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

DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
June 24, 2025.

I hereby appoint the Honorable DON BACON 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.

REMARKABLE LIFE AND LEGACY OF FREDERICK W. SMITH

(Mr. KUSTOFF of Tennessee was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. KUSTOFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Frederick W. Smith, who left us this past Saturday, June 21, 2025, at the age of 80.

Mr. Speaker, if I were to stand and speak at this podium all day, I would barely be able to scratch the surface of Fred Smith's extraordinary life, his influence on the country and the world, and his profound impact on the city of Memphis.

To many people, Fred Smith will likely be remembered as a titan of industry and the founder of FedEx. To my constituents, he will be remembered as a champion for the city of Memphis. Personally, I will remember Fred Smith as a man who loved his country and devoted his life to the American Dream.

Born in Marks, Mississippi, and raised in Memphis, he was very proud of his country. Fred Smith was a true patriot, serving honorably as a captain in the United States Marine Corps in Vietnam. After that service, he returned home with a bold idea: a company that could deliver packages overnight around the world.

Fred Smith turned that idea into a global enterprise, revolutionizing international supply chains, transforming how businesses operate, and changing how people connect. Fred Smith not only directed and dominated the modern logistics industry; he created it. For more than 50 years after the conception of FedEx, he continued to lead it.

Today, FedEx operates in over 220 countries, but its heart and headquarters remain in Memphis, Tennessee. Through FedEx, Fred Smith turned Memphis into a global logistics hub, driving economic growth across the region while employing tens of thousands of Tennesseans.

Today, the FedEx World Hub at Memphis International Airport is one of the busiest and largest cargo airports in the world. FedEx is the largest Fortune 500 company in the State of Tennessee.

Fred Smith's commitment to Memphis went far beyond business. In fact, upon Fred's passing on Saturday, former Memphis Mayor Jim Strickland said: "Fred Smith was the most significant Memphian in history."

Indeed, he gave Memphians a fair shot at their American Dream, and his philanthropic work helped support countless organizations.

Thanks to Fred Smith, Memphis acquired the NBA's Grizzlies in 2001 when he committed to purchasing the naming rights for the future home of the basketball team, the FedExForum.

Just 2 years ago, when The University of Memphis was ambitiously pursuing stadium upgrades for the football team, Fred Smith and his family committed \$50 million to help the school achieve its financial goals.

Fred and Diane Smith and the Smith family have donated to so many worthwhile causes in the Memphis area, including the world-class Memphis Zoo.

Memphians can also thank Fred Smith for saving the FedEx St. Jude golf tournament when it lost its previous title sponsor.

Yesterday, when discussing the life of Fred Smith, I talked with my good friend, Chris Richards. She was the general counsel at FedEx and a close adviser to Fred Smith.

A little over 25 years ago, Fred came to Chris with an idea that he told her that she would not like. He wanted FedEx to be involved in a major motion picture in which the plot involved crashing a FedEx plane. Fred thought that the script for "Cast Away" was a great read and could be a good movie that could benefit the company.

As FedEx's lead attorney, Chris told Fred that there had never been an airline that willingly participated in a movie where they gave permission to crash their plane. Chris advised against all of it.

Yet, Fred wanted to think outside the box, and he signed off on the idea. He was really impressed with the production staff and the movie's star, Tom Hanks.

That would be important years later because, at the request of former Senator Bob Dole, Fred became involved in the creation and fundraising of the World War II Memorial to honor and remember our Nation's Greatest Generation.

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Fred would become a major factor in getting that memorial constructed. It would cost a lot of money to raise and build such a monument. As a result of that movie, Fred turned to his friend Tom Hanks for his help in public service to help raise funds for the memorial.

Indeed, that movie ended up being good for FedEx and, in turn, good for the World War II Memorial and our Nation.

With his passing, we honor and celebrate a lifetime of inspiring service and leadership. We celebrate a marine, a Memphian, and a really good man.

Roberta and I mourn with Diane and the entire Smith family. Our Nation lost an innovator, a job creator, a trailblazer, and a leader. We are all better off for the remarkable life that he led.

GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE, BY THE PEOPLE, AND FOR THE PEOPLE

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

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

I rise today in the name of government of the people, by the people, and for the people. I rise today because our country is nearing a moment of decision. I rise because we are at the intersection of democracy and autocracy.

I rise to announce that, at this moment in time, I have filed H. Res. 537. H. Res. 537 is a privileged resolution. H. Res. 537 has been filed because I believe that the President of the United States has committed an impeachable act.

H. Res. 537 addresses abuse of Presidential powers by disregarding the separation of powers, devolving American democracy into an authoritarian—an authoritarian, an authoritarian—government, usurping congressional power to declare war.

Mr. Speaker, I take no delight in what I am doing. I do this because I love my country. I do this because I understand that the Constitution is going to be meaningful or it will be meaningless. I do it because I understand that the President of the United States of America has a duty to consult Congress before taking this country to war. I do it because no one person should have the power to take over 300 million people to war without consulting with the Congress of the United States of America.

I do this because, if I do not, this authoritarian President that we currently have will continue to assume power. He has already instigated an assault on the citadel of democracy, the Capitol of the United States of America. He went so far as to pardon the persons who were actually involved in the assault. He has denied persons due process of the law.

I believe that, if we do not take immediate action, this authoritarian President will devolve the country into authoritarianism. I believe he is a would-be dictator who would become a dictator.

I today announce that, later today, I will bring these Articles of Impeachment to the floor, and I will call for a vote. I believe that the hour of decision is upon us, and we all have to decide: Are we going to go down and choose the path of democracy, or will we allow ourselves to choose the low road of autocracy?

I believe that this country has come too far to allow a single person to declare war without conferring with the Congress of the United States of America.

This is why I stand. This is what I will do, and I do it in the name of my country that I love dearly.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to refrain from engaging in personalities toward the President.

CELEBRATING 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF FULKS RUN GROCERY

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

Mr. CLINE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a beloved mainstay in Virginia's Sixth District, Fulks Run Grocery, celebrating 75 years of continuous and family-owned service.

Fulks Run Grocery was opened in 1949 by Navy veteran Garnett Turner and his wife, Lena, as a general store offering a little bit of everything. They are probably best known, though, for their award-winning Turner country ham, using an old-fashioned sugarcured recipe from Garnett's grandfather.

Over the years, ownership passed from Garnett to his brother, Miles, and wife, Marcella; to Garnett's son, Ron, and wife, Peggie; and now to his grandson, Chad Ritchie, and wife, Anna.

Alongside General Manager Jared Bowser, they continue to proudly serve their corner of Rockingham County and beyond.

On June 14, they gathered in celebration with live music, door prizes, and the HamVan turning out their famous ham sandwiches. Even the store's very first employee, Virginia Ann Fawley Hulvey, joined in.

Fulks Run Grocery isn't just a store. It is a legacy rooted in family and community.

I congratulate the Turner family on reaching this incredible milestone. I wish them many more years of success, and I look forward to stopping into the store again soon.

CONGRATULATING STUART HALL SCHOOL BOYS' BASKETBALL TEAM

Mr. CLINE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Stuart Hall School boys' basketball team on winning their first 2025 VISAA Division 4 State championship.

The Dragons secured the championship with a 69–56 victory over Rise Academy, led by standout performances from Owen Laver with 17 points, Tiberius Fields with 16 points, and Christian Scott with 12 points.

They finished the season with a 13-game winning streak and a 19–2 record.

The Dragons' dominant defense allowed the fewest points per game in all VISAA divisions.

I again congratulate the 2024–2025 Stuart Hall boys' basketball team, consisting of Wade Bland, Ethan Baiotto, Xavier Bland, Latham Fields, Tiberius Fields, Harper Kauffman, Owen Laver, Cori Powell-Nisbett, Malachi Payne, Linney Reed, and Christian Scott.

The team was led by Head Coach Jeff Lafave and Assistant Coach Rob Hagy.

I also recognize two significant individual honors: Tiberius Fields was named VISAA Division 4 Player of the Year, and Jeff Lafave was named VISAA Division 4 Coach of the Year.

It is an honor to have such a program in Virginia's Sixth Congressional District, and I wish them the best for many seasons to come.

REQUIRING DHS TO REPORT HIGH-RISK INDIVIDUAL ENCOUNTERS

Mr. CLINE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the Special Interest Alien Reporting Act.

In recent years, over 400 individuals on the terrorist watch list have been caught trying to enter our country through our southern border due to the failed policies of the previous administration, with many of these individuals coming from hostile nations, like China and Iran, which seek to do us harm. This situation demands a means for positive change.

When we don't know who is coming in, where they are headed, or what their intentions are, every single American community is put at risk.

That is why House Republicans are stepping up. This week, we are set to vote on the Special Interest Alien Reporting Act. This commonsense bill would require the Department of Homeland Security to publicly report the number of high-risk individuals encountered at the border because without transparency, there is no accountability. Without accountability, our national security is on the line.

This critical legislation is not just necessary but vital. It puts the American people first.

We will keep fighting to secure our border and protect every American citizen.

□ 1015

STOP THIS INSANE ATTACK ON HEALTHCARE THAT AFFECTS EVERY SINGLE AMERICAN

(Mr. COURTNEY of Connecticut was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, today is June 24, and it is almost exactly a month ago that in this House, the misnamed One Big Beautiful Bill Act was passed in the dead of night after hours and hours of debate while the American people were asleep at home. With the rush of events that take place every single day, it sometimes gets hard to remember exactly where that stands and what is going on.

The bill is moving in the Senate, literally as I stand here in the well of the House. In the light of day over the last month or so, a lot of the rocks have been kicked over in H.R. 1 to sort of see what is in there. A lot of pretty ugly things have slithered out, including a provision to auction off some of our precious public lands out West, basically robbing those treasured assets from future generations.

There are deregulated gun silencers, which have been on the National Firearms Act since the 1930s. Who benefits from that? I am sure there are a lot of criminals that are rooting for them to be able to go out and buy tax-free gun silencers.

It increases the national debt by \$5 trillion, with about \$3.5 trillion in new debt with another \$1.5 trillion in interest payments. It cuts taxes for American families with a yearly income above \$500,000 to the tune of over a trillion dollars with a pittance for middle-class and working families. It raises the debt ceiling by \$5 trillion so the government can sell bonds to finance debt. Again, it is a bill that basically benefits the Elon Musks and Jeff Bezos of the world.

What is really at the heart of H.R. 1 that should concern every single American is a provision that includes the largest cut in healthcare spending in American history with over a trillion dollars of cuts in the bill as it left this floor on May 22. I have here a poster next to me that talks about what the real-life impact is going to be on hospitals all across the country. It is not coming from me as a member of the minority caucus. This comes from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, which has been around for 50 years and is a completely nonpartisan analyst in terms of healthcare spending and healthcare financing throughout the country.

What it did was break down State by State what the impact of this bill will be. For the State of Connecticut, where I am from, it is actually about a \$9 billion cut over the next 10 years in terms of the Medicaid program, as well as eliminating the premium tax subsidies for people who get their health insurance through the Affordable Care Act. That is about 15 million Americans. The hospitals, in particular, are going to take the biggest hit. As this headline says in the Connecticut press, it is about \$4 billion over the next 10 years.

All of my colleagues that are here today, I encourage them to look at this analysis which shows State by State, sector by sector within healthcare spending, hospitals, physicians, and prescription drugs, in terms of the impact that this bill will have. There was a lot of hope that maybe in the Senate this bill might be fixed and addressed, particularly because it hits rural hospitals so hard. There are so many Republicans in the majority caucus in the Senate that obviously are going to feel the pain if this provision goes through.

Unfortunately, what we saw come out of the Senate Finance Committee

is even worse in terms of what came through from the House. Don't take my word for it. Listen to the Catholic Hospital Association, who issued a statement just a few days ago after this provision came out. They had warned them before of the devastating impact it would have, particularly on safety net hospitals which Catholics are definitely a part of all across the country. It fell on deaf ears.

Children's hospitals rely on Medicaid to a greater proportion than other hospitals because they don't have elderly patients, obviously. They are children's hospitals, and Medicare pays for a lot of those patients. Children's hospitals have no place to cost-shift, so they have uncompensated care with this devastating Medicaid cut that is going to hit every State in terms of its Federal matching funds. This is going to land on the most vulnerable in our society and the people who are delivering the care. They are not partisans. They are not approaching Congress as Democrats or Republicans. They are there as people who are doing their job day in and day out.

I visited one of those hospitals last week, Lawrence Memorial Hospital in New London, Connecticut. Over 40 percent of their patient census is on Medicaid. It is in the heart of New London, a wonderful, historic community, but it has a high Medicaid population.

Mr. Speaker, we have to stop this insane attack on healthcare that affects every single American. We have got to block H.R. 1. We got to go back and do a better job for the American people.

HONORING ROBERT TURNEY ON HIS RETIREMENT

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

Mr. WEBER of Texas. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to honor a man who has been more than just a reliable IT, or internet technology, guy. Bob has been a quiet, constant, behind-the-scenes hero, and for many of us here, a trusted partner and friend.

Bob Turney is retiring today, Mr. Speaker, from the Chief Administrative Office after nearly three decades of dedicated service to this institution.

Let me tell you, in this business, it is rare to find someone as steady, sharp, and, yes, selfless as Bob Turney. It is even rarer to find a tech guy who not only understands computers but understands people. Bob Turney is that guy, Mr. Speaker.

I am proud he is a fellow Texan. He started in the House way back in the summer of 1996, working in the district office for a Member of Congress. He later served in the D.C. offices of two different Members before making the leap into IT in the year 2008. That is when Bob officially became the go-to guy who could fix just about anything with a keyboard, a cable, or even a calm word of advice. He is great.

He has seen Congress through dialups, shutdowns, upgrades, and upheav-

als, Mr. Speaker. He kept us wired. He really had things wired. He kept us wired when the system crashed, and he kept calm when the screens turned blue. Believe me, that is no small feat when you are dealing with a bunch of Members of Congress and a great staff, Mr. Speaker, who, by the way, need help unlocking their iPhones.

More than his technical skills, Bob Turney brought wisdom, humor, as well as humility. He understood the importance of servant leadership, Mr. Speaker. He never sought the spotlight. He simply showed up and did his job when it mattered the most.

Bob is retiring under circumstances, Mr. Speaker, he did not choose, but he is doing so with grace and grit that reflects the very best of who he is and who we all aspire to be like. His health challenges may have forced this chapter to close, but knowing Bob, the next one will be just as meaningful.

Mr. Speaker, if Bob is watching, I say thank you to my friend, my pal, and my buddy. I thank him for his blood, toil, tears, and sweat, as Churchill would say. I thank him for his service to the people's House. I thank him for being one of the good ones. Bob may be hanging up the laptop, but his legacy is logged in for good. May God bless him. Godspeed.

EVERY 4.5 DAYS A WOMAN IS MURDERED IN PUERTO RICO

(Mr. HERNÁNDEZ of Puerto Rico was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. HERNÁNDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of women everywhere, but particularly women in Puerto Rico. Every 4.5 days, a woman is murdered in Puerto Rico. That is not a statistic. That is a national shame.

It is the sound of silence after a scream, the echo of a child left without a mother, and the consequence of a government that has delayed action for too long.

During a recent district work period, I met with Coordinadora Paz para las Mujeres and they shared that between 2019 and 2025, we have lost 435 women: mothers, daughters, sisters, and neighbors to gender-based violence.

