Office of the President during the period beginning on January 2, 2024 and ending on the day before the date of enactment of this Act;

(C) the term “covered individual” means—

(i) the President;

(ii) the Vice President;

(iii) a Member of Congress;

(iv) an individual appointed to a Senate-confirmed position;

(v) a special Government employee associated with the Executive Office of the President; or

(vi) a covered former special Government employee;

(D) the term “directly” means by virtue of the ownership or beneficial interest of a covered individual, or the spouse or child of a covered individual, in an issuer of a covered cryptocurrency;

(E) the term “indirectly” means by virtue of the financial interest of a covered individual, or the spouse or child of a covered individual, in a business entity, partnership interest, company, investment fund, trust, or other third party in which the covered individual, or the spouse or child of a covered individual, has an ownership or beneficial interest;

(F) the term “Member of Congress” has the meaning given that term in section 13101 of title 5, United States Code;

(G) the term “promote” includes the use of the name and likeness of a covered individual in any marketing materials, including in the title of the covered cryptocurrency; and

(H) the term “special Government employee” has the meaning given the term in section 202(a) of title 18, United States Code.

(2) PROHIBITION.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—It shall be unlawful for any covered individual described in clauses (i) through (v) of paragraph (1)(C), or any spouse or child of any such covered individual, to directly or indirectly own, control, promote in exchange for anything of value, or affiliate with any issuer of a covered cryptocurrency or any entity that provides custodial or safekeeping services for covered cryptocurrencies.

(B) COVERED FORMER SPECIAL GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES.—It shall be unlawful for any covered former special Government employee, or any spouse or child of a covered special Government employee, to directly or indirectly own, control, promote in exchange for anything of value, or affiliate with any issuer of a covered cryptocurrency or any entity that provides custodial or safekeeping services for covered cryptocurrencies during the 1-year period beginning on the last day of service of the covered former special Government employee as a special Government employee associated with the Executive Office of the President.

(3) TRANSITION.—Any individual in violation of subparagraph (A) or (B) of paragraph (2) on the date of enactment of this Act shall, not later than 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act, come into compliance with the prohibition under that paragraph.

(4) ENFORCEMENT.—

(A) IN GENERAL.—Beginning on the date that is 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act, a violation of paragraph (2) shall be punishable by not more than 5 years in prison and fines of not more than 3 times the monetary value of any earnings related to the violation.

(B) NOT AN OFFICIAL ACT.—A violation of paragraph (2)(A) shall not be deemed an official act if committed by any covered individual described in clauses (i) through (v) of paragraph (1)(C) who is in office at the time of the violation.

(C) STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS.—No person shall be prosecuted, tried, or punished for any offense under this subsection unless the indictment for such offense is found, or the information for such offense is instituted, not later than 15 years after the date on which the offense was committed.

(K) FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE REPORTS.—Section 13104(b) of title 5, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by redesignating paragraph (2) as paragraph (3); and

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

“(2) DISCLOSURE RELATING TO COVERED CRYPTOCURRENCY INVOLVEMENT.—

“(A) DEFINITIONS.—In this paragraph:

“(i) COVERED CRYPTOCURRENCY.—The term ‘covered cryptocurrency’ means any cryptocurrency, meme coin, token, non-fungible token, payment stablecoin, or other digital asset that is sold for remuneration.

“(ii) DIRECTLY.—The term ‘directly’ means by virtue of the ownership or beneficial interest of a reporting individual, or the spouse or child of a reporting individual, in a covered cryptocurrency issuer.

“(iii) INDIRECTLY.—The term ‘indirectly’ means by virtue of the financial interest of a reporting individual, or the spouse or child of a reporting individual, in a business entity, partnership interest, company, investment fund, trust, or other third party in which the reporting individual, or the spouse or child of a reporting individual, has an ownership or beneficial interest.

“(iv) PAYMENT STABLECOIN.—The term ‘payment stablecoin’ has the meaning given the term in section 2 of the GENIUS Act.

“(v) PROMOTE.—The term ‘promote’ includes the use of the name and likeness of a reporting individual in any marketing materials, including in the title of the covered cryptocurrency.

“(B) REQUIREMENT.—Each report filed pursuant to subsections (b) and (c) of section 13103 shall include a statement of whether the reporting individual, or the spouse or child of the reporting individual, as of the filing date, directly or indirectly owns, controls, promotes in exchange for anything of value, or affiliates with any covered cryptocurrency issuer or any entity that provides custodial or safekeeping services for covered cryptocurrencies.”.

SA 2351. Mr. MERKLEY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1582, to provide for the regulation of payment stablecoins, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. ____ . PROHIBITION ON FEDERAL GOVERNMENT USE OF DIGITAL ASSETS.

The Federal Government may not make any payment or conduct any official business using a digital asset.

SA 2352. Mr. MERKLEY submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1582, to provide for

the regulation of payment stablecoins, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following:

SEC. ____ . MAKE SENSE NOT CENTS.

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This section may be cited as the “Make Sense Not Cents Act”.

(b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Congress that Congress has the sole authority to coin money and regulate currency.

(c) DISCONTINUATION OF 1-CENT COINS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of the Treasury may not mint or issue a 1-cent coin.

(2) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

(A) Title 31, United States Code, is amended—

(i) in section 5112—

(I) in subsection (a)—

(aa) by striking paragraph (6); and

(bb) by redesignating paragraphs (7) through (12) as paragraphs (6) through (11), respectively;

(II) in subsection (b), by striking the eighth sentence;

(III) by striking subsection (c);

(IV) in subsection (i), by striking “(7), (8), (9), and (10)” each place the term appears and inserting “(6), (7), (8), and (9)”;

(V) in subsection (j), by striking “(7), (8), (9), or (10)” and inserting “(6), (7), (8), or (9)”;

and

(VI) in subsection (v), by striking “paragraph (12)” each place the term appears and inserting “paragraph (11)”;

(i) in section 5113(a), by striking the third sentence; and

(iii) in section 5132(a), by striking “through (6)” each place the term appears and inserting “through (5)”.

(B) Section 408(m)(3)(A)(i) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by striking “paragraph (7), (8), (9), or (10)” and inserting “paragraph (6), (7), (8), or (9)”.

(d) NO EFFECT ON LEGAL TENDER.—Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, or any amendment made by this section, one-cent coins are legal tender in the United States for all debts, public and private, public charges, taxes, and duties, regardless of the date of minting or issue.

SA 2353. Mr. KIM submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1582, to provide for the regulation of payment stablecoins, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

On page 99, line 24, strike “OR” and insert “AND”.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

Mr. DAINES. Mr. President, I have five requests for committees to meet during today’s session of the Senate. They have the approval of the Majority and Minority Leaders.

Pursuant to rule XXVI, paragraph 5(a), of the Standing Rules of the Senate, the following committees are authorized to meet during today’s session of the Senate:

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION, AND FORESTRY

The Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, June 10, 2025, at 3 p.m., to conduct a hearing.

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, June 10, 2025, at 9:30 a.m., to receive testimony in open and closed session.

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

The Committee on Foreign Relations is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, June 10, 2025, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing on nominations.

SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The Select Committee on Intelligence is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, June 10, 2025, at 3 p.m., to conduct a closed hearing.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON BORDER MANAGEMENT, FEDERAL WORKFORCE, AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS

The Subcommittee on Border Management, Federal Workforce, and Regulatory Affairs of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, June 10, 2025, at 10 a.m., to conduct a hearing.

RESOLUTIONS SUBMITTED TODAY

Mr. DAINES. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the en bloc consideration of the following resolutions, which are at the desk: S. Res. 269, S. Res. 270.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolutions en bloc.

Mr. DAINES. I ask unanimous consent that the resolutions be agreed to, the preambles be agreed to, and that the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table, all en bloc.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolutions were agreed to.

The preambles were agreed to.

(The resolutions, with their preambles, are printed in today's RECORD under "Submitted Resolutions.")

DETERRING EXTERNAL THREATS AND ENSURING ROBUST RESPONSES TO EGREGIOUS AND NEFARIOUS CRIMINAL ENDEAVORS ACT

Mr. DAINES. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from further consideration of S. 1136 and the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the bill by title.

The senior assistant legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (S. 1136) to authorize sentencing enhancements for certain criminal offenses directed by or coordinated with foreign governments.

There being no objection, the committee was discharged, and the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

Mr. DAINES. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the bill be considered read a third time and passed and the motion to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The bill (S. 1136) was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, was read the third time, and passed as follows:

S. 1136

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 "Deterring External Threats and Ensuring Robust Responses to Egregious and Nefarious Criminal Endeavors Act" or the "DETERRENCE Act".

SEC. 2. KIDNAPPING.

Section 1201 of title 18, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by redesignating subsection (h) as subsection (i);

(2) by inserting after subsection (g) the following:

"(h) SENTENCE ENHANCEMENTS FOR OFFENSES DIRECTED BY OR COORDINATED WITH FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—The sentence of a person convicted of an offense under subsection (a) may be increased by up to 10 years if such offense was committed knowingly at the direction of or in coordination with a foreign government or an agent of a foreign government.