Mr. Speaker, 87 percent of intimate partner femicides this year involved firearms. However, shelters are still underfunded, legal aid is limited, and survivors are turned away. The government has not taken decisive action.

Coordinadora Paz para las Mujeres is a nonprofit that has tackled gender-based violence in Puerto Rico for over 35 years. It is now at risk of losing the Federal funding that sustains its work. According to Executive Director Vilma Gonzalez Castro, the impact would be devastating as 80 percent of their budget comes from Federal sources. For organizations like CPM, these cuts would not just reduce services, but could mean total elimination.

This is not just a Puerto Rico issue. This is an American crisis. Today, I

urge my colleagues to protect and expand Federal funding for domestic violence shelters, emergency services, and trauma-informed care. I ask that we not just count the dead but honor them through policy.

We must stop confusing austerity with justice. Cutting these services does not save money. Cutting these services costs lives. Let us act with urgency, with dignity, and with the full force of Federal responsibility because all of this will ultimately save lives.

PELL GRANTS IN PUERTO RICO

Mr. HERNÁNDEZ. Mr. Speaker, in Puerto Rico, over 134,000 students rely on Pell grants to access higher education. That is \$783 million in Federal aid. More than just a number, it is the key to success for students and their families to help pay for tuition, textbooks, and other basic expenses in order to be successful in obtaining their degrees.

These grants open doors to universities, community colleges, technical institutes, institutions that, in turn, train the very people who serve our communities: our teachers, our engineers, our healthcare workers, our middle class, the core of our society.

Yet, these lifelines are under threat. Republicans have proposed billions in cuts from Pell grants and changes to PLUS loans to help pay for tax breaks for billionaires at the expense of education opportunities. They are willing to help the most well-off in our society at the expense of our students.

In Puerto Rico, such a decision will not just hurt individuals. It will ripple through every public hospital, every rural clinic, and every school. It will weaken the very infrastructure that sustains life on the island. Health services provided by students in higher education would be reduced dramatically across the whole Nation, as I learned from meeting with officials from the Carlos Albizu University during a recent district work period.

Let's be clear: Pell grants are not charity. They are a covenant, a promise that talent, not income, should determine your future. To break that promise is not just bad policy. It is a betrayal of American ideals.

Mr. Speaker, I urge this Congress to protect Pell grants. Our whole collective future depends on it.

HONORING CHERYL PETERSON ON HER RETIREMENT

(Mrs. FEDORCHAK of North Dakota was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mrs. FEDORCHAK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Cheryl Peterson of Carrington, North Dakota, as she wraps up a 30-year-long chapter at the local pasta plant.

Since 1984, Cheryl's morning routine has included packing her lunch and driving across town to the pasta plant where she has clocked in 5 days a week.

Cheryl is deaf, but that hasn't stopped her from being a steady and

trusted employee committed to helping others out. In the words of her production manager, Cheryl is a reliable employee with a positive attitude who is willing to help with anything.

She never sought the spotlight. She just showed up, did the work, and made a difference. North Dakota is great because of people like Cheryl: humble, hardworking, and full of heart.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating Cheryl Peterson's remarkable career and wishing her a joyful and well-earned retirement.

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RECOGNIZING DAVE FLOHR

Mrs. FEDORCHAK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dave Flohr for his outstanding service to North Dakota.

For more than four decades, Dave has dedicated his career to strengthening communities through safe, stable, and affordable housing.

His leadership at the North Dakota Housing Finance Agency, especially these past 5 years as executive director, has helped thousands of families in North Dakota achieve the dream of homeownership.

Dave's deep knowledge, steady guidance, and passion for serving others have left a lasting effect on our State. He built partnerships, created solutions, and made homeownership possible for so many North Dakotans.

On behalf of our State, I thank Dave for a lifetime of meaningful service. I wish him all the best in retirement, though I know his influence will be felt for years to come. Congratulations.

CONGRATULATING DOUG DARLING ON HIS RETIREMENT

Mrs. FEDORCHAK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize President Doug Darling for his extraordinary 36-year career at Lake Region State College.

From his early days as a marketing instructor to his decade of leadership as president, Dr. Darling has poured his heart into this institution. He has been a mentor, a builder, and a steady hand, helping shape Lake Region into a place where students from all walks of life can find opportunity and purpose.

Dr. Darling's legacy is measured not just in programs launched or buildings improved, but in the thousands of lives changed under his leadership. His belief in the power of education has left a permanent mark in North Dakota.

As he steps into retirement, I join many across our State in thanking him for his service and in wishing him well in his next chapter. I thank Dr. Darling.

CELEBRATING COMMUNITY SPIRIT

Mrs. FEDORCHAK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate two remarkable North Dakota festivals that earned national recognition in Cenex' Hometown Throwdown.

Hazen Chalkfest won second place and a \$20,000 prize thanks to its stunning 3D artwork and more than 600 local participants. Just look at that.

Wahpeton's Borderline Chalkfest claimed third, with a \$15,000 award for its imaginative perspective art, like the chalk s'more that had folks saying: "That looks delicious."

These awards aren't just about art. They reflect strong community spirit, hometown pride, and the creativity that thrives across our beautiful North Dakota. Our small towns are doing big things, earning national attention, drawing families together, and inspiring joy.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud of what Hazen and Wahpeton have accomplished. Please join me in congratulating them for showing the rest of the country just how vibrant and innovative North Dakota communities are.

CONGRATULATING RANDY HEDBERG

Mrs. FEDORCHAK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Randy Hedberg of Parshall on his induction into the North Dakota Sports Hall of Fame.

Randy is a true North Dakota success story, an all-sport college athlete at Minot State, an NFL quarterback, and a legendary coach who never forgot where he came from.

His coaching career spanned 45 years, including 11 years at North Dakota State University, where he helped lead the Bison to not one, not two, not three, but—count it—seven national championships. He also mentored future NFL stars like Carson Wentz and Trey Lance.

What sets Randy apart isn't just his record but his character, humility, and deep commitment to his players and our State. He represents the best of North Dakota.

Mr. Speaker, I ask this body to join me in celebrating Randy Hedberg's remarkable legacy and thanking him for inspiring generations of athletes.

RECOGNIZING BAD BUNNY

(Mrs. RAMIREZ of Illinois was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mrs. RAMIREZ. Mr. Speaker, this Puerto Rican Heritage Month, I rise to recognize Benito Antonio Martinez Ocasio, better known for many of us as Bad Bunny, for his worldwide contribution to the arts, music, and culture.

Born and raised in Vega Baja, Puerto Rico, Bad Bunny is a global phenomenon. His songs transcend borders, sharing the vibrant culture of Puerto Rico with millions, while stirring a deep sense of pride and connection for Latinos across the globe.

His 2022 album "Un Verano Sin Ti" made history as the first Spanish-language album nominated for the Grammy Award Album of the Year. His recent album "Debi Tirar Mas Fotos" has inspired millions as a powerful tribute to Puerto Rico and his hope for its freedom, while reminding us of our shared struggle against imperialism, colonialism, and displacement.

In addition to his music, Benito, Bad Bunny, has used his platform to demand better from world leaders, condemn the xenophobia and anti-immigrant violence of this administration on the island and in this country, and inspire us all to resist and fight back against oppressive governments.

On behalf of Illinois' Third Congressional District and the home of Paseo Boricua or Boricua Town, it is my honor to commend Bad Bunny for using his artistry to unite diverse communities and give voice to our shared experience. Gracias to Bad Bunny.

(Spanish translation of the statement made in English is as follows:)

En este Mes de la Herencia Puertorriqueña, Yo me levanto a reconocer a Benito Antonio Martínez Ocasio, mejor conocido como Bad Bunny, por su contribución a las artes, la música y la cultura.

Nacido y criado en Vega Baja, Puerto Rico, Bad Bunny es un fenómeno global. Sus canciones trascienden fronteras, compartiendo la vibrante cultura puertorriqueña con millones de personas en todo el mundo, a la vez que despierta un profundo sentimiento de orgullo y conexión entre los latinos de todo el mundo. Él sabe que la música y la cultura también trasciende en el corazón.

Su álbum de 2022, *Un Verano Sin Ti*, hizo historia como el primer disco en español nominado al Premio Grammy como Álbum del Año.

Su reciente álbum, *Debi Tirar Más Fotos*, ha inspirado a millones como un poderoso tributo a Puerto Rico y su esperanza por la libertad, a la vez que nos recuerda nuestra lucha compartida contra el imperialismo, el colonialismo y el desplazamiento.

Además de su música, Benito ha usado su plataforma para exigirle mejores resultados a los líderes mundiales, condenar la xenofobia y la violencia antiinmigrante en la isla y en este país e inspirarnos a todos a resistir y luchar contra los gobiernos opresores.

En nombre del Tercer Distrito Congresional de Illinois, casa de Paseo Boricua, yo felicito a Bad Bunny por usar su talento para unir a comunidades diversas y dar voz a nuestras experiencias compartidas.

Gracias, Bad Bunny.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentlewoman from Illinois will provide a translation to the Chair.

COMMENDING DENISE RUIZ

Mrs. RAMIREZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate a creative designer, community cultivator, and artist—my constituent, Denise Ruiz.

Denise is a queer Boricua from the Humboldt Park community of Chicago and is the founder and director of The Honeycomb Network, a community empowerment space proudly calling Barrio Boriken home.

With over two decades of direct social service and educator experience, Denise has grown The Honeycomb Network to become a beloved community hub.

In partnership with therapists, educators, artists, and community care providers of diverse backgrounds, The Honeycomb Network provides a hive for community to cowork, create, and sustain one another.

Through healing workshops, a community library, cultural events, and beyond, the network has become a conduit for building community with our neighbors.

I commend Denise and the entire network of artists, healers, and creators who have shared their talents with the community, and I wish them the best as they transition to new physical space in Denise's home, Puerto Rico. Gracias and congratulations to Denise.

RECOGNIZING JUSTINA MACHADO

Mrs. RAMIREZ. Mr. Speaker, in this Puerto Rican and Immigrant Heritage Month, I rise to recognize one of Chicago's own, Justina Machado, a celebrated actress and proud "daughter," "hija" of Chicago's northwest side.

Raised in a working-class Puerto Rican family, Ms. Machado's journey from Lane Tech High School, which is also in my district, to the Broadway stage and Hollywood screens is a testament to her talent, her perseverance, and her deep cultural roots.

From her roles in HBO's "Six Feet Under" to Netflix' "One Day at a Time," and now the Tony-nominated Broadway adaptation of "Real Women Have Curves," Justina has beautifully played characters with immigrant backgrounds.

Through her talent, she has brought visibility, dignity, and complexity to the lives of Latinos and immigrant families who are too often overlooked. Her performances speak not only to where she has been but to who we are. We are resilient, we are proud, and full of possibility.

On behalf of Illinois' Third Congressional District, I commend Justina Machado for using her voice and artistry to uplift our stories and communities with grace, humor, and truth. Gracias and congratulations to Justina.

RECOGNIZING CHIEF REED BAER ON HIS RETIREMENT

(Mr. HARRIGAN of North Carolina was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. HARRIGAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Hickory Police Chief Reed Baer of North Carolina's 10th District, who is retiring this summer after more than 30 years of dedicated service.

Chief Baer spent his entire career serving the entire community that he grew up in. He started with the department in 1997 as a patrol officer and worked his way all the way up, from sergeant, to captain, to deputy chief, and eventually to chief in 2023.

Under his leadership, the department focused on officer wellness, training, and building stronger ties with his community. He also helped create new

pathways into the profession for young people in the area.

He has been a steady presence in Hickory for a long time, and his impact will be felt well beyond his time in uniform. I thank him for his service and wish him all the best in his retirement.

HONORING JAKE BRIDGES

Mr. HARRIGAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a young man from North Carolina's 10th District, firefighter Jake Bridges of Hickory, who died while serving his community.

Jake was just 20 years old. He was born in Cleveland County, raised in Shelby, and graduated from Burns High School in 2023. Not long after that, he joined the Hickory Fire Department as a certified firefighter and EMT.

He hadn't been on the job long, but you wouldn't have known it. He showed up ready to work, ready to serve, and ready to make a difference.

Jake was a man of faith. He loved the Atlanta Braves, loved playing golf, and more than anything, he loved being a firefighter.

His loss is a tough one for Hickory, for the department, and for everyone who knew him. My heart goes out to his mom, his family, and his brothers and sisters in uniform.

He was proud to serve, and we will be proud to remember him.

RECOGNIZING COASTAL CAROLINA UNIVERSITY BASEBALL TEAM

(Mr. FRY of South Carolina was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. FRY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the incredible season of the Coastal Carolina University baseball team. With grit, heart, and determination, these young men made the Chanticleer Nation, the Grand Strand, and all of South Carolina incredibly proud.

They battled their way into the College World Series final and left it all on the field. From the first pitch to the final out, they represented South Carolina with strength and skill.

I congratulate Coach Schnall and all of the players on a season to remember. Their run inspired fans across the Nation and reminded us why we love this game. We look forward to their continued success in the years to come. Chants Up.

HONORING ROBERT FRANKLIN CHILDS III

Mr. FRY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of a dear friend of mine and a fixture in the Surfside Beach community, Mr. Robert Franklin Childs III, known to most as Bob.

Originally born in Washington, D.C., he spent 37 years working on Capitol Hill, starting in the electrical engineering department under the Architect of the Capitol.

After retiring from the Hill, Bob and his wife, Nancy, moved to Surfside Beach. There he continued his career in public service as the mayor of Surfside Beach from 2016 to 2020. He also served

on the Surfside Beach Town Council, the board of directors for the Horry County Council on Aging and the Waccamaw Regional Council of Governments. He brought honesty and common sense to local government and was loved by all.

When you look at the iconic Surfside Beach pier, know that it was Bob's tireless efforts, advocacy, and grit that rebuilt it after devastating hurricanes impacted our region.

Bob was an incredibly hard worker, and his passion for improving the lives of those around him always remained constant. Bob was an incredible person, too. He believed in passing the baton, in helping people, people who wanted to serve their community. Bob was a constant voice in their ear for good public service.

He was the kind of man who lived his values, not just in words, but in the way he treated others. May his memory leave a lasting legacy for all those who knew him.

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HONORING FDNY CAPTAIN FREDERICK SIMMS, JR.

(Mr. LAWLER of New York was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. LAWLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of FDNY Captain Frederick Simms, Jr., a proud son of Rockland County, a devoted husband, and a true public servant.

Born in Nyack, raised in Tappan, and a graduate of Tappan Zee High School, Freddie dedicated his life to serving others. He spent 22 years with the FDNY, rising through the ranks from Ladder 58 in the Bronx to lieutenant in Harlem and ultimately returning as captain of 58 Truck.

Freddie also served for over 27 years with the Tappan Volunteer Fire Department, including time as chief, and helped train the next generation of firefighters as a New York State fire instructor and Rockland County deputy fire coordinator.

Freddie passed away at 49 after a long battle with 9/11-related cancer. He will be remembered for his leadership, heart, and willingness to always put others first.

My thoughts are with his wife, Jill; his family; his brothers and sisters in the fire service; and his parents. May his legacy of service live on.

HONORING MOUNT KISCO

Mr. LAWLER. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to honor the 150th anniversary of the village of Mount Kisco, an extraordinary community in New York's Hudson Valley with a proud past and a bright future.

From its roots as Lenape homeland to its days as a colonial settlement and a bustling railroad hub, Mount Kisco's story is one of resilience, reinvention, and unity.