"(2) CONSPIRACY.—The sentence of a person convicted of conspiring to commit a violation of subsection (a) as part of a conspiracy under the elements specified in subsection (c) may be increased by up to 10 years if—

"(A) 1 or more of the persons involved in such conspiracy were knowingly acting in coordination with a foreign government or an agent of a foreign government; and

"(B) the person convicted of conspiring to commit a violation of subsection (a) knew that 1 or more of the persons involved in such conspiracy were knowingly acting in coordination with a foreign government or an agent of a foreign government.

"(3) ATTEMPT.—The sentence of a person convicted of an attempt to violate subsection (a) may be increased by up to 5 years if such attempt was knowingly at the direction of or in coordination with a foreign government or an agent of a foreign government.";

(3) in subsection (i), as so designated, by inserting "DEFINITION.—" before "As used in this section".

SEC. 3. USE OF INTERSTATE COMMERCE FACILITIES IN THE COMMISSION OF MURDER-FOR-HIRE.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1958 of title 18, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by redesignating subsection (b) as subsection (c);

(2) by inserting after subsection (a) the following:

"(b) SENTENCE ENHANCEMENTS FOR OFFENSES DIRECTED BY OR COORDINATED WITH FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS.—The sentence of a person convicted of an offense under subsection (a)—

"(1) may be increased by up to 5 years, if such offense was committed knowingly at the direction of or in coordination with a foreign government or an agent of a foreign government; and

"(2) may be increased by up to 10 years—

"(A) if such offense was committed knowingly at the direction of or in coordination with a foreign government or an agent of a foreign government; and

"(B) personal injury results.";

(3) in subsection (c), as so redesignated, by inserting "DEFINITIONS.—" before "As used in this section".

(b) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

(1) Section 2332b(g)(2) of title 18, United States Code, is amended by striking "section 1958(b)(2)" and inserting "section 1958".

(2) Section 1010A(d) of the Controlled Substances Import and Export Act (21 U.S.C. 960a(d)) is amended by striking "section 1958(b)(1)" and inserting "section 1958".

SEC. 4. INFLUENCING, IMPEDING, OR RETALIATING AGAINST A FEDERAL OFFICIAL BY THREATENING OR INJURING A FAMILY MEMBER.

Section 115(b) of title 18, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following:

"(5) The sentence of a person convicted of an offense under subsection (a), if such offense was committed knowingly at the direction of or in coordination with a foreign government or an agent of a foreign government—

"(A) may be increased by up to 5 years if the offense committed was an assault involving physical contact with the victim of that assault or the intent to commit another felony;

"(B) may be increased by up to 10 years if—

"(i) the offense committed was an assault resulting in bodily injury (including serious bodily injury (as that term is defined in section 1365 of this title));

"(ii) the offense involved any conduct that, if the conduct occurred in the special maritime and territorial jurisdiction of the United States, would violate section 2241 or 2242 of this title; or

"(iii) a dangerous weapon was used during and in relation to the offense; and

"(C) may be increased by up to 10 years if the offense committed was a murder, attempted murder, or conspiracy to murder.".

SEC. 5. STALKING.

Section 2261A of title 18, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by striking "Whoever—" and inserting "(a) IN GENERAL.—Except as provided in subsection (b), whoever—"; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

"(b) ENHANCED PENALTIES FOR OFFENSES INVOLVING FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS.—The sentence of a person convicted of an offense under paragraph (1) or (2) of subsection (a), if such offense was committed knowingly at the direction of or in coordination with a foreign government or an agent of a foreign government—

"(1) may be increased by up to 5 years if—

"(A) serious bodily injury (including permanent disfigurement or life threatening bodily injury) to the victim results;

"(B) the offender uses a dangerous weapon during the offense; or

"(C) the victim of the offense is under the age of 18 years;

"(2) may be increased by up to 10 years if death of the victim results; and

"(3) may be increased by up to 30 months in any other case.".

SEC. 6. PROTECTION OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE UNITED STATES.

Section 1114 of title 18, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by redesignating subsection (b) as subsection (c); and

(2) by inserting after subsection (a) the following:

"(b) SENTENCE ENHANCEMENTS FOR OFFENSES DIRECTED BY OR COORDINATED WITH FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS.—The sentence of a person convicted of an offense under subsection (a) may be increased by up to 10 years if such offense was committed knowingly at the direction of or in coordination

with a foreign government or an agent of a foreign government.”.

SEC. 7. PRESIDENTIAL AND PRESIDENTIAL STAFF ASSASSINATION, KIDNAPING, AND ASSAULT.

Section 1751 of title 18, United States Code, is amended—

(1) by redesignating subsections (f) through (k) as subsections (g) through (i), respectively; and

(2) by inserting after subsection (e) the following:

“(f)(1) The sentence of a person convicted of an offense under subsection (a), (b), or (c) may be increased by up to 10 years if such offense was committed knowingly at the direction of or in coordination with a foreign government or an agent of a foreign government.

“(2) The sentence of a person convicted of conspiring to kill or kidnap any individual designated in subsection (a) as part of a conspiracy under the elements specified in subsection (d) may be increased by up to 10 years if—

“(A) 1 or more of the persons involved in such conspiracy were knowingly acting in coordination with a foreign government or an agent of a foreign government; and

“(B) the person convicted of conspiring to kill or kidnap an individual designated in subsection (a) knew that 1 or more of the persons involved in such conspiracy were knowingly acting in coordination with a foreign government or an agent of a foreign government.

“(3) The sentence of a person convicted of an offense under subsection (e) may be increased by up to 10 years if—

“(A) the victim was any person designated in subsection (a)(1); and

“(B) such offense was committed knowingly at the direction of or in coordination with a foreign government or an agent of a foreign government.

“(4) The sentence of a person convicted of an offense under subsection (e) may be increased by up to 10 years if—

“(A) the victim was any person designated in subsection (a)(2); and

“(B) such offense was committed knowingly at the direction of or in coordination with a foreign government or an agent of a foreign government.

“(5) The sentence of a person convicted of an offense under subsection (e) may be increased by up to 10 years if—

“(A)(i) the offense involved the use of a dangerous weapon; or

“(ii) personal injury resulted; and

“(B) such offense was committed knowingly at the direction of or in coordination with a foreign government or an agent of a foreign government.”.

ORDERS FOR WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11, 2025

Mr. DAINES. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand adjourned until 11 a.m. on Wednesday, June 11; that following the prayer and pledge, the Journal of pro-

ceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, morning business be closed, and the Senate proceed to executive session and resume consideration of Executive Calendar No. 173; further, that notwithstanding rule XXII, the cloture motion with respect to Calendar No. 173 ripen at 12 noon and if cloture is invoked on Executive Calendar No. 173, the postcloture time expire at 2 p.m. and the Senate vote on confirmation of the Long nomination at a time to be determined by the majority leader in consultation with the Democratic leader; finally, that notwithstanding rule XXII, the cloture motions filed on Monday, June 9, with respect to Calendar No. 66, S. 1582, and amendment No. 2307 ripen at 2 p.m. tomorrow; and also notwithstanding rule XXII, it be in order for Senator MURPHY or his designee to make motions to discharge S.J. Res. 53 and 54 at 3:30 p.m. tomorrow and if made, there be up to 2 hours of debate equally divided between the two leaders or their designees concurrently on the motions and upon the use or yielding back of that time, the Senate vote on the motion to discharge in the order listed.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 11 A.M. TOMORROW

Mr. DAINES. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask that it stand adjourned under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 6:49 p.m., adjourned until Wednesday, June 11, 2025, at 11 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate:

IN THE AIR FORCE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE RESERVE OF THE AIR FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

To be major general

BRIG. GEN. DAVID M. CASTANEDA
BRIG. GEN. MICHAEL P. CRUFF
BRIG. GEN. LESLIE S. HADLEY
BRIG. GEN. JENNIE R. JOHNSON
BRIG. GEN. LORI C. JONES
BRIG. GEN. PRESTON F. MCFARREN
BRIG. GEN. STACEY L. SCARISBRICK
BRIG. GEN. STEPHEN E. SLADE
BRIG. GEN. DEAN D. SNIEGOWSKI

IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be major general

BRIG. GEN. JOHN B. HINSON

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE RESERVE OF THE ARMY TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

To be major general

BRIG. GEN. KENT J. LIGHTNER

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE RESERVE OF THE ARMY TO THE GRADES INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

To be major general

BRIG. GEN. TODD L. ERSKINE

To be brigadier general

COL. DAVID G. BARRETT

IN THE MARINE CORPS

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT AS STAFF JUDGE ADVOCATE TO THE COMMANDANT OF THE MARINE CORPS AND APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 8046:

To be major general

COL. CHRISTOPHER G. TOLAR

IN THE NAVY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be rear admiral

REAR ADM. (LH) CHRISTOPHER D. STONE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY RESERVE TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

To be rear admiral

REAR ADM. (LH) DAVID M. BUZZETTI

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY RESERVE TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

To be rear admiral

REAR ADM. (LH) DAVID J. FAEHNLE

REAR ADM. (LH) JOAQUIN MARTINEZDEPINILLOS

REAR ADM. (LH) DONALD M. PLUMMER

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be rear admiral

REAR ADM. (LH) KRISTIN ACQUAVELLA

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICER FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be rear admiral

REAR ADM. (LH) MATTHEW CASE

IN THE SPACE FORCE

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE UNITED STATES SPACE FORCE TO THE GRADE INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 624:

To be major general

BRIG. GEN. ROBERT J. HUTT

BRIG. GEN. ANTHONY J. MASTALIR

BRIG. GEN. BRIAN D. SIDARI

CONFIRMATIONS

Executive nominations confirmed by the Senate June 10, 2025:

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

DAVID FOTOUHI, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

STEPHEN VADEN, OF TENNESSEE, TO BE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE.

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

ANDREW HUGHES, OF TEXAS, TO BE DEPUTY SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT.

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING CEPHAS CARTER AS HE RETIRES FROM THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HON. STENY H. HOYER

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 10, 2025

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Cephas Carter, who will be retiring after 35 years of serving the House. Cephas has been with the Clerk office since October 1989.

He started his tenure as a Property Supply Specialist under the then Clerk Donald K. Anderson. In 1992, he joined the Office of the Official Reporters as a production specialist. And then in 2012, Cephas joined the Legislative Computer System's Audio team, where in 2018, he was promoted to its team leader. Over the past 13 years, Cephas has provided an exemplary service on the House Floor, providing audio coverage of the Floor proceedings. His professionalism, accountability, and kind personality set him apart. He could always be counted on to be there to provide a seamless service, whether it was late nights or weekends, always flexible to the needs of the House. Cephas was and is a consummate professional, excelled at his job, and understood the importance of his mission. He was always proud to be part of this great institution.

Cephas looks forward to his retirement and spending more time with his wife and family. I wish Cephas Carter many years of good health and congratulate him on a well-earned retirement. He has helped the People's House function For The People, which is why I ask all my colleagues to join me in thanking him.

HONORING ERIC AMICK

HON. SARAH ELFRETH

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 10, 2025

Ms. ELFRETH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Eric Amick as he prepares for retirement after more than 23 years of service to the U.S. House of Representatives.

Eric was born in Cumberland, Maryland. In 1976, he graduated from Bishop Walsh High School. After high school, Eric attended Purdue University in West Lafayette, Indiana, where in 1980, he earned a bachelor's degree in computer science.

After college, Eric worked as a software engineer for S3 Technologies, NeuralTech, and Banktech.

In August 2002, Eric joined the Legislative Computer Systems, a division of the Office of the Clerk, as a software engineer. During his tenure, Eric worked on numerous mission critical applications, including the Electronic Voting System (EVS), the xMetaL, Member Information System (MIS), and most recently the Legislative Information Management system

(LIMS). Eric's expertise in House documents and legislative data has been critical to many of the behind-the-scenes legislative activities that help this institution run smoothly.

Eric has dedicated 23 years of his professional career to the Office of the Clerk. He has worked under six Speakers of the House: the Honorable J. Dennis Hastert, NANCY PELOSI, John A. Boehner, Paul D. Ryan, Kevin McCarthy, and now, MIKE JOHNSON.

In addition, Eric has worked for five Clerks of the House: the Honorable Jeff Trandahl, Karen L. Haas, Lorraine C. Miller, Cheryl L. Johnson, and Kevin F. McCumber.

Post retirement, Eric is looking forward to his next chapter of adventures. He plans to spend more time with his lifelong hobby, which includes trivia, crossword puzzles, and board games.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of the U.S. House of Representatives, I want to thank Eric Amick for his wonderful service to this institution.

COMMEMORATING THE BICENTEN- NIAL CELEBRATION OF THE TOWN OF CARROLL, NEW YORK

HON. NICHOLAS A. LANGWORTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 10, 2025

Mr. LANGWORTHY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to join the Town of Carroll in celebrating an extraordinary milestone—200 years of history, heritage, and community spirit. Established in 1825, the same year the Erie Canal opened New York to the world, Carroll stands as a testament to the vision and determination of the American spirit. They came here seeking opportunity, building a town that would reflect the strength, faith, and perseverance that defines Western New York to this day.

Carroll was named in honor of Charles Carroll of Carrollton, the last surviving signer of the Declaration of Independence—a man who stood for liberty, patriotism, and principle. That legacy lives on here in every sense. This town has given much to our state and Nation, including the birth of Reuben E. Fenton, one of New York's great statesmen. As Governor and later as U.S. Senator during the Civil War, Fenton championed freedom and unity when our country needed it most. His roots here speak volumes about the character and leadership fostered in this community. Robert H. Jackson, who later became a U.S. Supreme Court Justice and the chief U.S. prosecutor at the Nuremberg Trials, was born in Spring Creek, Pennsylvania, but grew up in Frewsburg, New York, where he graduated from Frewsburg High School in 1909.

But it wasn't politics that shaped Carroll—it was people. The town has long been enriched by a strong Scandinavian, especially Swedish, heritage, brought by families who arrived in the 19th century with little more than faith and work ethic. Their legacy lives on in the churches, traditions, and values that continue to de-

fine life here today. The blend of cultures and generations has made Carroll more than just a town—it's a home, built on unity and shared purpose.

As we celebrate this bicentennial, let's not only reflect on where we've been but commit to where we're going. I will continue to be a voice for towns like Carroll in Washington—fighting for rural investment, family farms, and the future of communities that still believe in the American Dream. I congratulate the Town of Carroll on 200 remarkable years and may the next 200 be just as proud. May God bless the Town of Carroll, and may God continue to bless the United States of America.

RECOGNIZING THE DACOR BACON HOUSE

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 10, 2025

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the DACOR Bacon House (the "House"), formerly known as the Ringgold-Carroll House. The House, a building in the District of Columbia, celebrates its bicentennial today.

The House is situated on land previously owned by David Burnes, whose other landholdings now house the National Mall, the White House and other notable D.C. landmarks.

The House was constructed in 1825 by Tench Ringgold using enslaved individuals. Shortly after being built, the House's boarders included Chief Justice of the Supreme Court John Marshall and occasionally other Supreme Court Justices, including Joseph Story, Gabriel Duvall, Smith Thompson and Henry Baldwin.

In 1835, the House was sold to former Maryland Governor Samuel Sprigg, who gifted it to his daughter and son-in-law, Sally Sprigg and William Thomas Carroll, the Clerk of the Supreme Court. When the Carrolls owned the House, it hosted numerous dignitaries, including President Abraham Lincoln.

From the end of the 19th century to the beginning of the 20th century, the House remained a home for dignitaries. Residents included Russian Imperial Minister Nikolai Shishkin and Chief Justice of the Supreme Court Melville W. Fuller, who hosted Presidents Grover Cleveland and Theodore Roosevelt, as well as William Howard Taft during his tenure as Secretary of War.

Illinois Senator Medill McCormick and his wife, future Congresswoman Ruth Hanna McCormick, resided in the House during the 1920s, where they entertained lawmakers and their spouses.

In 1925, the House was purchased by Congressman Robert Low Bacon and his wife, Virginia Murray Bacon. Virginia Murray Bacon founded the Bacon House Foundation, which worked with the DACOR Education and Welfare Foundation to form the DACOR Bacon

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House Foundation, which maintains and preserves the House today.

Since 1986, the House has served as DACOR's headquarters, regularly hosting educational programming related to foreign policy, including professional development and networking. The House continues to welcome dignitaries, including the numerous ambassadors, military officers, political appointees and members of Congress who are members of DACOR.

I ask the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing the DACOR Bacon House for its contributions to American history.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JOHN J. MCGUIRE, III

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 10, 2025

Mr. MCGUIRE. Mr. Speaker, I missed the vote on the House Floor. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 157.

RECOGNIZING MISSION MISSISSIPPI OF LEFLORE COUNTY FOR ITS COMMITMENT TO RACIAL RECONCILIATION AND COMMUNITY UNITY

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 10, 2025

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and commend Mission Mississippi of Leflore County, a remarkable organization based in Greenwood, Mississippi, for its unwavering commitment to racial reconciliation, spiritual healing, and community building.

Founded as part of the broader Mission Mississippi movement, which began in Jackson in 1992, the Leflore County chapter has become a beacon of hope and unity in the Mississippi Delta. At a time when division often dominates our national discourse, this grassroots organization brings people together across racial and denominational lines through intentional fellowship, shared meals, and mutual respect.

Mission Mississippi of Leflore County is led by Mr. Terry Williams, a local painting contractor and pastor, and Mr. Luke Quinn, a minister and clinical therapist. Together, they facilitate regular gatherings—often breakfasts or luncheons—that rotate between churches with historically Black or White congregations. These events are not mere meetings; they are powerful acts of reconciliation, fostering honest dialogue, trust, and deeper understanding among individuals of diverse backgrounds.

Through these efforts, Mission Mississippi of Leflore County engages in what Mr. Williams aptly describes as “heart work”—emphasizing their belief that the path to racial harmony begins with the courage to know one another, to listen, and to love unconditionally. Their work underscores that true unity is not achieved solely through laws or policies, but through relationships and shared purpose.