Officially incorporated in 1875 and later establishing itself as one of New

York's few towns and villages, Mount Kisco has long been a beacon of community spirit and progress. This sesquicentennial is a moment to celebrate the people who have shaped Mount Kisco across generations, our farmers, families, businessowners, and public servants alike.

Happy 150th, Mount Kisco, and here is to the next 150 years.

HONORING DENIS TROY

Mr. LAWLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor my good friend and longtime Orangetown leader, Denis Troy.

A proud Bronx native, Denis built his life in Pearl River alongside his wife, Bea, raising a wonderful family and giving back every step of the way.

Whether it was his long tenure on the town board, his work in the Rockland County legislature, or his service with organizations like Camp Venture, the Hibernians, CYO basketball, and Pearl River Little League, Denis always puts his community first.

As I said when we celebrated his retirement from the Orangetown board, his accomplishments are too many to list, but his impact is undeniable. Denis has always put our community first and stood up for our families. He has never shied away from a fight and always does right by the town.

I am proud to call him a friend, and I thank Denis for his many contributions to the town of Orangetown.

RECOGNIZING SHERIFF KEVIN MCCONVILLE

Mr. LAWLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sheriff Kevin McConville, a lifelong resident of Putnam County and a true public servant.

For over 30 years, Kevin served with distinction in the MTA Police Department, rising from patrol to become the department's first internal appointee as chief. He led with vision, creating a counterterrorism task force in the aftermath of 9/11, partnering with the FBI, and launching a 50-member canine unit to protect our transit system.

Kevin was on the ground on 9/11, helping coordinate the MTA's response and later guiding long-term security efforts during critical moments in our history.

A Marist graduate, Kevin has mentored others in criminal justice.

Above all, he is a devoted husband to his wife, Janice, and a father, grandfather, and respected community leader.

Recently, Kevin announced he would not run for reelection as sheriff. On behalf of New York's 17th District and the residents of Putnam County, I thank Sheriff McConville for a lifetime of service and leadership.

Most importantly, I thank my friend, a good man. I love you, bud.

HONORING ROBERTA DOREMUS

Mr. LAWLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Roberta Doremus of Rockland County, who passed away on June 5.

Roberta was the definition of service. For over six decades, she dedicated her-

self to the volunteer fire service, serving 65 years with the Tallman Ladies Auxiliary, 59 years with the Rockland County Volunteer Firefighters' Association, and over 25 years as a leader with the Association of Fire Districts of Rockland County.

Roberta was a charter member and treasurer of the Rockland County Volunteer Fire Services Museum, tireless advocate for our first responders, and beloved friend to so many.

Professionally, Roberta worked for 40 years at Orange and Rockland Utilities, earning the prestigious Edison Living Our Values award. Above all, she was a devoted mother, grandmother, and sister.

Her impact on our community is immeasurable, and her loss is deeply felt. May her memory be a blessing to all who knew and loved her, especially all those serving in our fire departments across Rockland County.

ELECTIONS MATTER

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

Mr. HARIDOPOLOS. Mr. Speaker, elections matter.

Isn't it refreshing to see a President who actually keeps his campaign promises? He promises not only safety but also economic opportunity.

On the safety front, it is clear that our border is once again secured with a 99 percent reduction of people coming through the border. We finally have a secure border, thanks to the work of our President leading by example and making sure now, with the big, beautiful bill, they will actually have the funding to make sure that is a long-term solution.

In that same vein, as we face increasing threats from around the world, he is making the Golden Dome happen. We are seeing the success of the Iron Dome right now in the Middle East. We will now have this Golden Dome so that, God forbid, if something radical happens, we have the protective measures in place to make sure that all American citizens are safe.

That is the kind of leadership that people were asking for last November, commonsense security not only economically but, of course, for national security.

When we talk about the big, beautiful bill, what I am most happy about is that the folks who were left behind the last 4 years are finally being taken care of. We are in a situation where America is truly moving in the right direction. Those folks who earned tips or overtime, people who earned Social Security, and families who worked hard after being hard-hit by higher gas prices, rent prices, and food prices are being helped in this bill.

This is what the American Dream is all about, looking to Washington, D.C., and finally seeing a Washington, D.C., that cares about the everyday Americans who make America work every single day.

Finally, I will say this about our President. My entire lifetime, I have watched the chaos in the Middle East created by one nation, Iran. They wreaked havoc on the region. They undercut the idea of democracy, let alone freedoms, not only around the nations that surround them but within their own nation, depriving people of basic rights, especially women.

The President said enough is enough. This Nation has put too many nations in peril, and he has stood up and eliminated the threat of a nuclear weapon so that we no longer have this unrest in the region.

Because of his prior policies as President, we now have economic energy security so we are not as reliant on the Middle East because the truth is our true threat now lies in China.

If we can secure this area in the Middle East because of the President's bold actions, we finally have security and certainty, which so many American families are hoping for.

This is the kind of leadership that people expect out of Washington, D.C., and probably why I chose to run for office once again. It simply wasn't working in Washington, D.C. We needed a leader who would actually enforce the laws, and that is exactly what our President has done.

We are just getting started, and I am optimistic that, over the next few days if not a few weeks at the latest, we can pass this bill and offer economic certainty and security to Americans so that we can see the results as the years go by.

Everyday Americans don't care what happens in Washington. They care what happens in their family and their local communities.

We need to make America work, and when Washington works, we all thrive.

I applaud our President for keeping his campaign promises, pushing forward this agenda of peace and prosperity to make not only America great again but make the world a much safer place.

HONORING JOHN PRESCOTT CHAPLIN

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

Mr. BAUMGARTNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a giant of athletics, not just in Cougar Country but in all of American sports and the world of track and field.

His name is John Prescott Chaplin, born in Los Angeles, educated at WSU, an Army veteran, a professor in geography, and a coach in the truest, oldest, most honorable sense of the word.

From 1968 to 1994, Chaplin transformed WSU from a modest program into a global track and field powerhouse. Under his leadership, the Cougars captured 19 top-four NCAA trophies, won 218 All-American honors, and crowned 17 individual NCAA champions. His dual meet record was 202

wins to just 15 losses, 9 undefeated seasons, and 6 national dual meet titles.

Chaplin coached Olympic gold medalists, world record holders, and world champions, and he did it not in Los Angeles or Austin but in Pullman, Washington, on the rolling hills of the Palouse.

John Chaplin's recruits came from Spokane, Seattle, and all corners of the globe, young men chasing opportunity, education, and excellence. Henry Rono, Julius Korir, and Bernard Lagat weren't just track stars. They were ambassadors for what college sports can be: meritocratic, international, and transformational.

Chaplin was more than just a coach. He was a statesman of the sport. He served as U.S. Olympic head coach in Sydney in 2000, where his athletes won six gold medals.

John Chaplin also chaired the USA Men's Track and Field Committee, refereed NCAA and international championships, advised federations from Russia to Senegal, and lectured on coaching from Argentina to China.

John Chaplin brought honor to his profession and Washington State University.

Mr. Speaker, I must tell you this. This very program he built is, unfortunately, being hollowed out. Just last week, WSU announced the elimination of field events and a dramatic reduction in sprints and hurdles. Of the 45 Cougar Olympians, 20 of them were in field events.

The legacy of Chaplin and the athletes he coached is being boxed in by a college athletic system that no longer rewards broad-based opportunity. Yes, these cuts come in the shadow of the House v. NCAA settlement, a legal sledgehammer that forces schools like WSU to pay football and basketball players while draining the lifeblood of Olympic sports.

Chaplin's world record holders and his All-Americans in today's system are expendable. We can fix this. We must fix this, not with more lawsuits, not with blank checks for the Power Four, not with unlimited authority to the commissioner of the SEC and the commissioner of the Big Ten, but with Federal reform that restores equity, sustains opportunity, and honors the values of folks like John Chaplin.

If we lose the spirit of Cougar track, we are not just losing a program. We are losing a piece of what college sports were meant to be.

HONORING TONY CANADEO

Mr. BAUMGARTNER. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to honor a true football legend from Spokane and also the man who rediscovered his story.

Tony Canadeo, known as the Gray Ghost of Gonzaga, came from humble beginnings as a 5-foot-8, 150-pound kid on Chicago's North Side.

Tony's grit and talent carried him all the way to the Green Bay Packers, where he became one of the NFL's greats. He wasn't just a player. He was a pioneer and Hall of Famer whose No.

3 jersey was retired, a symbol of his lasting impact on one of college football's most storied franchises.

Tony's legacy goes beyond the field. A proud son of Italian immigrants, a dedicated family man, and a man of faith and character shaped by Gonzaga's Jesuit principles, he helped build the Packers' dynasty and even played a role in bringing Vince Lombardi to Green Bay.

Tony was Gonzaga's first national star. As Gonzaga makes its historic entry into the PAC-12, joining institutions that will now be showcased nationally, the storied legacy of Tony's athletes will be told to the Nation.

Tony's story had been forgotten for some time until local Spokane resident Dave Parks rediscovered it, and I want to honor Dave Parks for his heartfelt research and his call to hang the jersey of Tony Canadeo in the rafters of Gonzaga University's sports hall.

I thank Dave for bringing this story back to light and for the work he does for our community.

RECESS

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

Accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 59 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

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

PRAYER

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

Father of lights, every good and perfect gift comes from You. All that we have, our life and our loved ones, our talents and the stewardship of them, our desires and their enjoyment, have all come from Your generous hand. We lack nothing.

Redeem us from the darkness in our hearts which shades us from seeing the revelations of Your grace. Save us from the fickleness of our faith which prevents us from appreciating Your divine design for our lives.

There is no variation or shadow cast by the perfect plan You reveal to us in the mercies of this day and every day. In You we receive everything.

Shine the light of Your salvation on each one of us, on this Nation, and on our world, that we would desire nothing more than to give our life, to use our talents, and to show our love to You for Your glory and the coming of Your kingdom. For You deserve the praise for all things.

In Your sovereign name, we pray.
Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House the approval thereof.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. WILSON) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

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

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

PRESIDENT TRUMP SUCCEEDS WITH STRENGTH

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

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I am grateful, at the direction of President Donald Trump, the U.S. Armed Forces have successfully destroyed the nuclear threat of Iran, defending American families. General Dan Caine, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and a VMI graduate, correctly praised this as "the largest B-2 operational strike in U.S. history."

Iran is the leading state sponsor of murderous terror in the world, and President Trump has successfully ended a nuclear-armed Iran. Promises made, promises kept.

President Trump has proven his willingness for negotiations. However, enemies of America insult this effort. Dictator Assad of Syria was warned in 2017, the Iranian regime was warned, and war criminal Putin has been warned.

In conclusion, God bless our troops as the global war on terrorism continues. Trump is reinstituting existing laws to protect American families with peace through strength, revealing war criminal Putin's lies, insulting Trump and mocking Trump, with Putin-ist leaders proposing Russian nuclear weapons for Iran this week.

WE ARE AT THE CROSSROADS OF DEMOCRACY AND AUTOCRACY

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

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

I believe my country to be at the crossroads of democracy and autocracy. The moment of decision is near. We will have to decide whether we will have a country that abides by a Constitution that is meaningful or ignores a Constitution such that it becomes meaningless.

I choose to stand on the grounds laid by the Founders and Framers of the Constitution. I stand today to announce that at the conclusion of this 1-minute message, I will bring Articles of Impeachment to the attention of the House of Representatives.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO OFFER RESOLUTION RAISING A QUESTION OF THE PRIVILEGES OF THE HOUSE

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to clause 2(a)(1) of rule IX, I rise to give notice of my intention to raise a question of the privileges of the House.

The form of the resolution is as follows:

H. Res. 537, impeaching, Donald J. Trump, President of the United States, for high crimes and misdemeanors.

In the House of Representatives, June 24, 2025, Mr. AL GREEN of Texas submitted the following resolution;

Resolution, impeaching Donald J. Trump, President of the United States, for high crimes and misdemeanors.

Resolved, that Donald J. Trump, President of the United States, is impeached for high crimes and misdemeanors, and that the following Articles of Impeachment be exhibited to the Senate:

Articles of Impeachment exhibited by the House of Representatives of the United States of America in the name of itself and of the people of the United States of America, against Donald J. Trump, President of the United States of America, in maintenance and support of its impeachment against him for high crimes and misdemeanors.

Article I.

Abuse of Presidential Powers by Disregarding the Separation of Powers, Devolving American Democracy into Authoritarianism by Unconstitutionally Usurping Congress' Power to Declare War.

In his conduct of the Office of President of the United States, Donald J. Trump, in violation of his constitutional oath faithfully to execute the Office of President of the United States and, to the best of his ability, preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution of the United States, and in violation of his constitutional duty to take care that the laws be faithfully executed, abused the powers of the presidency when he disregarded the doctrine of separation of powers by usurping Congress's power to declare war and ordered the United States military to bomb another country without the constitutionally-mandated congressional authorization or notice to Congress—cognizant of the fact that should an-

other country's military bomb a facility within the United States of America, it would be a de facto declaration of war against the United States of America.

On June 12, 2025, the State of Israel initiated attacks on Iran, ostensibly to target sites and individuals of importance to Iran's nuclear program. Iran retaliated, and the conflict has escalated between Israel and Iran, though at no point did Iran pose any imminent threat to the United States.

On June 21, 2025, President Trump announced "successful" attacks on three nuclear sites in Iran: Fordow, Natanz, and Estahan via his social media network, Truth Social. President Trump failed to seek prior congressionally-mandated authorization for the use of military force. Congressional leaders were not appropriately briefed or notified of the attack plans despite foreign leaders being given advance notice of the planned U.S. military action.

President Trump's unilateral, unprovoked use of force without congressional authorization or notice constitutes an abuse of power when there was no imminent threat to the United States, which facilitates the devolution of American democracy into authoritarianism, with an authoritarian president who has instigated an attack on the United States Capitol, denied persons due process of the law, and called for the impeachment of federal judges who ruled against him—making Donald J. Trump a threat to American democracy.

Article I, Section 8, Clause 11 of the United States Constitution grants Congress the sole power to declare war: "[The Congress shall have the Power . . .] To declare war . . ." At the time, the Framers of the Constitution emphasized the goal of limiting the monarchical power of any single individual person to take a country to war over personal whims and preferences—no constitutional exception exists for a successful military action.

In starting his illegal and unconstitutional war with Iran without the constitutionally-mandated consent of Congress or appropriate notice to Congress, President Trump acted in direct violation of the War Powers Clause of the Constitution. President Trump has devolved and continues to devolve American democracy into authoritarianism by disregarding the separation of powers and now, usurping congressional war powers.

In all of this, Donald J. Trump has abused the powers of the presidency in a manner contrary to his trust as President, has become a threat to American democracy, subverted our constitutional government, and devolved democracy into authoritarianism, to the great prejudice of the cause of law and justice, and to the manifest injury of the people of the United States.

Wherefore Donald J. Trump, by such conduct, warrants impeachment and trial, and removal from office.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under rule IX, a resolution offered from the floor by a Member other than the majority leader or the minority leader as a question of the privileges of the House has immediate precedence only at a time designated by the Chair within 2 legislative days after the resolution is properly noticed.

Pending that designation, the form of the resolution noticed by the gentleman from Texas will appear in the RECORD at this point.

The Chair will not at this point determine whether the resolution constitutes a question of privilege. That determination will be made at the time designated for consideration of the resolution.