In January of this year, the chapter hosted a luncheon at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, followed by a community meal in April

that featured remarks from Dr. Montrell Greene, pastor of Sycamore Street Church of Christ. These are but a few examples of their ongoing efforts to bring diverse voices to the table and create a space where differences are acknowledged and celebrated.

Mr. Quinn, reflecting on his journey from Texas to Georgia to Wisconsin before settling in the Delta, spoke candidly of Mississippi's often misunderstood legacy. He rightly observed that Mississippi is too frequently portrayed as a scapegoat for America's racial challenges, when in truth, it is home to many individuals working tirelessly to heal those very wounds—Mission Mississippi of Leflore County among the foremost.

Grounded in faith and expansive in impact, their mission exemplifies what it means to live out the gospel in a divided world—breaking bread, building bridges, and showing that we have more in common than in conflict.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Mission Mississippi of Leflore County for their vital work in uplifting their community, challenging stereotypes, and leading with grace and love. Their efforts remind us that reconciliation is possible—one conversation, one relationship, and one act of compassion at a time.

RECOGNIZING SCOTT GATTO AS JUNE 2025 VETERAN OF THE MONTH

HON. LISA C. McCLAIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 10, 2025

Mrs. McCLAIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with profound respect and gratitude to recognize the extraordinary service and unwavering dedication of Staff Sergeant Scott Gatto, a proud veteran of the United States Marine Corps and our distinguished Veteran of the Month for June 2025 from Michigan's 9th Congressional District. His exceptional military career and steadfast commitment to innovation, leadership, and mentorship embody the very best of American service.

Scott Gatto answered the call to serve his country after he completed high school when he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. He reported to the 3rd Marine Division on September 11, 2001, just two hours before the tragic attack on the World Trade Center occurred. Over a remarkable near-decade career, Scott worked to forge strong relationships with foreign leaders, serving in diverse and demanding environments across the globe. Scott and his unit conducted hundreds of combat missions, demonstrating bravery and commitment.

During the intense second Battle of Fallujah, Scott was one of only nine Marines from his 41-member platoon to survive. Five of these survivors were critically wounded. Scott and his unit demonstrated dedication to our country and made tremendous sacrifices.

After his service with the United States Marine Corps, Scott played a vital role in working with the Department of Defense. Here, he led teams responsible for providing essential gear to troops on the battlefield. In 2013, Scott then transitioned into the pharmaceutical industry, applying his college education and background to become a top sales representative.

Scott focused on advocating for patients and helping drive success within his teams. Scott continues to work and thrive in the industry by helping counteract the social stigmas associated with the field. He has received several honors and awards for his efforts.

In 2017, Scott founded a non-profit organization called “Reunite the Fight”. The organization is dedicated to supporting veterans who struggle with PTSD, survivors' guilt and other mental health challenges. Having been diagnosed with PTSD himself, Scott felt the call to help other veterans access essential support such as medical treatments, PTSD therapy workshops, employment opportunities, and veterans' benefits. His non-profit has successfully helped over 1,500 veterans and continues to make significant contributions to his community today.

Above all, Scott is a devoted father to three children—Alaina, Scottie, and Kai. Together, they share a passion for adventure and the outdoors, while also valuing the importance of learning about new and diverse cultures.

Mr. Speaker, let us express our sincerest appreciation to Scott Gatto for his outstanding military service and for his excellent acts of leadership that have protected our country and also helped his local community. His story is a testament to the American spirit of service, sacrifice, and leadership, and it is an honor to recognize him as our Veteran of the Month.

NEWSLETTER FROM CONGRESSMAN CHUCK EDWARDS

HON. CHUCK EDWARDS

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 10, 2025

Mr. EDWARDS. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following newsletter to give an update to my constituents on Helene recovery, Chatuge Dam repair, and protecting consumer choice.

Dear Friend,

News outlets thrive on controversy, and nothing grabs attention like conflict.

Since coming to Congress, my colleagues on both sides of the aisle have come together to pass more than 430 bills and amendments, but that doesn't make for entertaining news.

To stir up conflict, news outlets often create a black hole of information by limiting views or regularly misrepresenting or ignoring them.

If the media is a driving force behind division, it must also be part of the solution. You can read my full discussion on media bias here.

CLEARING DEBRIS FROM WATERWAYS POST-HELENE

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) continues to work diligently to clear debris from many of our waterways after Hurricane Helene.

I appreciated the opportunity to receive an update on their progress and share a few of the concerns that I've been hearing from our community, including the need for debris removal efforts to be mindful of endangered and threatened species and to avoid removing healthy vegetation from the streambanks.

USACE's methodical approach to debris removal has facilitated the clearing of over 3.4 million cubic yards of debris, giving the natural environments that have been reshaped by Helene the opportunity to heal.

The Corps shared that they were not just removing debris for the short-term. Instead, they have been focused on the long-term health of the region by implementing a zero-tolerance policy for over-cleaning or reckless removal of debris.

While we can all acknowledge that there are times when the Corps has missed the zero-tolerance mark, our conversation made it clear that we are both committed to working together to make sure that our streams and rivers are cleaned the right way, so they can return to being safe, healthy, and free of debris for decades to come.

TAX DEADLINES EXTENDED FOR HELENE VICTIMS

The IRS is extending various tax deadlines to Sept. 25, 2025 for folks located in areas affected by Hurricane Helene.

If you need assistance navigating issues with the IRS, my district office is available to help. Visit my website at edwards.house.gov/services/federalagency.

ENSURING SAFETY AND ECONOMIC SECURITY ALONG THE HIWASSEE RIVER

Western North Carolina, with its many lakes and rivers, must remain at the forefront of dam safety.

With the recent vulnerabilities found in the Chatuge Dam, it is critical that safety risks are addressed to protect lives and downstream communities in our mountains. That said, the Hiwassee River is foundational to the rural, westernmost areas of our district's recreation industry and economy. That is why I have requested that the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) provide the risk analysis and data behind their decision to move forward with repairs and improvements.

The people of Western North Carolina deserve to know why repairs are needed if we are going to come to an educated opinion on the best path forward. It's imperative that the condition of the dam, the safety of the community downstream, and the economic security of the businesses and people surrounding the dam be considered when evaluating the best approach to addressing the safety concerns.

My office will continue to work with local and federal officials to determine the best path forward, while strengthening the long-term viability of the dam so that our local economy can thrive.

TVA is early in their process of analyzing potential solutions and impacts, and anyone interested in the decision-making process can attend in-person or virtual public input sessions. The dates and times for these sessions can be found on their website here.

MYTH BUSTER: MS-13 GANG MEMBER OF "MARYLAND FATHER"?

There are folks who have been up in arms about an MS-13 gang member, whom some have dubbed as a "Maryland man," claiming that he has been "mistakenly" deported to El Salvador.

Let's be clear: Deporting him was NOT a mistake.

There has been a deportation order for Abrego Garcia since 2019, when an immigration court and an appellate immigration court both ruled that he was a member of MS-13 and in our country illegally.

When MS-13 was declared a foreign terrorist organization, Abrego Garcia became no longer eligible for any form of immigration relief in our country.

This is just another example of hand-picked information errantly fueling public outrage. Not only should journalistic institutions prioritize factual, balanced reporting over sensationalism, but we as citizens must also take responsibility for looking at the facts rather than retreating into ideological bubbles.

PROTECTING CONSUMER CHOICE FROM RADICAL MANDATES

You may have heard of California's electric vehicle (EV) mandate to ban the sale of gas-powered cars, which is the latest attempt to force an extreme agenda that would take away consumer choice, lead to higher prices for both new and used cars, and strain our electric grid.

Such a ban would affect consumers in every state in our country by raising costs and decreasing availability of gas vehicles.

The assertion that EVs are affordable and highly sought after is out of touch with reality: only 1 percent of registered vehicles in the U.S. are EV's.

I voted for three resolutions that passed the House to push back on such radical policies from the prior administration and repeal these disastrous mandates:

House Joint Resolution 88 would repeal California's waiver allowing the state to ban the sale of gas-powered vehicles by 2035.

House Joint Resolution 87 would repeal California's waiver allowing the state to require the sale of zero-emission trucks.

House Joint Resolution 89 would end California's nitrogen oxide engine emission standards, which create unrealistic standards for heavy-duty on-road engines.

The U.S. has reduced emissions for decades through wise investment and innovation, not extreme government mandates. Congress must protect consumer choice and stop California from circumventing the federal government's environmental regulations, to the detriment of consumers and the automobile market nationwide.

BRINGING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO FOLKS ACROSS WNC

In keeping with my office's motto of being "First in Constituent Services" and helping folks after Hurricane Helene, my office regularly brings the Carolina Cruiser across our mountains for mobile office hours.

In April alone, the Carolina Cruiser made 16 stops where members of my team heard about the issues that matter to WNC communities, answered questions about disaster recovery, and assisted with federal agencies. During these office hours, my team heard from over 150 individuals.

As your congressman, it is my goal to remain accessible to you. In addition to mobile office hours, I regularly host "Chat With Chuck" meetings to hear from constituents one-on-one about their concerns and answer their questions individually. If you're interested in scheduling a meeting with me, please fill out the form on my website at edwards.house.gov/chatwithchuck.