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LEECHBURG ROTARY CLUB CELEBRATES 100 YEARS OF SERVICE

(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 congratulate the Leechburg Rotary Club on an incredible milestone, 100 years of dedicated service to their community.

Since receiving their charter in 1925, the Leechburg Rotary has been a pillar of civic engagement, compassion, and leadership in Armstrong County.

From their very first project of placing Bibles in hotel rooms to helping pave Canal Street, building a new bridge over the Kiskiminetas River, and championing the creation of a high school band in the 1930s, the Leechburg Rotary has always stepped up to improve life for their neighbors.

Whether it is supporting veterans or assisting children with disabilities or flipping pancakes for a good cause, generations after generations of Rotarians have kept the spirit of service alive.

The Leechburg Rotary Club has helped build more than infrastructure. They built a sense of community, and for that we are grateful.

Mr. Speaker, I again congratulate Leechburg Rotary on a century of service.

RESTORE FUNDING FOR LIFESAVING FOOD AID

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

Mr. MAGAZINER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today for the 23rd time to ask the Trump administration to honor its word and restore funding for lifesaving food aid for malnourished children. This is not a Democratic or Republican issue.

President Ronald Reagan expanded the Food for Peace program, calling it a way to share America's bounty with the world's most vulnerable.

President George W. Bush launched the largest global health initiative in history, PEPFAR, and strengthened food assistance, as well.

President Obama increased funding for ready-to-use therapeutic food for combating child hunger globally.

Why? Because all the of these Presidents, Democrats and Republicans, understood that feeding the world's hungry is not just a moral responsibility, but also an imperative for our own national security. If we don't do it, our adversaries will.

Now, since the Trump administration cut off this funding 5 months ago, factories are idle, shipments are not being made, and kids are going hungry. The Trump administration has said they will restore this funding, but it has been 5 months. They have not done it yet. They need to honor their word and restore funding.

HONORING WALLY SAFRIT ON HIS RETIREMENT

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

Mr. McDOWELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize an unparalleled figure within the city of Kannapolis, Mr. Wally Safrit, who will be retiring this summer, after more than 40 years of service.

Wally has been involved in the city of Kannapolis since before its inception. In 1982, he joined with community members to begin the push for incorporation, spearheading the legal process of creating a municipality. By 1984, he had successfully helped to guide the city into incorporation, and in 1986 he officially became the city attorney.

Since then, he has worked tirelessly to guide Kannapolis through complex legal opportunities. From the downtown revitalization to forming a minor league baseball team, Wally has been involved in just about every project in Kannapolis' history. His contributions have been irreplaceable, and his legacy is a thriving town that is home to more than 50,000 people.

I thank Wally for his many contributions to the community. I wish him a long and joyous retirement.

END HUNGER NOW

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

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, last week, Democratic Whip KATHERINE CLARK, Representative AYANNA PRESSLEY, and I joined the Greater Boston Food Bank and Mass General Brigham to highlight the persistent problem of hunger, now made exponentially worse by policy proposals from Donald Trump and Republicans in Congress.

While President Trump and Republicans in Congress dismantle programs

like Medicaid, SNAP, and WIC, stakeholders in our home State are forming new partnerships to improve food security.

Take, for example, the plant-based food pantry we visited last week at the Mass General Revere Community Health Center. Patients can access nutritious produce and pantry staples provided by the food bank to bridge the gap because SNAP benefits are already too low. The pantry features a teaching kitchen, so health center patients can learn how to cook nutritious meals.

Food is medicine. While these partnerships are key to supporting the health and well-being of hungry families, they cannot make up for the draconian cuts being pushed by Republicans. It is time to drop these cuts, better invest in basic needs programs, and end hunger now.

REPEAL ROADLESS RULE

(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, the Forest Service is beginning the process to repeal the 2001 Roadless Rule, a move that has been long overdue.

I commend Secretary Rollins, as she pointed out that this rule has been disastrous for the West, blocking forest thinning, logging, and road construction. As you can see from the map here, about 640 million acres are controlled by the Federal Government across our country, about half of that in the Forest Service.

These restrictions made it harder to fight wildfires, protect public safety, and manage our forests responsibly. When government puts up gates and keeps people out from doing forest practices that are positive or even being able to get in and fight fires because the roads are disappearing, it is a bad deal for all of us.

The rule was pushed through in the final days of the Clinton administration, backed by environmental activists in Washington, not the people who actually live near these forests and suffer from the smoke and the threat. It has led to overgrown, unhealthy forests, and prevented rural counties from using this land to create jobs which generate the income for their local governments, schools, and roads and reduced fire risk.

Repealing the Roadless Rule is an important step toward restoring this entry we need to our lands, improving wildfire response, and bringing back common sense to forest management.

RECOGNIZING THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

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

Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the United

States Air Force, truly the greatest, as we have seen over and over and over again.

To ensure our status as the strongest and most effective Air Force in the world, it is imperative that we invest in a highly mission-capable fleet of frontline fighter jets.

That is why I have introduced H.R. 4027, the Frontline Fighter Force First Act. The legislation mandates that we prioritize combat-coded fighters, evaluating both the immediate and future needs of vital fighters like the F-15E Strike Eagle at places such as Seymour Johnson Air Force Base and Next Generation Air Dominance.

Air power and superiority are must-have assets in modern warfare, which is why I call upon my colleagues in Congress to pass the Frontline Fighter Force First Act without delay.

CONGRATULATING JANE HEDENGREN

(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 am grateful for the time you have granted me to acknowledge a stunning accomplishment by one of our high school athletes in Utah's Third District, Jane Hedengren.

Jane runs track for Timpview High School in Provo, Utah. In an invitational meet in St. Louis, Missouri, on June 5, she swept the field by more than 12 seconds, setting a national high school women's and national women's 1-mile record for those under 20 years old of 4 minutes 23.5 seconds, only 0.04 seconds over the women's collegiate mile record. Just 3 days later, she broke her own national high school 2-mile record by 17 seconds. She has also set national records for high school women in the 2K, 3K, and 5K.

Forbes magazine recently said of her: "Is this Utah teenager the best girls track athlete in history? She certainly looks the part."

Jane's post-graduation plans include running for the BYU Cougars women's track and field and cross-country teams during the upcoming school year.

I congratulate Jane and wish her good luck and much success. I am excited to see what the future will hold for her.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 3944, MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, VETERANS AFFAIRS, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2026; PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 275, SPECIAL INTEREST ALIEN REPORTING ACT OF 2025; PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 875, JEREMY AND ANGEL SEAY AND SERGEANT BRANDON MENDOZA PROTECT OUR COMMUNITIES FROM DUIS ACT OF 2025; AND PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H. RES. 516, CONDEMNING THE VIOLENT JUNE 2025 RIOTS IN LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 530 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 530

Resolved, That at any time after adoption of this resolution the Speaker may, pursuant to clause 2(b) of rule XVIII, declare the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3944) making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026, and for other purposes. The first reading of the bill shall be dispensed with. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived. General debate shall be confined to the bill and shall not exceed one hour equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations or their respective designees. After general debate the bill shall be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule. An amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 119-5 shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole. The bill, as amended, shall be considered as the original bill for the purpose of further amendment under the five-minute rule and shall be considered as read. Points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended, for failure to comply with clause 2 of rule XXI are waived.

SEC. 2. (a) No further amendment to H.R. 3944, as amended, shall be in order except those printed in the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution, amendments en bloc described in section 3 of this resolution, and pro forma amendments described in section 4 of this resolution.

(b) Each further amendment printed in the report of the Committee on Rules shall be considered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment except as provided by section 4 of this resolution, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole.

(c) All points of order against further amendments printed in the report of the Committee on Rules or against amendments en bloc described in section 3 of this resolution are waived.

SEC. 3. It shall be in order at any time for the chair of the Committee on Appropriations or his designee to offer amendments en

bloc consisting of further amendments printed in the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution not earlier disposed of. Amendments en bloc offered pursuant to this section shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for 20 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations or their respective designees, shall not be subject to amendment except as provided by section 4 of this resolution, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole.

SEC. 4. During consideration of H.R. 3944 for amendment, the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations or their respective designees may offer up to 10 pro forma amendments each at any point for the purpose of debate.

SEC. 5. At the conclusion of consideration of H.R. 3944 for amendment the Committee shall rise and report the bill, as amended, to the House with such further amendments as may have been adopted. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill, as amended, and on any further amendment thereto, to final passage without intervening motion except one motion to recommit.

SEC. 6. Upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to consider in the House the bill (H.R. 275) to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to publish on a monthly basis the number of special interest aliens encountered attempting to unlawfully enter the United States, 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 Homeland Security 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 Homeland Security or their respective designees; and (2) one motion to recommit.

SEC. 7. Upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to consider in the House the bill (H.R. 875) to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide that aliens who have been convicted of or who have committed an offense for driving while intoxicated or impaired are inadmissible and deportable. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived. The amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted. The bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. All points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended, are waived. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill, as amended, and on any further amendment thereto, to final passage without intervening motion except: (1) one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary or their respective designees; and (2) one motion to recommit.

SEC. 8. Upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order without intervention of any point of order to consider in the House the resolution (H. Res. 516) condemning the violent June 2025 riots in Los Angeles, California. The resolution shall be considered as read. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the resolution and preamble to adoption without intervening motion or demand for division of the question

except one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary or their respective designees.

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

Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia. 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

Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, last night, the Rules Committee met and reported a rule, House Resolution 530, providing for consideration of four measures, including H.R. 3944, the Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2026, under a structured rule. The rule provides 1 hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking member of the Committee on Appropriations or their respective designees, provides for one motion to recommit, and makes 32 amendments in order.

Additionally, the rule provides for consideration of H.R. 275, the Special Interest Alien Reporting Act of 2025, under a closed rule. The rule provides 1 hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking member of the Committee on Homeland Security or their respective designees and provides for one motion to recommit.

Further, the rule provides for consideration of H.R. 875, the Jeremy and Angel Seay and Sergeant Brandon Mendoza Protect Our Communities from DUIs Act of 2025, under a closed rule. The rule provides 1 hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking member of the Committee on the Judiciary or their respective designees and provides for one motion to recommit.

Lastly, the rule provides for consideration of H. Res. 516, Condemning the Violent June 2025 Riots in Los Angeles, California, under a closed rule. The rule provides 1 hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking member of the Committee on the Judiciary or their respective designees.

Mr. Speaker, we are here today to debate the rule on four pieces of legislation, beginning with H.R. 3944, the Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2026.

Mr. Speaker, H.R. 3944 supports those who have sacrificed for our country and maintains our commitment to the well-being of both servicemembers and veterans.

It provides a total of \$453 billion in overall funding, including a discretionary allocation of more than \$152 billion, which is nearly \$5 billion above the previous year's enacted level.

It fully funds veterans' healthcare programs, including medical care for toxic exposure. It fully funds veterans' benefits and VA programs and supports President Trump's effort to combat veteran homelessness by investing in the new bridging rental assistance for the veteran empowerment program.

It protects the Second Amendment rights of veterans by preventing the VA from sending information on veterans to the FBI without a judge's consent.

Further, it syncs with President Trump's executive order on no funds for DEI or gender-affirming care and protects the Hyde-like language at the VA.

Additionally, Mr. Speaker, H.R. 3944 continues support for the Guard and Reserve, providing more than \$1.2 billion for Guard and Reserve facility construction.

It includes \$2 billion for military family housing, with a focus on child development centers to improve the quality of life of our military families.

It provides robust funding for military construction, which enables continued investment in the Indo-Pacific region and the infrastructure necessary to support U.S. advanced weapon systems.

Furthermore, it prohibits the VA from purchasing resources directly or indirectly from the People's Republic of China.

Mr. Speaker, this bill provides significant investments and support for our veterans, servicemembers, and their families, and it should pass in a bipartisan manner.

Moving on, Mr. Speaker, the rule also provides for the consideration of H.R. 275, the Special Interest Alien Reporting Act of 2025.

It goes without saying, Mr. Speaker, that the situation at our southern border has improved significantly under the Trump administration. However, under the previous administration, illegal aliens from over 170 different countries, including Iran, the People's Republic of China, and Russia, came across our borders.

H.R. 275 would require the Secretary of Homeland Security to publish a monthly report on the number of special interest aliens—people who pose a significant threat to our national security based on analysis of travel patterns—who have been encountered while attempting to illegally enter the United States.

This bill is common sense, and the American people have a right to know.

Additionally, Mr. Speaker, the rule provides for consideration of H.R. 875,

the Jeremy and Angel Seay and Sergeant Brandon Mendoza Protect Our Communities from DUIs Act of 2025.

This bill is simple and necessary. It closes a loophole in U.S. immigration law and ensures that aliens who endanger communities by driving while intoxicated are inadmissible to and deportable from the United States.

All three of the individuals included in the title lost their lives in automobile crashes caused by illegal aliens who were driving under the influence. We should honor their memory and work to keep the American people safe by passing this bill in a bipartisan manner.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, the rule provides for consideration of H. Res. 516, Condemning the Violent June 2025 Riots in Los Angeles, California.

The First Amendment to the Constitution protects the right to peacefully protest. However, it does not protect against riots and violence. This resolution recognizes the right to assemble and protest peacefully while condemning the riots and violence against law enforcement.

Mr. Speaker, I look forward to consideration of these pieces of legislation. I urge passage of this rule.

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

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, that was riveting. I thank the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT) for yielding me the customary 30 minutes, and I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, contained in this rule are two immigration bills, one of which Congress has already passed, another of which directs the administration to do something they already have the power to do.

There is a nonbinding resolution here to condemn rioting. We had an interesting conversation in the Rules Committee last night, and I don't remember Republicans offering a nonbinding resolution to condemn the riots that occurred outside this building on January 6, 2021.

We can't even get the Speaker of the House to hang the plaque expressing gratitude to the law enforcement officers who protected us that day that a law says he has to hang, so please forgive me if I think this one rings a bit hollow.

Then, we have an appropriations bill that continues this trend toward privatizing VA services and blocks women who are veterans from being able to get abortion services at the VA in most cases. Republicans are trying to restrict the freedoms of the people who are willing to fight and die for our freedoms. Republicans are unbelievable.

I am glad that we are here on the floor debating, Mr. Speaker. I just don't think we are debating what 90 percent of Americans want us to be talking about right now, which is the chaos and confusion that this administration has created and the real fear

that Americans have about this country being dragged into another quagmire in the Middle East.

The bottom line is that this administration is acting insane. The President yesterday said there was going to be a cease-fire forever between Israel and Iran. They are back to bombing each other this morning. The cease-fire he bragged about didn't even last a day.

He has inserted us into this war with zero thought to the consequences. We are bombing Iran. Iran is bombing us. The risk of miscalculation is massive, and the entire Republican Party is just going along for the ride.

Stephen Miller, a top administration official, is on TV talking about Donald Trump like he is Kim Jong-un. It is creepy.

The majority says they are not in a cult. Now is their chance to prove it.

Trump is doing literally the exact opposite of what he promised to do in his campaign. Instead of having the courage to say something, 99 percent of these guys suddenly decided they are in favor of endless wars. The mental gymnastics that takes is nuts.

Mr. Speaker, if it looks like a cult, if it acts like a cult, maybe, just maybe, it is a cult.

I thought Republicans said they were going to lower food prices. Food is just as expensive as it was 6 months ago, and now, we are dragged into another war in the Middle East. This isn't America First. This is not even normal. It is nuts.

This is an administration in way over its head that thought ending a war was as easy as ranting on Truth Social. Now, American troops and taxpayers are paying the price for their stupidity and carelessness.

Let's be crystal clear. These strikes were illegal, unauthorized, and unconstitutional. No debate, no vote, no evidence of an imminent threat—that is not how this should work. If we are going to drop bombs and put American lives in danger, Republicans in Congress should be willing to come down here and have the courage to vote "yes" or "no" so that people know where they stand.

Meanwhile, while families are bracing for gas prices to go up and dealing with food prices that never came down, these guys want Congress to ignore all of that and rubberstamp their big, ugly tax scam, a scam that hands tax breaks to billionaires while ripping food off kids' tables and healthcare out of seniors' hands.

Mr. Speaker, these guys do not know what the hell they are doing, and America is paying the price. Trump said there would be a cease-fire forever, and it lasted 1 day. He said the big, ugly bill won't touch Medicaid and won't screw over middle-class families, but the bill cuts 16 million people off their healthcare and ransacks the food budgets of working people.

Guess what. You can't trust him. You can't trust a word this administration says. We should be debating a War

Powers Resolution. We should be talking about their awful, ugly bill that is working its way through the Senate. Instead, Republicans want business as usual, endless wars, and tax cuts for the rich.

Enough is enough. I urge a "no" vote. Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I thank the President of the United States, Donald J. Trump—I know it pains my colleagues to say that, "President of the United States Donald J. Trump"—for his decisive action. I thank him for calling both sides out on the cease-fire.

I point out to my colleagues on the other side of the aisle that, as of right now, the cease-fire is holding, and most of the world wants that cease-fire to hold.

Mr. Speaker, when you talk about a cult, the cult would be the people who hate Donald Trump so bad that they want the cease-fire to fail.

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 just remind my colleagues again about what is happening here. Trump said he would end the war in Ukraine on day one. He didn't. Last time I checked, it is still going on.

He said he wouldn't get us into another war. He just did. He said there was a cease-fire that would last forever. There wasn't.

He said his bill won't kick people off of Medicaid, and it will. Sixteen million people are about to lose their healthcare, and it is going to adversely impact rural areas even more so because of what he is doing.

Mr. Speaker, do you know what he has been doing since midnight? He has been on Truth Social. He has posted nearly 30 times since midnight on Truth Social, first of all declaring victory and that everything is beautiful and then retweeting posts calling for him to get the Nobel Peace Prize.

He is more interested in getting an award than he is in protecting people's healthcare and making sure that people in this country have enough to eat and that children don't go hungry.

I mean, these priorities, maybe they are the majority's priorities. They are not my priorities. I think they are all screwed up.

Mr. Speaker, if we defeat the previous question, I will 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 Republicans from cutting Medicaid or SNAP benefits and kicking people off these lifesaving programs as part of their reconciliation bill.

Last month, House Republicans jammed through their multitrillion-dollar tax scam by a one-vote margin. As a reminder, this bill includes the largest ever cut to food assistance and will strip healthcare from 16 million

Americans, all while adding \$3.3 trillion to the debt.

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Mr. Speaker, some Republicans didn't even know what was in the bill when they voted for it. Yet when they had the chance for a revote 2 weeks ago, because they screwed it up the first time, they voted to cut Medicaid and SNAP again.

As we stand here, debating unrelated immigration measures, Senate Republicans are moving forward with their version of the big, ugly bill. Because House Republicans broke so many rules when they passed their bill the second time, they are going to have to vote on it a third time when it comes back from the Senate.

Miraculously, due to their own ineptitude, Republicans have given themselves yet another opportunity to protect healthcare and SNAP for millions of Americans. Let's see if they vote this time 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, to discuss our proposal, I yield 2½ minutes to the gentleman from Alabama (Mr. FIGURES).

Mr. FIGURES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak on the critical importance of both SNAP and Medicaid, not just to Alabama's Second District but in every congressional district across this country.

When I took this position, like all of my colleagues, I took an oath not just for this position but I took an oath to the people that I represent. That is to not forget where I come from.

I took an oath to places like Mobile, Montgomery, Phenix City, Evergreen, and Greenville. I took an oath to the neighborhood I grew up in, in Toulminville, to not forget the type of district that I come from.

For me, what that district looks like is about one in four households rely on SNAP benefits. Over 200,000 people, almost a third of the population in the State of Alabama, are enrolled in Medicaid.

The individual median income in my district is just about \$31,000 a year. I come from a district that is not the wealthiest in this country. It is not even close to the wealthiest or well-off.

These aren't just statistics. These are real people I see when I go home to my district. These are children, seniors, working parents, and people with disabilities. These are neighbors. These are people who I grew up with in church. These are people I went to school with. These people depend on these programs to survive, not because they want to but because they have to.

Cutting these benefits would force impossible choices amongst some of these people between food, medicine, utilities, housing, and overall stability.

It wouldn't reduce the need because the need would still be there. The hunger would still be there. The poverty would still be there. It would shift the cost onto our hospitals, our schools, and emergency services.

Alabama SNAP does more than just provide food for people. It also supports, as it does across this country, our local grocers and grocery stores. All of the statistics show that SNAP is a net positive return on the local economy.

We have to recognize that Medicaid keeps working families healthy. Mr. Speaker, 61 percent of Medicaid recipients in the State of Alabama are working. The majority or remainder are either children or people with disabilities. These programs are not luxuries. They are lifelines that people need to get by.

Let's stop pretending that these are just numbers in a budget and these are not real people. Protecting SNAP and Medicaid is not about politics. It is not about priorities. We are not in a position where we can't afford it. We spend almost \$4 million every trip Donald Trump takes to Mar-a-Lago. It is not a question of resources. It is a question of priorities.

Mr. SCOTT of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I want the American citizens to know that anybody under the age of 18 is exempt from the changes. Anybody over the age of 64, meaning 65 or above, is exempt from the changes. Anybody who is disabled is exempt from the changes.

If there is an able-bodied adult of working age not taking care of a dependent, we believe that it is in their best interest to be at work. That is what our policies do.

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

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

Mr. Speaker, the reality is that everybody is going to be adversely impacted by the big, ugly bill. Senior citizens, children, and everybody in between will be impacted.

In the gentleman's district in Georgia, it is estimated that a total of 41,718 people will lose their insurance. It is estimated that 33,400 will lose Affordable Care Act coverage. Mr. Speaker, 8,318 will lose Medicaid coverage.

Mr. Speaker, I don't know how Republicans go back to their districts and meet with their constituents. I guess they don't meet with their constituents anymore. I know the Speaker of the House said Republicans shouldn't do townhalls.

At some point my Republican colleagues will have to face them. How do they tell their constituents they voted for a bill that will adversely impact them?

The cuts in SNAP alone will increase hunger in this country substantially.

We should talk about how we end hunger and, instead, Republicans are moving legislation to increase hunger.

We should have a country where everybody has healthcare coverage. Instead, they are pushing a bill that will throw people off of health insurance. I don't know how people do that. I don't know how they go home and talk to constituents about the fact that they are here fighting on their behalf.

I thought our job, no matter whether Democrat or Republican, was to fight for things to improve the quality of life for everybody in this country. That is not what this big, ugly bill is about.

Mr. Speaker, I have to say the Senate has actually made the Medicaid provisions worse, if that was possible. Even more people will lose it. That is not me saying it. It is the CBO, the Congressional Budget Office, saying that. It is not JIM MCGOVERN or Democrats. The Congressional Budget Office is saying it.

It talks about not only how many people will lose their healthcare coverage and how many people will lose their SNAP benefits, but it talks about how much this is going to add to the debt. It will add trillions.

The people who are deficit hawks, they all talk a good game. They are going to be tough on the budget. They are going to make cuts to make sure we can balance the budget, except they don't. They add another \$3.3 trillion, basically to give tax breaks to billionaires.

Who does that? Who thinks that is a good idea? I don't think I know any billionaires. I am hard-pressed to find somebody out there who is a billionaire who says he really needs another tax cut.

We ought to reject this big, ugly bill that they pushed through the House and that is on its way back from the Senate.

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

Mr. SCOTT of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I am laughing because I honestly don't even know if a billionaire lives in my district.

The idea we would be up here, doing a bunch of tax cuts for billionaires, as they have continued to repeat, I guess they think if they say it enough times, then everybody will start to believe it.

Let me talk about Massachusetts-02. Massachusetts has 524,530 taxpayers. The average taxpayer in that district will see a 20 percent tax hike if this piece of legislation is not passed.

A family of four, making \$95,000 in the district, would see a \$2,100 tax increase if this piece of legislation doesn't pass.

Mr. Speaker, 89,000 Massachusetts-02 families would see their household's child tax credit cut in half and 89 percent of Massachusetts taxpayers would see their guaranteed deductions cut in half. There would be 64,380 small businesses in Massachusetts-02 that would

be hit with a 43.4 percent tax rate if the 199A small business deduction expires.

Mr. Speaker, 22,427 of those citizens would be impacted by the return of the alternative minimum tax, and 1,780 family-owned farms in Massachusetts-02 would have their death tax exemptions slashed in half next year.

Mr. Speaker, they keep using the word "billionaires." The bottom line is they are trying to raise taxes on everyday Americans that deserve better. They work hard for their money. Candidly, the government takes too much of it from them anyway. Let's give it back to them. They earned it.

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

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

Mr. Speaker, my question to the gentleman is: If he doesn't represent any billionaires, why is he for tax cuts for billionaires?

Why are Republicans for tax cuts for billionaires? Maybe it is because they write out big campaign contributions. That is really a cynical thing. That is what is at the heart of all of this.

The gentleman said that taxes will go up for middle-class families in Massachusetts. We actually gave them a chance in the Rules Committee. We are for middle-class tax cuts. We are for extending them. In the Rules Committee, I offered a number of amendments to exempt billionaires from the tax cut. Every Republican, the gentleman included, voted "no." They wanted to make sure that the billionaires got the tax cuts.

Then we said: What about millionaires? Let's exempt millionaires. Let's keep the tax cuts for the middle class and exempt millionaires. Everyone on the Rules Committee, including the gentleman, voted "no."

By the way, if people want to know what is going on here, the cuts to SNAP alone are \$300 billion. The cuts to Medicaid in the Affordable Care Act are \$1 trillion. The tax cuts for people with incomes in the top 5 percent are \$1.6 trillion.

The numbers don't lie, but it kind of shows what this debate is all about. This is about a transfer of wealth from those in the middle to those at the top. It is about rewarding and enriching those who are well-off and well-connected. It is about punishing those in the middle and those fighting to be able to just get by, to put food on the table, and to make sure they go to the doctor if they or their kids get sick.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 2½ minutes to the gentlewoman from California (Ms. SIMON).

Ms. SIMON. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. MCGOVERN) for yielding time.

As the Representative of California's 12th Congressional District, representing the East Bay, I rise today in opposition to H. Res. 516. This resolution is a partisan, disproportionate response to the ICE protest in Los Angeles. Republicans are intentionally misleading the public on the scale of the

violence in an attempt to justify the blatant overreach of Federal power.

I want to be clear. There was no doubt there was violence. I am from California. I was present at some of the protests. The scale was unworthy of Federal condemnation and certainly the scale was unworthy of Presidential overreach.

It was the President who overstepped his authority and escalated and instigated chaos, sending the National Guard and our Marines against the will of my Governor, the mayor of Los Angeles, and the people of California.

The Trump administration has made it clear that they do not believe in the right of Los Angeles to exist, as it has done since its founding, as a multicultural, vibrant, and working-class city. The violence was in less than three to five blocks.

Mr. Speaker, I think the resolution is an attempt to rewrite history in real time and to prescribe extreme violence onto the people of Los Angeles, California, who were exercising their First Amendment right to free speech. This resolution is in no way sufficient. It is a way to roll back free speech.

Let's be clear. We do not have a democracy if we erode the right to free speech. We will not have a democracy if the President of the United States continues to abuse his power and push authoritarian measures.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. McDOWELL). Members are reminded to refrain from engaging in personalities toward the President.

Mr. SCOTT of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, a picture is worth a thousand words. Peaceful protests do not include assaults of law enforcement officers or burning vehicles.

I would also like to point out to the American citizens that when they hear the Democrats talk about the top 5 percent, the top 5 percent are not billionaires. According to the Tax Foundation, the top 5 percent are people that make above \$252,000.

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

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

I, and I think everybody on the Democratic side, oppose violence and criminality, and people who commit violence ought to be held to account.

Mr. Speaker, I am happy to yield to the gentleman if he would join with me in publicly condemning the pardon of all those who committed such heinous crimes and so much violence here on the Capitol on January 6.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to gentleman if he wants to condemn the pardons. I can tell you one thing, Mr. Speaker, Governor Newsom is not going to pardon those who looted stores or committed violence or attacked law enforcement, but Donald Trump pardoned the people who attacked the men and women who were protecting all of us here, our staff, and all of the people who work here.

Mr. Speaker, I am happy to yield to the gentleman if he wants to condemn the pardons that Trump gave to all those who committed these terrible crimes on that horrific day.

Silence.

We can't even get the Speaker of the House to hang a plaque honoring the men and women in law enforcement who defended us.

What is wrong with this place?

Violence is wrong no matter whom it is committed by. The difference here is that Governor Newsom will not pardon people who committed violent crimes.

Again, Mr. Speaker, as we are gathered here today, we have a President who all he seems to want to do is tweet. As I said before, he has posted nearly 30 times since midnight. He took credit for a cease-fire which, by this morning, was broken. He attacked Federal Reserve Chair Powell. He attacked Representative OCASIO-CORTEZ, and he attacked Representative THOMAS MASSIE. Again, I think attacking MASSIE may replace golf as the President's favorite pastime.

Of course, while talking about Representative MASSIE, Trump had to pat himself on the back for winning elections in Kentucky. He also posted multiple times about the Nobel Peace Prize. That is what he cares about, getting an award. It is all about him, not saving healthcare, not ending hunger, but getting an award.

We need serious people working to solve real problems, and what we have is a reality TV show White House with a stream of consciousness press operation, and it is supported by a Republican Congress that thinks it is a debate club rather than an equal branch of government.

This Congress doesn't even debate real things. The President sent our troops to bomb another country this week, and that is not what we are here debating this week. We are debating a meaningless resolution and bills to further demonize immigrants.

Enough, Mr. Speaker. Let's try work on something, anything, that will help real people. This is not the way government is supposed to operate. It is not working. People are being hurt.

While we are having this discussion here today, this big, ugly bill is winding its way through the Senate to come back here to the House.

I predict that my Republican friends, as always, will say: Oh, I am really concerned about the cuts in Medicaid. I am really worried about people who will lose their healthcare. Yeah, I know, I wish they weren't cutting SNAP so deeply. Oh, yeah, I really care about this and care about that.

Do you know what they will do, Mr. Speaker?

They will come here, and they will cave. They get in line because they are afraid of even asking a question about what this President is doing and what this administration is advocating. We need to do so much better around here.

I have to tell you, Mr. Speaker, this is ridiculous that this is what we are

doing this week when there is so much happening in the world. By the way, again, let's make sure everybody understands this: This big, ugly bill that is coming here is about a tax break for billionaires. I just showed you the figures, Mr. Speaker. There is more money going to billionaires than anybody else in the tax bill, and they are cutting programs like SNAP and Medicaid. It really is shameful.