If you want to stop by mobile office hours for assistance navigating a federal agency or to just provide feedback, stay updated on the office hours schedule by following the Carolina Cruiser on X and Facebook, and visiting my website at edwards.house.gov/carolinacruiser.

With my warmest regards,

CHUCK EDWARDS,
Member of Congress.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION OF THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF ORVAL MULLEN

HON. ROBERT E. LATTA

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 10, 2025

Mr. LATTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and remember the life and service of a dedicated American veteran, Mr. Orval

Mullens of Oakwood, Ohio. Orval, who celebrated his 103rd birthday in February, passed away on May 15, 2025. Orval led a long, productive life, and I am honored to have the opportunity to recognize his many accomplishments in life, especially his service to our Nation.

During World War II, Orval served as a field lineman in the Eighth Regiment of the Fourth Infantry of the U.S. Army from October 14, 1942, to September 25, 1945. Orval landed on Utah Beach on D-Day, June 6, 1944, and he fought in the Battle of the Bulge in December 1944. In April of 1945, Orval and the soldiers of the Eighth Regiment assisted in the liberation of the concentration camp at Dachau. He was awarded two Purple Hearts for his service. He also received a Bronze Star and the French Legion of Honor, as well as several other medals.

After completing his military service, he started O.H. Mullen Sales in the 1950s and owned and operated the business until the mid-1980s. His company manufactured, sold, and distributed archery equipment. He married Luella Conley on October 24, 1942, and they were together for 74 years until her passing in 2016. They had three children: Dr. Orval Lee Mullen, James Mullen of Oakwood, and Judith Wiegand of Willshire. The family has grown to include grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in paying special tribute to the life and service of Orval Mullen. On behalf of the Fifth Congressional District of Ohio, it is my honor to recognize his contributions to our Nation, community, and his family. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family as they celebrate his long life.

RECOGNIZING THE GROUND- BREAKING OF THE CROSSROADS BUSINESS PARK IN BIG SPRING, TEXAS

HON. JODEY C. ARRINGTON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 10, 2025

Mr. ARRINGTON. Mr. Speaker, I'm proud to hail from the Food, Fuel, and Fiber Capital of the World, which powers, feeds, and clothes our great Nation and beyond. Today, I am honored to celebrate an occasion that represents the true embodiment of the spirit and unparalleled ingenuity of West Texas—the groundbreaking of the Crossroads Business Park in Big Spring, Texas.

This development is the first major business park in West Texas tied to the Ports-to-Plains initiative, which will transform the I-27 corridor from Dumas to Laredo. The hundreds of acres of new office space the Crossroads Business Park will create is a model of how Ports-to-Plains will fuel investment in West Texas and represents a major boon for Big Spring, Howard County, and the entire region. This business park offers a new hub for commercial opportunities and job creation, and I am proud to recognize such a remarkable commitment to our community.

This project is also thanks to the strong investment made by Howard County, the City of Big Spring, the Big Spring Economic Development Corporation, the Cross Ell Ranch Corporation, the Permian Basin Regional Planning

Commission, and the Texas Department of Transportation and their commitment to making this vision a reality. On behalf of the 19th Congressional District of Texas, I want to extend a heartfelt thank you to all involved in this project for their dedication to our community. God bless, and go West Texas.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LORI TRAHAN

OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 10, 2025

Mrs. TRAHAN. Mr. Speaker, I was not present for votes on June 9, 2025. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 157; NAY on Roll Call No. 158; and YEA on Roll Call No. 159.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. NICHOLAS A. LANGWORTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 10, 2025

Mr. LANGWORTHY. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to be present for votes on Monday, June 9, 2025. Had I been present, I would have voted: YEA on Roll Call No. 157; YEA on Roll Call No. 158; and YEA on Roll Call No. 159.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL DANIEL BLACKLEDGE

HON. ZACHARY NUNN

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 10, 2025

Mr. NUNN of Iowa. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Lieutenant Colonel Daniel Blackledge for his more than two decades of service in the United States Air Force. A graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy and a proud leader within the intelligence community, Lt. Col. Blackledge has represented our Nation with distinction in uniformed service across the globe.

From his early days as an intelligence officer to his most recent assignment as a Legislative Liaison to the Secretary of the Air Force, Lt. Col. Blackledge has demonstrated unwavering commitment to the security and strategic readiness of our Nation. His operational leadership has taken him from Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam to RAF Molesworth, to deployments in Iraq and Afghanistan—always delivering with precision, integrity, and focus.

Over the course of his career, Lt. Col. Blackledge served in pivotal roles at the Pentagon, U.S. Strategic Command, and in multiple joint environments. His work has helped shape national policy and defense priorities, particularly through his most recent role advising Air Force leadership and Congress on programs vital to our military's intelligence gathering, communications, and battlefield awareness capabilities.

As he enters retirement, we also recognize the enduring support of his family. His wife, Captain Katie Blackledge, is a fellow veteran

and airman in her own right, and together they have raised two exceptional daughters, Laurel and Lane Blackledge. Their shared sacrifice and steadfast support have been essential to Daniel's service, and our Nation owes them a debt of gratitude as well.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Lieutenant Colonel Daniel Blackledge for his outstanding service to our country and in wishing him and his family continued success in this next chapter.

HONORING DR. MICHAEL ROUSE

HON. ROBERT B. ADERHOLT

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 10, 2025

Mr. ADERHOLT. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to honor the lifelong service of Dr. Michael Rouse, a man whose dedication to ministry, education, and the advancement of Christian values has had a profound impact not only in Alabama, but across the Nation.

Dr. Rouse's commitment to faith and education is evident in his academic achievements. He earned his bachelor's degree from Baptist Bible College, followed by a master's degree in pastoral ministries, and a doctorate in theology from Bethany Seminary. These accomplishments laid the foundation for his more than forty years of devoted service as the senior pastor of Mountain View Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama. Through his leadership, this church has been a beacon of faith and community in our state.

Beyond his pastoral duties, Dr. Rouse has been a leader in Christian education. In 1982, he founded Mountain View Baptist School, providing generations of students with a strong academic foundation rooted in biblical principles. His influence in education extended further through his twenty-five years of service as both vice president and president of the Alabama Christian Education Association.

Additionally, from 2016 to 2024, he served faithfully as the president of the American Association of Christian Schools, guiding Christian educational institutions across the country with wisdom and steadfast dedication.

Dr. Rouse's contributions to our communities, our schools, and our faith institutions cannot be overstated. His lifelong efforts have strengthened families, empowered students, and enriched the spiritual and educational fabric of Alabama and beyond.

RECOGNIZING MS. JAYDEN COFFEY

HON. BRUCE WESTERMAN

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 10, 2025

Mr. WESTERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an exceptional young leader from my district, Jayden Coffey, a student at Cass Job Corps in Franklin County, Arkansas, and the latest recipient of the Westerman Award—a quarterly honor given to students who demonstrate outstanding character, leadership, and service.

Jayden is a shining example of what hard work, humility, and dedication to others can

achieve. At Cass, she serves as the shop foreman in the paint trade department, where she leads by example and fosters excellence among her peers. Beyond her trade, Jayden is an active member of campus leadership. She serves as Secretary of the Student Government Association and as Vice President of her dormitory, roles in which she consistently promotes a culture of respect, accountability, and teamwork.

What truly sets Jayden apart is her servant leadership—an approach rooted in humility and a deep commitment to others. Her excellent people-skills and ability to inspire and motivate those around her make her a trusted leader among students and staff alike.

Jayden's commitment to her community is evident both on and off campus. She has volunteered her time at the local food pantry and played a key role in a student-led campaign to collect non-perishable items for blessing boxes in the community of Ozark, Arkansas, ensuring those in need have access to essential resources.

Jayden is also blazing trails in traditionally male-dominated fields. She is currently the only female member of the Fire Crew at Cass, where she recently passed the Pack Test and earned her Red Card for wildland firefighting. She participates in daily physical training to prepare for her upcoming Fire detail and is a dedicated member of the Camp Crew. Her passion for public service and emergency response will continue after graduation, as she plans to pursue advanced training in Fire and Rescue.

Jayden Coffey represents the very best of Arkansas' youth—resilient, service-driven, and ready to lead. It is my honor to recognize her today before this body and to commend her as a model citizen and recipient of the Westerman Award.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. RICK LARSEN

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 10, 2025

Mr. LARSEN of Washington. Mr. Speaker, during the week of June 2, 2025, I was unable to attend several votes due to a family medical issue. Had I been present, I would have voted: YEA on Roll Call No. 146; YEA on Roll Call No. 147; YEA on Roll Call No. 150; YEA on Roll Call No. 151; YEA on Roll Call No. 152; NAY on Roll Call No. 153; YEA on Roll Call No. 154; and NAY on Roll Call No. 155.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF MRS. REBA W. STEWART

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 10, 2025

Mr. BISHOP. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of a dedicated wife, committed mother, loving grandmother, trail-blazing bank executive, benevolent community servant, giving neighbor, and dear friend of longstanding, Mrs. Reba W. Stewart. Sadly, Reba passed away on June 7, 2025. A graveside service to celebrate her remarkable life

will be held on Tuesday, June 10, 2025, in Albany, Georgia.