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

Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, may I inquire as to how much time each side has remaining.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Georgia has 21½ minutes remaining. The gentleman from Massachusetts has 8 minutes remaining.

Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I don't think that the Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act is ridiculous. I think it is necessary. I think our veterans have earned it. I think it is a good piece of legislation. Ultimately, Mr. Speaker, I expect it will probably pass in a bipartisan manner.

I will say this: President Trump wants peace between Israel and Iran. He took decisive action, and without that decisive action, that peace would not have been possible. He wanted peace with India and Pakistan, and he wants peace with Ukraine and Russia. He wants peace.

Now, Mr. Speaker, you may disagree with the way he goes about it, but to attack him and say that he doesn't want a resolution that ends the killing, you just don't know the man if you think that about him. He wants peace.

Sometimes peace requires strength, and it requires a leader who has the mental capacity to make the decisions to carry out the actions necessary to bring about that peace. I am thankful that we have a President who has the ability to make those decisions.

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

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

Mr. Speaker, a couple of things. The gentleman has had 30 minutes, and he couldn't spend 30 seconds to condemn the Trump pardons of those who viciously attacked our law enforcement on that terrible day on January 6. We have a Speaker of the House who won't hang a plaque that he is supposed to do under law honoring the law enforcement who were here protecting all of us and who were beaten right outside that door.

It is crickets on the other side. They can't bring themselves to condemn that. They can't say that the pardons were wrong. I don't get it.

I have spent my entire life fighting for peace, and when Trump says that he wants peace, where is the peace?

He said that he was going to bring peace to Ukraine on day one. Instead,

what he has done is he is constantly giving comfort to the Russian leader. He has lambasted Zelenskyy in the Oval Office and can't say enough nice things about Vladimir Putin.

That is not my idea of peace. That is capitulation. That is giving in to a vicious aggressor. I am sorry, if the gentleman thinks that that is peace, then we have a very different opinion of that.

Again, we all hope and pray that things de-escalate in the Middle East. Here is what we know: We don't know whether Iran still has nuclear material, and we also know that they have been lobbing bombs at each other still. We know there is tremendous unrest in the Middle East, and we don't really know what the endgame is. That is why we should have a debate, and that is why Congress has a role to play.

Again, Mr. Speaker, you may think that all that Donald Trump is doing is fabulous, and that is great, but do you know what, Mr. Speaker?

You should also, as a Member of Congress, want to defend the powers of the legislative branch and understand that we have a role in this too, and that sometimes through debate, if people decide they want to support the President's policies, well, that just strengthens his hand. If people have real questions, then maybe we have to take a different course.

I was around here when we rushed to war in Iraq. We did have a debate, but we were given faulty information by the administration at the time. We were lied to. There were no weapons of mass destruction, and look at what that cost us in terms of life, treasure, and credibility around the world.

Mr. Speaker, again, I think there are things that we should be focused on here right now that are much more pressing than the items that are before us here today.

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

Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I certainly have thanked before, and I will thank again, all of the law enforcement and the men and women who keep us safe in this Capitol. I appreciate what they do for us.

Mr. Speaker, I am prepared to close if the gentleman is prepared to close. I don't have any additional speakers. I reserve the balance of my time.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Massachusetts has 5 minutes remaining.

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

Mr. Speaker, let me just say to the gentleman: You say that you support and respect the men and women who protect us here, the law enforcement who protect us here, yet you can't bring yourself to condemn the action that pardoned those individuals who viciously attacked law enforcement. Also, nobody on the Republican side will demand of the Republican Speaker

of the House to hang the plaque that, by law, he is supposed to hang honoring the law enforcement who defended us on that day.

I think that is a lack of respect. That is a lack of respect to law enforcement. The Republicans can't even condemn the rioters who were here on January 6.

So what the hell is wrong with this place?

Mr. Speaker, I will close with this: Congress alone has the power to declare war, not Donald Trump, not his Truth Social account, and not his campaign donors. This administration cannot be trusted with that power. They have no plan, they have no strategy and no clue. Just follow him on Truth Social. Every day they stoke chaos abroad to distract from the misery that they are causing at home.

Mr. Speaker, does anyone remember the last time a Republican President misled the Nation about WMDs, using vague evidence to drag us into a war in the Middle East? He stood under a mission accomplished banner, and then we were at war for nearly a decade, and it cost trillions of dollars and thousands of lives.

I guess the 2025 version of a mission accomplished banner is a Truth Social post telling everyone that this was a spectacular military success.

Give me a break. Mr. Speaker, 2003 called. They want their foreign policy back.

Republicans want to keep everyone divided and distracted. They went to distract us from their big, ugly bill, a tax scam so cruel and corrupt that it actually makes working families poorer just to make billionaires richer.

They want to distract us from the fact that under Trump's watch, grocery bills are sky-high, farmers will suffocate under tariffs, and now families are bracing for a spike at the pump because this President started a war, and he has no clue how to end it.

Well, I won't be distracted. We see this chaos for what it is: reckless, stupid, and dangerous. We see this tax bill for what it is: greedy, immoral, and bad for working people.

Mr. Speaker, I urge this House to stop rubber-stamping chaos and to stop rubber-stamping corruption. Let's do our constitutional duty: Stop this illegal war, end this rotten tax scam, and stand up for the people we work for.

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

Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time.

Mr. Speaker, this week, the House has the ability to advance four pieces of legislation under this rule.

H.R. 3944 is the Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act of 2026, which provides significant investments and support for our veterans, service-members, and their families, as well as military construction. I expect and hope that it will pass in a bipartisan manner.

H.R. 275 is the Special Interest Alien Reporting Act of 2025 which provides transparency by publishing a monthly report on the number of special interest aliens attempting to enter the U.S. and includes the encounter location and their country of origin. This is information that the public has a right to know.

H.R. 875 is the Jeremy and Angel Seay and Sergeant Brandon Mendoza Protect Our Communities from DUIs Act of 2025, which works to keep the American people safe by closing a loophole in U.S. immigration law to ensure that aliens who drive intoxicated are inadmissible to, and deportable from, the United States.

Again, Mr. Speaker, I hope and expect it will pass in a bipartisan manner.

H. Res. 516 condemns the violent June 2025 riots in Los Angeles, California, which recognizes the right to assemble and protest peacefully while condemning the riots and violence against law enforcement.

Mr. Speaker, I urge 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. 530 OFFERED BY
MR. MCGOVERN OF MASSACHUSETTS

At the end of the resolution, add the following:

SEC. 9. Immediately upon adoption of this resolution, the House shall proceed to the consideration in the House of the bill (H.R. 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. 10. Clause 1(c) of rule XIX shall not apply to the consideration of H.R. 2753.

Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia. 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 are postponed.

RECESS

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

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

Accordingly (at 1 o'clock and 14 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 1325

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. DESJARLAIS) at 1 o'clock and 25 minutes p.m.

RAISING A QUESTION OF THE PRIVILEGES OF THE HOUSE

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise to a question of the privileges of the House and offer the resolution that was previously noticed.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will report the resolution.

The Clerk read as follows:

H. RES. 537

Resolved, That Donald J. Trump, President of the United States, is impeached for high crimes and misdemeanors, and that the following articles of impeachment be exhibited to the Senate:

Articles of impeachment exhibited by the House of Representatives of the United States of America in the name of itself and of the people of the United States of America, against Donald J. Trump, President of the United States of America, in maintenance and support of its impeachment against him for high crimes and misdemeanors.

ARTICLE I: ABUSE OF PRESIDENTIAL POWERS BY DISREGARDING THE SEPARATION OF POWERS—DEVOLVING AMERICAN DEMOCRACY INTO AUTHORITARIANISM BY UNCONSTITUTIONALLY USURPING CONGRESS'S POWER TO DECLARE WAR

In his conduct of the office of President of the United States, Donald J. Trump, in violation of his constitutional oath faithfully to execute the office of President of the United States and, to the best of his ability, preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution of the United States, and in violation of his constitutional duty to take care that the laws be faithfully executed, abused the powers of the presidency when he disregarded the doctrine of separation of powers by usurping Congress's power to declare war and ordered the United States military to bomb another country without the constitutionally-mandated congressional authorization or notice to Congress—cognizant of the fact that should another country's military bomb a facility within the United States of America, it would be a de facto declaration of war against the United States of America.

On June 12, 2025, the State of Israel initiated attacks on Iran, ostensibly to target sites and individuals of importance to Iran's nuclear program. Iran retaliated, and the conflict has escalated between Israel and Iran, though at no point did Iran pose any imminent threat to the United States.

On June 21, 2025, President Trump announced "successful" attacks on three nuclear sites in Iran: Fordow, Natanz, and Estahan via his social media network, Truth Social. President Trump failed to seek prior congressionally-mandated authorization for the use of military force. Congressional leaders were not appropriately briefed or notified of the attack plans despite foreign leaders being given advance notice of the planned U.S. military action.

President Trump's unilateral, unprovoked use of force without congress-

sional authorization or notice constitutes an abuse of power when there was no imminent threat to the United States, which facilitates the devolution of American democracy into authoritarianism, with an authoritarian president who has instigated an attack on the United States Capitol, denied persons due process of the law, and called for the impeachment of federal judges who ruled against him—making Donald J. Trump a threat to American democracy.

Article I, Section 8, Clause 11 of the United States Constitution grants Congress the sole power to declare war: "[The Congress shall have the Power . . .] To declare War . . ." At the time, the Framers of the Constitution emphasized the goal of limiting the monarchical power of any single individual person to take a country to war over personal whims and preferences—no constitutional exception exists for a successful military action.

In starting his illegal and unconstitutional war with Iran without the constitutionally-mandated consent of Congress or appropriate notice to Congress, President Trump acted in direct violation of the War Powers Clause of the Constitution. President Trump has devolved and continues to devolve American democracy into authoritarianism by disregarding the separation of powers and now, usurping congressional war powers.

In all of this, Donald J. Trump has abused the powers of the presidency in a manner contrary to his trust as President, has become a threat to American democracy, subverted our constitutional government, and devolved democracy into authoritarianism, to the great prejudice of the cause of law and justice, and to the manifest injury of the people of the United States.

Wherefore Donald J. Trump, by such conduct, warrants impeachment and trial, and removal from office.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The resolution qualifies.

MOTION TO TABLE

Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I have a motion at the desk.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will report the motion.

The Clerk read as follows:

Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia moves to lay the resolution on the table.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Georgia.

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

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 9 of rule XX, this 15-minute vote on the motion to table will be followed by 5-minute votes on:

Ordering the previous question on House Resolution 530; and

Adoption of House Resolution 530, if ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 344, nays 79, not voting 9, as follows:

[Roll No. 175]

YEAS—344

Aderholt
Agullar
Alford
Allen

Amo
Amodei (NV)
Arrington
Auchincloss

Babin
Bacon
Baird
Balderson

Barr
Barrett
Baumgartner
Bean (FL)
Begich
Bell
Bentz
Bera
Bergman
Beyer
Bice
Biggs (AZ)
Biggs (SC)
Bilirakis
Bishop
Boebert
Bost
Bresnahan
Brownley
Buchanan
Budzinski
Burchett
Burlison
Bynum
Calvert
Cammack
Carbajal
Carey
Carson
Carter (GA)
Carter (TX)
Case
Casten
Castor (FL)
Cherfilus-
McCormick
Ciscomani
Clark (MA)
Cleaver
Cline
Cloud
Clyburn
Clyde
Cole
Collins
Comer
Conaway
Correa
Costa
Courtney
Craig
Crane
Crank
Crawford
Crow
Cuellar
Davids (KS)
Davidson
Davis (NC)
De La Cruz
Dean (PA)
DeLauro
DelBene
Deluzio
DesJarlais
Diaz-Balart
Dingell
Donalds
Downing
Dunn (FL)
Edwards
Elfreth
Ellzey
Emmer
Estes
Evans (CO)
Ezell
Fallon
Fedorchak
Feenstra
Fields
Figures
Fine
Finstad
Fischbach
Fitzgerald
Fitzpatrick
Fleischmann
Fletcher
Flood
Fong
Foster
Foxy
Frankel, Lois
Franklin, Scott
Fry
Fulcher
Garbarino
Gill (TX)

Gillen
Golden (ME)
Goldman (NY)
Goldman (TX)
Gonzales, Tony
Gonzalez, V.
Gooden
Goodlander
Gosar
Gottheimer
Graves
Gray
Green (TN)
Greene (GA)
Griffith
Grothman
Guest
Guthrie
Hageman
Hamadeh (AZ)
Harder (CA)
Haridopolos
Harrigan
Harris (MD)
Harris (NC)
Harshbarger
Hern (OK)
Higgins (LA)
Hill (AR)
Himes
Hinson
Horsford
Houchin
Houlahan
Hoyer
Hoyle (OR)
Hudson
Huizenga
Hunt
Hurd (CO)
Issa
Jack
Jackson (TX)
James
Jeffries
Johnson (LA)
Johnson (SD)
Johnson (TX)
Jordan
Joyce (OH)
Joyce (PA)
Kaptur
Kean
Keating
Kelly (MS)
Kelly (PA)
Kennedy (NY)
Kennedy (UT)
Khanna
Kiggans (VA)
Kiley (CA)
Kim
Knott
Kustoff
LaHood
LaLota
LaMalfa
Landsman
Langworthy
Larsen (WA)
Larson (CT)
Latimer
Latta
Lawler
Lee (FL)
Lee (NV)
Letlow
Levin
Liccardo
Lieu
Loifgren
Loudermilk
Lucas
Luna
Luttrell
Lynch
Mace
Mackenzie
Magaziner
Malliotakis
Maloy
Mann
Mannion
Massie
Mast
McBath
McBride
McCaul
McClain

McClain Delaney
McClellan
McClintock
McCollum
McCormick
McDonald Rivet
McDowell
McGarvey
McGuire
Meeks
Meng
Messmer
Mfume
Miller (IL)
Miller (OH)
Miller (WV)
Miller-Meeks
Mills
Moolenaar
Moore (AL)
Moore (NC)
Moore (UT)
Moore (WV)
Moran
Morelle
Morrison
Moskowitz
Moulton
Mrvan
Murphy
Neal
Neguse
Nehls
Newhouse
Norman
Nunn (IA)
Oberholte
Ogles
Olzewski
Onder
Owens
Pallone
Palmer
Panetta
Pappas
Patronis
Pelosi
Perez
Perry
Peters
Pettersen
Pfluger
Pou
Quigley
Raskin
Reschenthaler
Riley (NY)
Rogers (AL)
Rogers (KY)
Rose
Ross
Rouzer
Roy
Rulli
Rutherford
Ryan
Salazar
Salinas
Scalise
Scanlon
Schmidt
Schneider
Scholten
Schrier
Schweikert
Scott (VA)
Scott, Austin
Self
Sessions
Sewell
Shreve
Simpson
Smith (MO)
Smith (NE)
Smith (NJ)
Smith (WA)
Smucker
Sorensen
Soto
Spartz
Stanton
Staubert
Stefanik
Steil
Steube
Stevens
Strickland
Strong
Stutzman

Subramanyam	Underwood	Weber (TX)
Suozi	Valadao	Webster (FL)
Sykes	Van Drew	Westerman
Taylor	Van Duyne	Whitesides
Tenney	Van Orden	Wied
Thompson (PA)	Vargas	Williams (TX)
Tiffany	Vasquez	Wilson (SC)
Timmons	Veasey	Wittman
Tonko	Vindman	Womack
Torres (NY)	Wagner	Yakym
Trahan	Walberg	Zinke
Tran	Wasserman	
Turner (OH)	Schultz	

NAYS—79

Adams	Garcia (IL)	Pocan
Ansari	Garcia (TX)	Pressley
Balint	Gomez	Ramirez
Barragan	Green, Al (TX)	Randall
Bonamici	Hayes	Rivas
Boyle (PA)	Huffman	Ruiz
Brown	Ivey	Sánchez
Carter (LA)	Jacobs	Schakowsky
Casar	Jayapal	Scott, David
Castro (TX)	Johnson (GA)	Sherman
Chu	Kamlager-Dove	Simon
Cisneros	Kelly (IL)	Stansbury
Clarke (NY)	Krishnamoorthi	Swalwell
Cohen	Lee (PA)	Takano
Crockett	Leger Fernandez	Thanedar
Davis (IL)	Matsui	Thompson (CA)
DeGette	McGovern	Thompson (MS)
DeSaulnier	McIver	Titus
Dexter	Menendez	Tlaib
Doggett	Min	Tokuda
Escobar	Moore (WI)	Torres (CA)
Espallat	Mullin	Velázquez
Evans (PA)	Nadler	Waters
Foushee	Norcross	Watson Coleman
Friedman	Ocasio-Cortez	Williams (GA)
Frost	Omar	
Garamendi	Pingree	

NOT VOTING—9

Beatty	Garcia (CA)	Meuser
Brecheen	Gimenez	Sherrill
Crenshaw	Jackson (IL)	Wilson (FL)

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Mses. CLARKE of New York, Ms. MATSUI, Mr. NORCROSS, and Ms. PINGREE changed their vote from “yea” to “nay.”

Messrs. SUOZZI, LAMALFA, Ms. BYNUM, Messrs. LARSON of Connecticut, JACKSON of Texas, SCOTT of Virginia, Ms. MCCLELLAN, Messrs. SORENSSEN, VINDMAN, and BEYER changed their vote from “nay” to “yea.”

So the motion to table 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. MEUSER. Mr. Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 175.

Mr. BRECHEEN. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained due to illness and was unable to cast my vote on Roll Call No. 175.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 175.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 3944, MILITARY CONSTRUCTION, VETERANS AFFAIRS, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2026; PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 275, SPECIAL INTEREST ALIEN REPORTING ACT OF 2025; PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 875, JEREMY AND ANGEL SEAY AND SERGEANT BRANDON MENDOZA PROTECT OUR COMMUNITIES FROM DUIS ACT OF 2025; AND PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H. RES. 516, CONDEMNING THE VIOLENT JUNE 2025 RIOTS IN LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

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. 530) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3944) making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 275) to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to publish on a monthly basis the number of special interest aliens encountered attempting to unlawfully enter the United States, and for other purposes; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 875) to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide that aliens who have been convicted of or who have committed an offense for driving while intoxicated or impaired are inadmissible and deportable; and providing for consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 516) condemning the violent June 2025 riots in Los Angeles, California, 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.

This is a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 219, nays 208, not voting 5, as follows:

[Roll No. 176]

YEAS—219

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

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

NAYS—208

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

Panetta
Pappas
Pelosi
Perez
Peters
Pettersen
Pingree
Pocan
Pou
Pressley
Quigley
Ramirez
Randall
Raskin
Riley (NY)
Rivas
Ross
Ruiz
Ryan
Salinas
Sánchez
Scanlon

Schakowsky
Schneider
Scholten
Schrier
Scott (VA)
Scott, David
Sewell
Sherman
Simon
Smith (WA)
Sorensen
Soto
Stansbury
Stanton
Stevens
Strickland
Subramanyam
Suzoi
Swalwell
Sykes
Takano
Thanedar

Thompson (CA)
Thompson (MS)
Titus
Tlaib
Tokuda
Tonko
Torres (CA)
Torres (NY)
Trahan
Tran
Underwood
Vargas
Vasquez
Veasey
Velázquez
Vindman
Wasserman
Schultz
Waters
Watson Coleman
Whitesides
Williams (GA)

NOT VOTING—5

Beatty
Brecheen

Jackson (IL)
Sherrill

Wilson (FL)

□ 1409

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

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

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

RECORDED VOTE

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

A recorded vote was ordered.

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

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—ayes 217, noes 206, not voting 9, as follows:

[Roll No. 177]

AYES—217

Aderholt
Alford
Allen
Amodei (NV)
Arrington
Babin
Bacon
Baird
Balderson
Barr
Barrett
Baumgartner
Bean (FL)
Begich
Bentz
Bergman
Bice
Biggs (AZ)
Biggs (SC)
Bilirakis
Boebert
Bost
Bresnahan
Buchanan
Burchett
Burlison
Calvert
Cammack
Carey
Carter (GA)
Carter (TX)
Ciscomani
Cline
Cloud
Clyde
Cole
Collins
Comer
Crane
Crank
Crawford
Crenshaw
Davidson
De La Cruz
DesJarlais

Diaz-Balart
Donalds
Downing
Dunn (FL)
Edwards
Ellzey
Emmer
Estes
Evans (CO)
Ezell
Fallon
Fedorchak
Feenstra
Fine
Finstad
Fischbach
Fitzgerald
Fitzpatrick
Fleischmann
Flood
Fong
Foxy
Franklin, Scott
Fry
Fulcher
Garbarino
Gill (TX)
Gimenez
Goldman (TX)
Gonzales, Tony
Gooden
Gosar
Graves
Green (TN)
Greene (GA)
Griffith
Grothman
Guest
Guthrie
Hageman
Hamadeh (AZ)
Haridopolos
Harrigan
Harris (MD)
Harris (NC)

Harshbarger
Hern (OK)
Higgins (LA)
Hill (AR)
Hinson
Houchin
Hudson
Huizenga
Hunt
Hurd (CO)
Issa
Jack
Jackson (TX)
James
Johnson (LA)
Johnson (SD)
Jordan
Joyce (OH)
Joyce (PA)
Kean
Kelly (MS)
Kelly (PA)
Kennedy (UT)
Kiggans (VA)
Kiley (CA)
Kim
Knott
Kustoff
LaHood
LaLota
LaMalfa
Langworthy
Latta
Lawler
Lee (FL)
Letlow
Loudermilk
Lucas
Luna
Luttrell
Mace
Mackenzie
Malliotakis
Maloy
Mann

Massie
Mast
McCaul
McClain
McClintock
McCormick
McDowell
McGuire
Messmer
Miller (IL)
Miller (OH)
Miller (WV)
Miller-Meeks
Mills
Moolenaar
Moore (AL)
Moore (NC)
Moore (UT)
Moore (WV)
Moran
Murphy
Nehls
Newhouse
Norman
Nunn (IA)
Oberholte
Ogles
Onder

Adams
Aguilar
Amo
Ansari
Auchincloss
Balint
Barragán
Bell
Beyer
Bishop
Bonamici
Boyle (PA)
Brown
Brownley
Budzinski
Bynum
Carbajal
Carson
Carter (LA)
Casar
Case
Casten
Castor (FL)
Castro (TX)
Cherfilus-
McCormick
Chu
Cisneros
Clark (MA)
Clarke (NY)
Cleaver
Clyburn
Cohen
Conaway
Correa
Costa
Courtney
Craig
Crockett
Crow
Cuellar
Davids (KS)
Davis (IL)
Davis (NC)
Dean (PA)
DeGette
DeLauro
DeBene
Deluzio
DeSaulnier
Dexter
Dingell
Elfreh
Escobar
Espaillat
Evans (PA)
Fields
Figures
Fletcher
Foster
Foushee
Frankel, Lois
Friedman
Frost
Garamendi
Garcia (CA)
Garcia (IL)
Garcia (TX)

Owens
Palmer
Patronis
Perry
Pfluger
Reschenthaler
Rogers (AL)
Rogers (CA)
Rouzer
Roy
Rulli
Rutherford
Salazar
Scalise
Schmidt
Schweikert
Scott, Austin
Self
Sessions
Shreve
Simpson
Smith (MO)
Smith (NE)
Smith (NJ)
Smucker
Spartz
Stauber
Stefanik

NOES—206

Gillen
Golden (ME)
Goldman (NY)
Gomez
Gonzalez, V.
Goodlander
Gottheimer
Gray
Green, Al (TX)
Harder (CA)
Hayes
Himes
Horsford
Houlahan
Hoyer
Hoyle (OR)
Huffman
Ivey
Jacobs
Jayapal
Jeffries
Johnson (GA)
Johnson (TX)
Kamlager-Dove
Kaptur
Keating
Kelly (IL)
Kennedy (NY)
Khanna
Krishnamoorthi
Landsman
Larsen (WA)
Larson (CT)
Latimer
Lee (NV)
Lee (PA)
Leger Fernandez
Levin
Liccardo
Lieu
Lofgren
Lynch
Magaziner
Mannion
Matsui
McBath
McBride
McClain Delaney
McClellan
McCollum
McDonald Rivet
McGarvey
McGovern
McIver
Meeks
Menendez
Meng
Mfume
Min
Moore (WI)
Morelle
Morrison
Moskowitz
Moulton
Mrvan
Mullin
Nadler
Neal

Wasserman
Schultz

Waters
Watson Coleman

Whitesides
Williams (GA)

NOT VOTING—9

Beatty
Bera
Brecheen

Doggett
Jackson (IL)
Meuser

Rogers (KY)
Sherrill
Wilson (FL)

□ 1417

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.

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

Ms. CLARKE of New York. Mr. Speaker, I have a parliamentary inquiry.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentlewoman will state her inquiry.

Ms. CLARKE of New York. Mr. Speaker, why is it that the Israel-Iran war briefing we were supposed to be having today has been canceled?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentlewoman is not stating a proper parliamentary inquiry.

Ms. CLARKE of New York. Mr. Speaker, okay. Let me state it again. We were informed today—

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is the gentlewoman asking an inquiry?

Ms. CLARKE of New York. Mr. Speaker, I am.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentlewoman will state her inquiry.

Ms. CLARKE of New York. Mr. Speaker, my inquiry is: We were informed that we would have a briefing on the Iran-Israel war this afternoon, and it has been canceled. Why is that?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentlewoman is still not stating a proper parliamentary inquiry.

Ms. CLARKE of New York. Mr. Speaker, has the Speaker been informed that today the briefing for the Iran-Israel war has been canceled, and why is that?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentlewoman may consult with the Speaker, but this is not a proper parliamentary inquiry.

Ms. CLARKE of New York. Mr. Speaker, why is that?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. It is not relevant to the proceedings on the floor.

Ms. CLARKE of New York. Mr. Speaker, it is indeed. It is indeed.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair is prepared to move on unless the gentlewoman has a proper parliamentary inquiry.

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRIES

Ms. CLARKE of New York. Mr. Speaker, parliamentary inquiries.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentlewoman will state her inquiry.

Ms. CLARKE of New York. Mr. Speaker, the Constitution requires that Members of Congress be consulted in all matters and be authorized for any wars that are declared by the United States of America. We have not been briefed.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentlewoman is engaging in debate and

not an inquiry. The Chair is prepared to move on.

RANKING A CERTAIN MEMBER ON A CERTAIN STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. AGUILAR. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Democratic Caucus, I offer a privileged resolution and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 538

Resolved, That the following named Member be, and is hereby, ranked as follows on the following standing committee of the House of Representatives:

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Mr. Garcia of California, to rank before Ms. Norton.

Mr. AGUILAR (during the reading). Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be considered as read.

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

There was no objection.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Ms. CLARKE of New York. Mr. Speaker, in light of the fact that we don't have this briefing on the Iran-Israel war that will be taking place today, I move that the House adjourn until such time that we are briefed.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion to adjourn offered by the gentlewoman from New York (Ms. CLARKE).

The question was taken; and the Speaker announced that the yeas appeared to have it.

Ms. CLARKE of New York. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 191, nays 213, not voting 27, as follows:

[Roll No. 178]

YEAS—191

Adams	Castro (TX)	DeSaulnier
Aguilar	Cherfilus-	Dexter
Amo	McCormick	Dingell
Ansari	Chu	Doggett
Auchincloss	Cisneros	Elfreth
Balint	Clark (MA)	Escobar
Barragán	Clarke (NY)	Españat
Bell	Cleaver	Evans (PA)
Bera	Clyburn	Fields
Beyer	Cohen	Fletcher
Bishop	Conaway	Foster
Bonamici	Correa	Foushee
Boyle (PA)	Costa	Frankel, Lois
Brown	Courtney	Friedman
Brownley	Craig	Frost
Budzinski	Crockett	Garcia (CA)
Bynum	Crow	Garcia (IL)
Carbajal	Dauids (KS)	Garcia (TX)
Carson	Davis (IL)	Gillen
Carter (LA)	Davis (NC)	Goldman (NY)
Casar	Dean (PA)	Gomez
Case	DeGette	Gonzalez, V.
Casten	DelBene	Goodlander
Castor (FL)	Deluzio	Gray

Green, Al (TX)	Meng	Schrier
Harder (CA)	Mfume	Scott (VA)
Hayes	Min	Scott, David
Horsford	Moore (WI)	Sewell
Houlihan	Mouelle	Sherman
Hoyer	Morrison	Simon
Hoyle (OR)	Moskowitz	Smith (WA)
Huffman	Moulton	Sorensen
Ivey	Mrvan	Soto
Jacobs	Mullin	Stansbury
Jayapal	Nadler	Stanton
Jeffries	Neal	Stevens
Johnson (GA)	Neguse	Strickland
Johnson (TX)	Norcross	Subramanyam
Keating	Ocasio-Cortez	Suozzi
Kelly (IL)	Olszewski	Swalwell
Kennedy (NY)	Omar	Sykes
Khanna	Pallone	Takano
Krishnamoorthi	Panetta	Thanedar
Larson (CT)	Pappas	Thompson (CA)
Latimer	Pelosi	Thompson (MS)
Lee (NV)	Peters	Titus
Lee (PA)	Pettersen	Tlaib
Leger Fernandez	Pingree	Tokuda
Levin	Pocan	Tonko
Liccardo	Pou	Torres (CA)
Lieu	Pressley	Torres (NY)
Magaziner	Quigley	Trahan
Mannion	Ramirez	Tran
Matsui	Randall	Underwood
McBath	Raskin	Vasquez
McBride	Riley (NY)	Veasey
McClain Delaney	Rivas	Ross
McClellan	Ruiz	Vindman
McCollum	Ryan	Wasserman
McDonald Rivet	Salinas	Schultz
McGarvey	Sánchez	Waters
McGovern	Scanlon	Watson Coleman
McIver	Meeks	Whitesides
Menendez	Scholten	Williams (GA)