Reba was born to the union of the late Ola Mae and Warnell Willis in Albany, Georgia. She was a proud graduate of Albany High School and the Georgia Banking School.

Mrs. Stewart dedicated thirty-seven and a half years to Citizens and Southern Bank, now known as Bank of America. She was subsequently employed at SunTrust Bank for twenty-six years. A true trailblazer, Reba became the first female banking officer and the first female branch manager in Albany during her time at Citizens and Southern Bank.

It has been said that "Service is the rent that we pay for the space that we occupy here on this earth." Reba paid her rent, and she paid it well. She was committed to giving back to the community that had nurtured her for so long. Her sense of pride for Albany propelled her into many leadership roles with various social and civic organizations including serving as past Chairperson of the Board of Directors for the American Heart Association, Albany YMCA, SOWEGA Council on Aging, and the Boys and Girls Club of Albany. She played pivotal roles in fundraising to build the Chapel at Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital and helping to construct the new church at Byne Memorial Baptist Church of Albany. Additionally, she contributed her talents to the Foundation Boards of Darton College and Albany State College (now university), as well as the Board of Directors of SunTrust Bank. Reba's dedication to her community was further demonstrated through her membership in the Dougherty County Kiwanis Club.

Throughout her life, Mrs. Stewart received numerous accolades that reflect her profound impact on the community. Among these are Albany's Woman of the Year, the Golden Deed Award from The Exchange Club of Albany, the Woman of Distinction Award from the Girl Scouts of America, and the Woman of the Youth Award from the Boys and Girls Club of Albany.

Guided by her strong faith, she was a devoted member of Byne Memorial Baptist Church. Reba cherished her church and her church family for seventy-three years. She actively participated in various church activities, generously reaching out to the community through mission efforts.

On a personal note, Reba was my dear friend and neighbor for many years. She always greeted me with a warm smile and sometimes not so subtle advice. She never told me what I wanted to hear, but she always told me what she felt I needed to hear. I will be forever grateful for the fidelity of her friendship and the timbre of her character.

Reba accomplished much in life but none of it would have been possible without the love

and support of her beloved late husband of sixty-two years, Emmett; her daughter, Leslie Stewart Sullivan; her two grandchildren Clay and Mary Stewart Sullivan and a host of other relatives and friends.

Mr. Speaker, my wife Vivian and I along with the more than 765,000 people of Georgia's Second Congressional District, salute and honor the life of Mrs. Reba W. Stewart. I ask my colleagues to join us in extending our deepest condolences to her family and all who mourn her loss during this difficult time of bereavement. I pray that they will be consoled and comforted by an abiding faith and the Holy Spirit in the days, weeks and months ahead.

Mrs. Reba W. Stewart leaves behind a legacy of love, service, and dedication to family and community. Her influence will be felt for many years to come, and she will be deeply missed.

RECOGNIZING WWII COMBAT VETERAN ALBERT BUSACCA ON HIS 100TH BIRTHDAY

HON. LISA C. McCLAIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 10, 2025

Mrs. McCLAIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Albert Busacca, a World War II combat veteran, on his 100th birthday. His bravery, resilience, and selflessness as a veteran helped shape a better world for future generations. Today, we proudly honor and celebrate this milestone birthday.

Albert served in combat during World War II in the 4th Infantry Division and saw action in the European Theatre of Operations. His efforts played a key role in providing peace for our country and does not go unnoticed. He also continued to demonstrate his strong work ethic at General Motors, where he later retired from leaving a proud legacy of hard work behind.

Beyond his dedication to our country, Albert is a lifelong volunteer who finds joy in helping his community. He spent a lot of his time volunteering at soup kitchens, providing nutritious meals to families and individuals in need.

Albert is also a devoted husband and loving father. He was married to his wife for over 60 years, and together they raised 8 children. His children describe him as an incredible father and one of the best people they have had the pleasure of knowing.

Mr. Speaker, help me congratulate Albert Busacca, an inspiring example of an American, on his 100th birthday. His contributions

to our country and community reflect his character—brave, selfless, and committed to serving others. His century of life continues to inspire his community.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. NATHANIEL MORAN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 10, 2025

Mr. MORAN. Mr. Speaker, I was inadvertently detained. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 152, and YEA on Roll Call No. 153.

RECOGNIZING JERRY SANOK FOR FORTY YEARS OF COMMITTED SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP

HON. NICHOLAS A. LANGWORTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 10, 2025

Mr. LANGWORTHY. Mr. Speaker, for over 40 years, Jerry Sanok has been a cornerstone of the Republican Party—a principled leader whose honesty, strategic mind, and dedication have earned him respect across Alden and beyond. It is only fitting that his hometown now honors a lifetime of unwavering service.

On June 11th, Jerry will receive the Honorary Lifetime Chairman Award, and I'm proud to stand with the Alden Republican Committee in recognizing this well-earned distinction. As Chairman, Jerry has led winning campaigns, mentored future leaders, and built coalitions that have delivered victory at every level—from Town Hall to Capitol Hill. His political instincts are unmatched, and his advice has shaped the success of candidates and party leaders across New York.

What defines Jerry most, however, is his unwavering loyalty and deep patriotism. For over four decades, he has worked tirelessly to make his community, his state, and his country stronger for the generations to come. In every season—in challenge and in triumph—he has stood firm in his convictions and committed to the conservative values that unite us.

It is with great pride and deep gratitude that I join the Alden Republican Committee in honoring Gerald J. Sanok—for a lifetime of leadership, patriotism, and service to the Republican cause.

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Routine Proceedings, pages S3293–S3323

Measures Introduced: Twenty bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2000–2019, and S. Res. 267–270. **Pages S3314–15**

Measures Reported:

Special Report entitled “Legislative Activities Report of the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation of the United States Senate During the One Hundred Eighteenth Congress”. (S. Rept. No. 119–29) **Page S3314**

Measures Passed:

United States Army 250th Birthday: Senate agreed to S. Res. 269, recognizing the 250th birthday of the United States Army. **Page S3322**

National Naloxone Awareness Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 270, designating June 6, 2025, as National Naloxone Awareness Day. **Page S3322**

DETERRENCE Act: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. 1136, to authorize sentencing enhancements for certain criminal offenses directed by or coordinated with foreign governments, and the bill was then passed. **Pages S3322–23**

Genius Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding Rule XXII, the cloture motions filed on Monday, June 9, 2025, with respect to S.1582, to provide for the regulation of payment stablecoins, and Thune (for Hagerty/Gillibrand) Amendment No. 2307, in the nature of a substitute, ripen at 2 p.m., on Wednesday, June 11, 2025. **Page S3323**

Disapprovals of Proposed Foreign Military Sales—Agreement: A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding Rule XXII, it be in order for Senator Murphy, or his designee, to make motions to discharge S.J. Res.53, providing for congressional disapproval of the proposed foreign military sale to the Government of Qatar of certain defense articles and services, and S.J. Res.54, providing for congressional disapproval of the proposed foreign military sale to the

Government of the United Arab Emirates of certain defense articles and services, at 3:30 p.m., on Wednesday, June 11, 2025, and if made, there be up to two hours of debate equally divided between the two Leaders, or their designees, concurrently on the motions, and upon the use or yielding back of that time, Senate vote on the motions to discharge in the order listed. **Page S3323**

Message from the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of the continuation of the national emergency that was originally declared in Executive Order 13405 of June 16, 2006, with respect to Belarus; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM–31) **Page S3314**

Long Nomination—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 11 a.m., on Wednesday, June 11, 2025, Senate resume consideration of the nomination of William Long, of Missouri, to be Commissioner of Internal Revenue; provided further, that notwithstanding Rule XXII, the cloture motion with respect to the nomination ripen at 12 noon; and if cloture is invoked on the nomination, the post-cloture time expire at 2 p.m., and Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination of William Long, of Missouri, to be Commissioner of Internal Revenue, at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, in consultation with the Democratic Leader. **Page S3323**

Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 53 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. EX. 299), David Fotouhi, of Virginia, to be Deputy Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency.

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By 51 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. EX. 301), Stephen Vaden, of Tennessee, to be Deputy Secretary of Agriculture. **Pages S3299–S3300, S3323**

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 48 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. EX. 300), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S3299**

By 51 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. EX. 303), Andrew Hughes, of Texas, to be Deputy Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

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During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 51 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. EX. 302), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

- 9 Air Force nominations in the rank of general.
- 4 Army nominations in the rank of general.
- 1 Marine Corps nomination in the rank of general.
- 7 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.
- 3 Space Force nominations in the rank of general.

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Messages from the House:

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Additional Statements:

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Amendments Submitted:

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Authorities for Committees to Meet:

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Record Votes: Five record votes were taken today. (Total—303)

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Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 6:49 p.m., until 11 a.m. on Wednesday, June 11, 2025. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S3323.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Brian Quintenz, of Ohio, to be a Commissioner and Chairman of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

APPROPRIATIONS: NIH

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2026 for the National Institutes of Health, after

receiving testimony from Jay Bhattacharya, Director, National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services.

DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION REQUEST AND FUTURE YEARS DEFENSE PROGRAM

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded open and closed hearings to examine the posture of the Department of the Navy in review of the Defense Authorization Request for Fiscal Year 2026 and the Future Years Defense Program, after receiving testimony from John C. Phelan, Secretary of the Navy, Admiral James W. Kilby, USN, Vice Chief of Naval Operations, and General Eric M. Smith, USMC, Commandant of the Marine Corps, all of the Department of Defense.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Jacob Helberg, of Florida, to be an Under Secretary for Economic Growth, Energy, and the Environment, who was introduced by Senator Hagerty and Senator Scott (FL), Andrew Puzder, of Tennessee, to be Representative of the United States of America to the European Union, with the rank of Ambassador, who was introduced by Senator Hagerty, Paul Kapur, of California, to be Assistant Secretary for South Asian Affairs, and Howard Brodie, of Florida, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Finland, who was introduced by Senator Cruz, all of the Department of State, and Benjamin Black, of New York, to be Chief Executive Officer of the United States International Development Finance Corporation, who was introduced by Senator Cotton, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BORDER MANAGEMENT AND PERSONNEL READINESS FOR THE DECADE OF SPORTS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Border Management, Federal Workforce, and Regulatory Affairs concluded an oversight hearing to examine the Federal Government's border management and personnel readiness efforts for the decade of sports, including S. 1809, to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit taking or transmitting video of defense information, and S.1136, to authorize sentencing enhancements for certain criminal offenses directed by or coordinated with foreign governments, after receiving testimony from Reynold Hoover, LA28 Olympics and Paralympic Games, Los Angeles, California; Shawn Kinder, Ferrovial Airports International, Austin, Texas; and Gina Ligon, University of Nebraska National Counterterrorism Innovation, Technology, and Education Center, Omaha.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 41 public bills, H.R. 18, 3855–3894; 2 private bills, H.R. 3895–3896; and 7 resolutions, H. Res. 492–498, were introduced. **Pages H2612–15**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H2616–17**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Gosar to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H2573**

Recess: The House recessed at 11:01 a.m. and reconvened at 12 p.m. **Page H2580**

Recess: The House recessed at 1:01 p.m. and reconvened at 1:30 p.m. **Page H2587**

Recess: The House recessed at 1:59 p.m. and reconvened at 2:04 p.m. **Page H2588**

Recess: The House recessed at 3:32 p.m. and reconvened at 5 p.m. **Page H2600**

Protecting Our Nation's Capital Emergency Act: The House passed H.R. 2096, to restore the right to negotiate matters pertaining to the discipline of law enforcement officers of the District of Columbia through collective bargaining, to restore the statute of limitations for bringing disciplinary cases against members or civilian employees of the Metropolitan Police Department of the District of Columbia, by a yea-and-nay vote of 235 yeas to 178 nays with one answering "present", Roll No. 162.

Pages H2589–94, H2600–01

Pursuant to the Rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform now printed in the bill, modified by the amendment printed in H. Rept. 119–151, shall be considered as adopted.

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H. Res. 489, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 884), (H.R. 2056), (H.R. 2096), and (S. 331) was agreed to by a recorded vote of 211 ayes to 206 noes, Roll No. 161, after the previous

question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 213 yeas to 206 nays, Roll No. 160.

Pages H2581–87, H2587–88, H2589

Prohibiting individuals who are not citizens of the United States from voting in elections in the District of Columbia and to repeal the Local Resident Voting Rights Amendment Act of 2022: The House passed H.R. 884, to prohibit individuals who are not citizens of the United States from voting in elections in the District of Columbia and to repeal the Local Resident Voting Rights Amendment Act of 2022, by a yea-and-nay vote of 266 yeas to 148 nays with one answering "present", Roll No. 163. **Pages H2594–H2600, H2601**

Pursuant to the Rule, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted. **Page H2581**

H. Res. 489, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 884), (H.R. 2056), (H.R. 2096), and (S. 331) was agreed to by a recorded vote of 211 ayes to 206 noes, Roll No. 161, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 213 yeas to 206 nays, Roll No. 160.

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Presidential Message: Read a message from the President transmitting a notification stating that the national emergency with respect to Belarus that was declared in Executive Order 13405 of June 16, 2006, which was expanded in scope in Executive Order 14038 of August 9, 2021, is to continue in effect beyond June 16, 2025—referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed (H. Doc. 119–59). **Page H2600**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2587–88, H2589, H2600–01 and H2601.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Agriculture: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 3633, the “Digital Asset Market Clarity Act of 2025”. H.R. 3633 was ordered reported, as amended.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held an oversight hearing on the Department of Defense. Testimony was heard from General Dan Caine, Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff; and Pete Hegseth, Secretary, Department of Defense.

APPROPRIATIONS—DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on the Department of Housing and Urban Development. Testimony was heard from Scott Turner, Secretary, Department of Housing and Urban Development.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense held a markup on the Subcommittee on Defense Appropriations Bill FY 2026. The Subcommittee on Defense Appropriations Bill FY 2026 was forwarded to the full Committee, without amendment. This markup was closed.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Appropriations: Full Committee began a markup on the Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill FY 2026 and the Report on the Interim Suballocation of the Budget Allocations for FY 2026.

U.S. MILITARY POSTURE AND NATIONAL SECURITY CHALLENGES IN THE GREATER MIDDLE EAST AND AFRICA

Committee on Armed Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “U.S. Military Posture and National Security Challenges in the Greater Middle East and Africa”. Testimony was heard from General Michael Kurilla, U.S. Army, U.S. Central Command; General Michael Langley, U.S. Marine Corps, Commander, U.S. Africa Command; and Katherine Thompson, Performing the Duties of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs, Office of the Secretary of Defense, Department of Defense. Part of this hearing was closed.

SCREENTIME IN SCHOOLS

Committee on Education and Workforce: Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Edu-

cation held a hearing entitled “Screentime in Schools”. Testimony was heard from Rich Nye, Special Advisor of Education, Office of the Governor, Utah; Matthew Gibbins, Assistant Superintendent, Richardson Independent School District, Richardson, Texas; and public witnesses.

THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY BUDGET

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Energy held a hearing entitled “The Fiscal Year 2026 Department of Energy Budget”. Testimony was heard from Chris Wright, Secretary, Department of Energy.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 225, the “HUD Transparency Act of 2025”; H.R. 2808, the “Homebuyers Privacy Protection Act”; H.R. 2835, the “Small Bank Holding Company Relief Act”; H.R. 3633, the “Digital Asset Market Clarity Act of 2025”; H.R. 3645, the “Amendment for Crowdfunding Capital Enhancement and Small-business Support Act”; H.R. 3672, the “Securities Research Modernization Act”; H.R. 3709, the “Advancing the Mentor-Protégé Program for Small Financial Institutions Act”; and H.R. 3716, the “Systemic Risk Authority Transparency Act”. H.R. 225, H.R. 2808, H.R. 2835, H.R. 3633, H.R. 3645, H.R. 3672, H.R. 3709 and H.R. 3716 were ordered reported, as amended.

BUILDING BRIDGES, COUNTERING RIVALS: STRENGTHENING U.S.-ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHEAST ASIAN NATIONS TIES TO COMBAT CHINESE INFLUENCE

Committee on Foreign Affairs: East Asia and the Pacific Subcommittee held a hearing entitled “Building Bridges, Countering Rivals: Strengthening U.S.-ASEAN Ties to Combat Chinese Influence”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

FROM CARTELS TO COASTLINES: AN EXAMINATION OF U.S. FEDERAL EFFORTS TO CONFRONT ILLICIT MARITIME ACTIVITIES IN U.S. WATERS

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Transportation and Maritime Security; and Subcommittee on Border Security and Enforcement held a joint hearing entitled “From Cartels to Coastlines: An Examination of U.S. Federal Efforts to Confront Illicit Maritime Activities in U.S. Waters”. Testimony was heard from Jonathan P. Miller, Executive Assistant Commissioner, Air and Marine Operations, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security; Rear Admiral Lower Half Adam

A. Chamie, Assistant Commandant for Response Policy, U.S. Coast Guard; James C. Harris III, Assistant Director, Countering Transnational Organized Crime, Homeland Security Investigations, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security; and Heather MacLeod, Director, Homeland Security and Justice, Government Accountability Office.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Full Committee held a markup on H.R. 589, the “FACE Act Repeal Act of 2025”; H.R. 3492, the “Protect Children’s Innocence Act of 2025”; H.R. 59, the “Mens Rea Reform Act of 2025”; H.R. 98, the “End Endless Criminal Statutes Act”; H.R. 2159, the “Count the Crimes to Cut Act of 2025”; and H.R. 421, the “Small Business Regulatory Flexibility Improvements Act”. H.R. 589, H.R. 3492, H.R. 59, H.R. 98, H.R. 2159, and H.R. 421 were ordered reported, as amended.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Federal Lands held a hearing on H.R. 1045, the “Utah Wildfire Research Institute Act of 2025”; H.R. 1655, the “Wildfire Communications Resiliency Act”; H.R. 3187, to require the Secretary of Agriculture to convey a parcel of property of the Forest Service to Perry County, Arkansas, and for other purposes; and H.R. 3444, the “Tribal Self-Determination and Co-Management in Forestry Act of 2025”. Testimony was heard from Representatives Kennedy of Utah, Bentz and Huffman; John Crockett, Deputy Chief, State, Private, and Tribal Forestry, U.S. Forest Service, Department of Agriculture; Larry Blackmon, Judge, Perry County, Arkansas; and public witnesses.

SECURING AMERICANS’ GENETIC INFORMATION: PRIVACY AND NATIONAL SECURITY CONCERNS SURROUNDING 23ANDME’S BANKRUPTCY SALE

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Securing Americans’ Genetic Information: Privacy and National Security Concerns Surrounding 23andMe’s Bankruptcy Sale”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

RESCISSIONS ACT OF 2025

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 4, the “Rescissions Act of 2025”. The Committee granted, by a record vote of 8–4, a rule providing for consideration of H.R. 4, the “Rescissions Act of 2025”, under a closed rule. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule provides that the bill shall be considered

as read. The rule waives all points of order against provisions in the bill. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the Majority Leader and the Minority Leader or their respective designees. The rule provides for one motion to recommit. The rule further provides that provisions of section 1017 of the Impoundment Control Act of 1974 shall not apply to a bill or joint resolution introduced with respect to the special message transmitted under section 1012 of that Act on June 3, 2025. Finally, the rule provides that House Resolution 492 is hereby adopted. Testimony was heard from Representatives Aderholt, DeLauro and Johnson of Texas.

BEYOND THE BALLPARK: THE ROLE OF MINOR LEAGUES IN ECONOMIC GROWTH

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Innovation, Entrepreneurship, and Workforce Development held a hearing entitled “Beyond the Ballpark: The Role of Minor Leagues in Economic Growth”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY BUDGET REQUEST

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Central Intelligence Agency held a hearing entitled “CIA Budget Request”. Testimony was heard from John Ratcliffe, Director, Central Intelligence Agency. This hearing was closed.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11, 2025

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of Defense, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2026 for the Department of Defense, 10 a.m., SD–192.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2026 for the Army Corps of Engineers and the Bureau of Reclamation, 10 a.m., SD–138.

Subcommittee on Department of Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2026 for the Forest Service, 10:30 a.m., SD–124.

Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2026 for the Department of Housing and Urban Development, 3:30 p.m., SD–192.

Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2026 for the Department of the Treasury, 4 p.m., SD-138.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Bryan Bedford, of Indiana, to be Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2026 for the Department of the Interior, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: business meeting to consider the nominations of Sean McMaster, of Virginia, to be Administrator of the Federal Highway Administration, John Busterud, of California, to be Assistant Administrator, Office of Solid Waste, Environmental Protection Agency, and Adam Telle, of Mississippi, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Army, Department of Defense, 10 a.m., SD-562.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine the privacy and national security implications of the 23andMe bankruptcy, 10:15 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: business meeting to consider the nominations of Cheryl Mason, of North Carolina, to be Inspector General, and Donald Bergin III, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary (Congressional and Legislative Affairs), both of the Department of Veterans Affairs, 11:30 a.m., S-216, Capitol.

House

Committee on Agriculture, Full Committee, hearing entitled "For the Purpose of Receiving Testimony from The Honorable Brooke L. Rollins, Secretary, U.S. Department of Agriculture", 10 a.m., 1300 Longworth.

Committee on Appropriations, Full Committee, markup on the Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill FY 2026, 10 a.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Committee on Armed Services, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Department of the Navy Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Request", 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Tactical Air and Land Forces, hearing entitled "Army Munition Industrial Base Modernization", 3 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and Workforce, Subcommittee on Health, Employment, Labor, and Pensions, hearing entitled "Restoring Balance: Ensuring Fairness and Transparency at the NLRB", 10:15 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled "Made in America: Strengthening Domestic Manufacturing and Our Health Care Supply Chain", 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Environment, hearing entitled "Short-Circuiting Progress: How the Clean Air Act Impacts Building Necessary Infrastructure and Onshoring American Innovation", 10:15 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Counterterrorism and Intelligence, hearing entitled "The Rise of Anti-Israel Extremist Groups and Their Threat to U.S. National Security", 10:30 a.m., 310 Cannon.

Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Indian and Insular Affairs, hearing on H.R. 411, the "Keweenaw Bay Indian Community Land Claim Settlement Act of 2025"; H.R. 2916, to authorize, ratify, and confirm the Agreement of Settlement and Compromise to Resolve the Akwesasne Mohawk Land Claim in the State of New York, and for other purposes; H.R. 3620, the "Southcentral Foundation Land Transfer Act of 2025"; and H.R. 3670, the "IHS Provider Expansion Act", 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on Military and Foreign Affairs, hearing entitled "Clearing the Path: Reforming Procurement to Accelerate Defense Innovation", 10 a.m., HVC-210.

Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 390, the "ACERO Act"; H.R. 3259, the "Post Quantum Cybersecurity Standards Act"; H.R. 3679, the "Small Business Artificial Intelligence Advancement Act"; and H.R. 3705, the "Fog Observations and Geographic Forecasting Act", 2 p.m., 2318 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 3055, the "TRANSPORT Jobs Act; H.R. 3423, the "FROST Act"; H.R. 3477, the "Ensuring Airline Resiliency to Reduce Delays and Cancellations Act"; H.R. 2591, the "Mental Health in Aviation Act of 2025"; H.R. 3331, the "Mariner Exam Modernization Act"; H.R. 3427, the "Water Resources Technical Assistance Review Act"; H.R. 3428, the "Mid-Atlantic River Basin Commissions Review Act"; H.R. 3424, the "SPACE Act of 2025"; H.R. 3425, the "POST Act of 2025"; H.R. 3426, the "Courthouse Affordability and Space Efficiency Act of 2025"; and General Services Administration Capital Investment and Leasing Program Resolutions, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, hearing on H.R. 2334, to amend the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act to preempt any squatter's rights established by State law regarding real property owned by a member of the uniformed services; H.R. 2791, to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the maximum amount of housing loan guaranty entitlement available to certain veterans under the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs; H.R. 3031, the "Gold Star and Surviving Spouse Career Services Act"; H.R. 3384, the "Refinancing Relief for Veterans Act"; H.R. 3386, the "Streamlining the Solid Start Communications Act"; H.R. 3387, the "Enhancing the Transitioning Servicemember's Experience Act"; H.R. 3481, the "Delivering Digitally to Our Veterans Act of 2025"; H.R. 3579, the "Veterans Readiness and Employment Program Integrity Act"; H.R. 3619, the "Patriots Over Politics Act"; H.R. 1965, the "Veterans Education Assistance Adjustment Act"; H.R. 2034, the "Edith Nourse Rogers STEM Scholarship Opportunity Act"; H.R. 2720, the "Gold Star Family Education Parity Act"; H.R. 2954, the "Veterans' Transition to Trucking Act of 2025"; legislation on the Heroes Owning and Materializing Equity Act of 2025; legislation on the Expanding Access for Online Veteran Students Act; legislation to amend title 38, United States Code, to limit the amount

of time the Secretary of Veterans' Affairs may extend the period of a vocational rehabilitation program for a veteran; and legislation on the Every Veteran Housed Act, 10 a.m., 360 Cannon.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on H.R. 984, to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to provide timely equitable relief to an individual who suffers a loss based on an administrative error by the Secretary, and for other purposes; H.R. 1663, the "Veterans Scam and Fraud Evasion Act of 2025"; H.R. 3185, the "Personnel Integrity in Veterans Affairs Act of 2025"; H.R. 3455, the "Veterans Affairs Distributed Ledger Innovation Act of 2025"; H.R. 3482, the "Veterans Community Care Scheduling Improvement Act"; H.R. 3483, the "Forcing Real Accountability for Unlawful Distributions Act of 2025";

H.R. 3494, the "VA Hospital Inventory Management System Authorization Act"; legislation to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to carry out a program to modernize the electronic health record system of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; and legislation 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 after a two-year period if the delay in collection is attributable to a failure of an employee, official, or information system of the Department of Veterans Affairs to process certain information within applicable timeliness standards established by the Secretary, 2:15 p.m., 360 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Hearing with Treasury Secretary Scott Bessent", 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

11 a.m., Wednesday, June 11

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of William Long, of Missouri, to be Commissioner of Internal Revenue, with a vote on the motion to invoke cloture thereon at approximately 12:00 noon.

At approximately 2:00 p.m., Senate will resume consideration of S. 1583, GENIUS Act, with a vote on the motion to invoke cloture on Thune (for Hagerty/Gillibrand) Amendment No. 2307, in the nature of a substitute.

At 3:30 p.m., Senator Murphy or his designee be recognized to make motions to discharge S.J. Res. 53, providing for congressional disapproval of the proposed foreign military sale to the Government of Qatar of certain defense articles and services, and S.J. Res. 54, providing for congressional disapproval of the proposed foreign military sale to the Government of the United Arab Emirates of certain defense articles and services, and after a period of debate, Senate will vote on the motions to discharge the joint resolutions, at approximately 4:30 p.m.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Wednesday, June 11

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Consideration of H.R. 2056—District of Columbia Federal Immigration Compliance Act of 2025.

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