NAYS—213

Aderholt	Fine	Kiley (CA)
Alford	Pinstad	Kim
Allen	Fischbach	Knott
Arrington	Fitzgerald	Kustoff
Babin	Fitzpatrick	LaHood
Bacon	Fleischmann	LaLota
Baird	Flood	LaMalfa
Balderson	Fong	Landsman
Barr	Fox	Langworthy
Barrett	Franklin, Scott	Larsen (WA)
Baumgartner	Fry	Latta
Bean (FL)	Fulcher	Lawler
Begich	Gill (TX)	Lee (FL)
Bentz	Gimenez	Letlow
Bergman	Golden (ME)	Loudermilk
Bice	Goldman (TX)	Lucas
Biggs (AZ)	Gonzales, Tony	Luna
Biggs (SC)	Gooden	Luttrell
Bilirakis	Gosar	Mace
Boebert	Graves	Mackenzie
Bost	Green (TN)	Malliotakis
Bresnahan	Greene (GA)	Maloy
Buchanan	Griffith	Mann
Burchett	Guest	Massie
Burlison	Guthrie	Mast
Calvert	Hageman	McClain
Cammack	Hamadeh (AZ)	McClintock
Carter (GA)	Haridopolos	McCormick
Ciscomani	Harrigan	McDowell
Cline	Harris (MD)	McGuire
Cloud	Harris (NC)	Messmer
Clyde	Harshbarger	Meuser
Cole	Hern (OK)	Miller (IL)
Collins	Higgins (LA)	Miller (OH)
Comer	Hill (AR)	Miller (WV)
Crane	Himes	Mills
Crank	Hinson	Mooleenaar
Crawford	Houchin	Moore (AL)
Crenshaw	Hudson	Moore (NC)
Cuellar	Huizenga	Moore (UT)
Davidson	Hunt	Moore (WV)
De La Cruz	Hurd (CO)	Moran
DeLauro	Issa	Murphy
DesJarlais	Jack	Newhouse
Diaz-Balart	Jackson (TX)	Norman
Donalds	James	Nunn (IA)
Downing	Johnson (SD)	Obenrolte
Edwards	Jordan	Ogles
Elizy	Joyce (OH)	Onder
Emmer	Joyce (PA)	Owens
Estes	Kaptur	Palmer
Evans (CO)	Kean	Patronis
Ezell	Kelly (MS)	Perez
Fallon	Kelly (PA)	Perry
Fedorchak	Kennedy (UT)	Pfluger
Feenstra	Kiggans (VA)	Reschenthaler

Rogers (KY)	Smith (MO)	Timmons
Rose	Smith (NE)	Turner (OH)
Rouzer	Smith (NJ)	Valadao
Roy	Smucker	Van Drew
Rulli	Spartz	Van Dwyne
Rutherford	Stauber	Wagner
Salazar	Stefanik	Weber (TX)
Scalise	Steil	Webster (FL)
Schmidt	Steube	Westerman
Schneider	Strong	Wied
Schweikert	Stutzman	Williams (TX)
Scott, Austin	Taylor	Wilson (SC)
Self	Tenney	Womack
Sessions	Thompson (PA)	Yakym
Shreve	Tiffany	Zinke

NOT VOTING—27

Amodei (NV)	Gottheimer	Rogers (AL)
Beatty	Grothman	Sherrill
Brecheen	Jackson (IL)	Simpson
Carey	Kamlager-Dove	Van Orden
Carter (TX)	Lofgren	Vargas
Dunn (FL)	Lynch	Velázquez
Figures	McCauley	Walberg
Garamendi	Miller-Meeks	Wilson (FL)
Garbarino	Nehls	Wittman

□ 1458

Messrs. RUTHERFORD, HILL of Arkansas, LAWLER, Ms. DELAURO, Messrs. DOWNING, GREEN of Tennessee, FEENSTRA, and HERN of Oklahoma changed their vote from “yea” to “nay.”

Messrs. HORSFORD and DAVIS of Illinois changed their vote from “nay” to “yea.”

So the motion to adjourn was rejected.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

Stated against:

Mr. GROTHMAN. I was not notified of the vote. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 178.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or votes objected to under clause 6 of rule XX.

The House will resume proceedings on postponed questions at a later time.

CONDEMNING THE ATTACKS ON MINNESOTA LAWMAKERS IN BROOKLYN PARK AND CHAMPLIN, MINNESOTA, AND CALLING FOR UNITY AND THE REJECTION OF POLITICAL VIOLENCE IN MINNESOTA AND ACROSS THE UNITED STATES

Mr. COMER. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the resolution (H. Res. 519) condemning the attacks on Minnesota lawmakers in Brooklyn Park and Champlin, Minnesota, and calling for unity and the rejection of political violence in Minnesota and across the United States, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

H. RES. 519

Whereas, on June 14, 2025, a gunman entered the home of Minnesota State Senator

John Hoffman and shot and critically injured him and his wife, Yvette Hoffman;

Whereas the gunman then entered the home of Minnesota State House Speaker Emerita Melissa Hortman and assassinated her and her husband Mark Hortman;

Whereas the gunman had documents that listed dozens of lawmakers targeted for assassination;

Whereas the law enforcement officers of Brooklyn Park and Champlin saved additional lives by intervening with their bravery and rapid response to the attack;

Whereas Speaker Emerita Hortman was a formidable public servant who served her community and the people of Minnesota with deep devotion, compassion, and strength;

Whereas acts of political violence have no place in the United States of America and represent a grave threat to our nation;

Whereas swift condemnation of political violence by elected officials is necessary to preserve and protect American democracy;

Whereas when these violent acts expose division, we must persevere in the pursuit of democratic principles, resolving our differences through debate and civil discourse; and

Whereas political violence not only attacks the life and liberty of our representatives, it also attacks the right of the people to be represented: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives, in this moment of tragic loss—

(1) strongly condemns and denounces the attacks on Minnesota state legislators in Brooklyn Park and Champlin, Minnesota on June 14, 2025;

(2) honors the life of Speaker Emerita Melissa Hortman for her devotion to public service and her tireless efforts to serve the people of Minnesota, and the life of her husband, Mark Hortman;

(3) honors Senator John Hoffman and his wife, Yvette Hoffman, who were shot and critically injured, and wishes their full and speedy recovery;

(4) honors the courageous law enforcement officers who saved additional lives with their rapid response to the attack and successfully apprehended and charged the suspected perpetrator on June 15, 2025;

(5) calls on all community leaders and elected officials to publicly and unequivocally denounce acts of political violence; and

(6) calls on all people in the United States to unite in this moment of pain and tragedy and reaffirm our commitment to a safe, civil, and peaceful democracy where violent rhetoric and acts are not tolerated.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Kentucky (Mr. COMER) and the gentleman from California (Mr. GARCÍA) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Kentucky.

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

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

There was no objection.

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

Mr. Speaker, on June 14, a horrific tragedy was inflicted on America and the State of Minnesota.

Early that morning, a deranged assassin ambushed State Senator John

Hoffman and his wife, Yvette, both of whom were shot multiple times at their home while bravely defending their daughter.

Hours later, the same assassin broke into the residence of Melissa Hortman and murdered her and her husband, Mark, in cold blood. Melissa was the former 61st speaker of the Minnesota House of Representatives.

These attacks were not random.

Recent evidence has revealed that they were part of a larger plot the assailant was planning that appeared to target public servants and their families across the State.

Such violence has no place in our country, especially political violence. Today, my colleagues and I firmly condemn these attacks and all who seek to harm our elected officials, regardless of party or ideology.

In this country, we resolve our differences through spirited debate, the ballot box, and by working through an intentionally designed constitutional system left to us as our Founding Fathers' greatest legacy.

The victims of this horrible attack were not just politicians. They were neighbors, parents, sons, and daughters. They believed in this Nation and their State enough to dedicate their lives to representing their constituents' interests and the pursuit of positive change.

I am confident that my colleagues share this sentiment and can agree that no American, whether elected official or private citizen, should live in fear of being targeted for their beliefs, their vote, or their service.

I would also like to recognize the valiant effort of law enforcement in tracking down and capturing the suspect in this case.

Despite knowing the danger the alleged murderer posed, for 40 hours, officers across numerous departments and agencies worked tirelessly to locate and stop the killer before he could strike again. Their courage and professionalism prevented further loss of life, and they deserve our deepest gratitude.

We stand with the people of Minnesota. We condemn these horrific attacks and denounce political violence in all its forms as contrary to the American Constitution and our way of life.

In moments like these, we must all come together to reaffirm our commitment to protecting the peace and civility that define the America that I know and love.

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

Mr. GARCÍA of California. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I thank first the entire Minnesota delegation, in particular Congresswoman MORRISON for introducing this important resolution. This is obviously a very sad time across our country, and of course our hearts and our prayers go to the family, and everyone impacted across the State.

I know that the events of June 14 were shocking and heartbreaking. Minnesota State House Speaker Emerita Melissa Hortman and her husband, Mark Hortman, were assassinated. Minnesota State Senator John Hoffman and his wife, Yvette, were critically injured.

I offer my love on behalf of this Congress and those across the country who have been impacted by these crimes, who have seen these crimes, and who all reject this political violence.

I want to take this time to thank State, Federal, and local law enforcement for their tireless work to bring the perpetrator to justice.

We should be clear: Political violence against anyone is an attack on our democracy and all of us.

We know that the shooter committed this terrible crime to terrorize and intimidate. He intended to spread his hate and violence toward many more public servants. The gunman had documents listing dozens of additional lawmakers targeted for assassination or for violence, including Congressman KRISHNAMOORTHY who, of course, is a member of our Oversight Committee.

We have seen how our Members of Congress are facing more and more threats, but we cannot and will not be silent. It is important that we continue to push back against hate, fear, division, and misinformation in a bipartisan way.

Every elected official at every level must loudly call out and denounce these attacks because acts of political violence like these are a fundamental threat to our democracy.

Today, we will come together in a bipartisan way to condemn these senseless attacks and reject political violence.

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

Mr. COMER. Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. STAUBER).

Mr. STAUBER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart to strongly condemn the recent attacks on Minnesota lawmakers and their families and denounce all forms of political violence.

Earlier this month, a deranged gunman shocked the State of Minnesota and this entire Nation by murdering Speaker Emerita Melissa Hortman and her husband, Mark, and attempting to kill State Senator John Hoffman and his wife, Yvette.

I am absolutely devastated by this terrifying act of violence. While I didn't know Melissa Hortman personally, her reputation was that of a very dedicated public servant who cared deeply about our shared State and its peaceful people. I heard equally wonderful things about Mark Hortman, especially his deep devotion to his family.

My heart aches for the Hortmans' two children, now left without parents, and all their loved ones. At the same time, I continue to hold Senator Hoffman and his wife, Yvette, in my prayers as they begin the long and difficult

road toward healing. Their survival is nothing short of a miracle, and I thank God they remain with us today.

I am also thankful to all of our brave law enforcement officers in Minnesota, along with our Federal partners who were able to locate and capture the killer, ending his brief reign of terror on our State. Without their quick response, there may have been many more victims. Thanks to their dedication and professionalism, justice will now be delivered.

Make no mistake. This was not just an attack on the Hortman and Hoffman families. This was an attack on the State of Minnesota and our shared ideals as Americans.

Political violence such as this threatens the very fabric of our constitutional republic and can never be ignored or met without condemnation. I am personally alarmed by the growing number of threats and attacks on public officials across the political spectrum in recent years. While we may have our differences, it is incumbent upon us all to make sure that disagreement never descends into violence.

Now, more than ever, we must remember that we are all Americans, and what unites us is far more powerful than anything that might divide us.

I am deeply grateful to Melissa Hortman, John Hoffman, and both of their families for everything they have contributed to our great State of Minnesota. I think one of the most powerful ways we can honor them is by standing united as Americans against this senseless attack and against all forms of political violence.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to do so by supporting H. Res. 519.

Mr. GARCIA of California. Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentlewoman from Minnesota (Ms. MORRISON), the author of this resolution.

Ms. MORRISON. Mr. Speaker, I rise with a heavy heart but a deep resolve as we confront the assassination and attempted murders of multiple State legislators in Minnesota.

What we witnessed last weekend was an unspeakable act. This is a scary time for our country, and it comes at a time of increasing political violence. There have been assassination attempts, kidnapping plots, arson, and insurrection.

As elected Representatives for the people of the United States of America, we have to take responsibility for our roles in this moment. As elected leaders, we play a prominent role in setting the tone in creating the atmosphere and shaping the narrative in determining what becomes normalized.

This cannot be normalized.

Our words, our posts, our responses, they all carry weight and have serious consequences. This is our wake-up call. The escalation and normalization of violent rhetoric and political violence have gone way too far.

We, as elected Representatives, have to take the lead and be the first to speak out and to start to model a better path forward.

We can argue about who is to blame and which side is worse, but let's make this the moment where we unequivocally condemn and commit to ending violent rhetoric, full stop. We have to make this horrific act of targeted political violence a watershed moment for our country.

We have to take a hard look at where we are, and we have to remember who is watching us. Our children, the next generation of leaders, are looking to us to learn how to behave and how to treat each other.

That includes creating a world where people aren't scared by the hatred and division they see in their lives every day, creating a world where our children have kind, compassionate leaders to look up to and aspire to be.

Do we really want our children to live in a world where our elected leaders bully and lead with hatred and cruelty? Remember, political violence isn't just an attack on legislators. It is an attack on the American people. It is an attack on our democracy.

Political violence threatens your right to be represented, your right to have your voices heard. It threatens who will be willing to run for office. As someone who was a doctor for almost two decades before I got into politics, I am passionate about recruiting people from different backgrounds to run because we need more diversity in who represents us.

Our democracy depends on good people running for office, and I am deeply concerned that this will have a chilling effect if we don't stop it in its tracks.

As we prepare to vote on this resolution, I come to my colleagues with a solemn plea. Devastated by the loss of my friend and colleague but more determined than ever with a deep love for the unrealized promise of our country, I implore my colleagues to not only vote in support of this resolution but to commit together to live by these words every day. Stand up, speak out, and safeguard our democracy.

Mr. COMER. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from Louisiana (Mr. SCALISE), the majority leader.

Mr. SCALISE. Mr. Speaker, I thank my friend from Kentucky for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, a little over a week ago, America witnessed a horrific act of political violence that goes against everything the United States stands for.

On June 14, a deranged murderer disguised himself as a police officer to gain entry into the home of Minnesota State Senator John Hoffman. He shot the senator and his wife, Yvette, a combined total of 17 times as Yvette shielded her daughter, Hope, who then called 911.

Thankfully, Yvette Hoffman has been released from the hospital while John remains in serious but stable condition. He remains in our prayers.

The killer, still disguised as a law enforcement officer, then stopped at the homes of two other Minnesota lawmakers, one whom was fortunately not

home, and the other who was perhaps saved by a timely law enforcement intervention.

He later arrived at the home of Minnesota State House Speaker Emerita Melissa Hortman and assassinated her and her husband, Mark Hortman.

Law enforcement then led a 2-day manhunt before capturing the killer and finding a list of more than 45 lawmakers and potential targets.

As someone who has experienced political violence firsthand, this brings back a lot of emotions. The man who shot me on the ball field that day also had a list of lawmakers. I am grateful for the actions of the brave law enforcement officers who ran toward the danger and saved lives on the ball field that day and saved no doubt many lives in Minnesota on that day just a few days ago.

This was a methodically planned attack on the people's right to be governed by their duly-elected Representatives and should be universally condemned, Mr. Speaker.

America's differences must be resolved through debate and democracy, not through violence.

The resolution we are voting on today denounces these disturbing and anti-American attacks and mourns the tragic loss of Melissa and Mark Hortman.

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H. Res. 519, introduced by the gentlewoman from Minnesota (Ms. MORRISON), unequivocally condemns the horrific attacks on Minnesota lawmakers and their families in Brooklyn Park and Champlin, Minnesota, and calls for the rejection of political violence in Minnesota and throughout the United States.

Political violence will never have a place in America. Lawmakers from both sides of the aisle must unite to reject political violence in all forms across the country.

Melissa Hortman was a dedicated public servant, and we join Minnesota and the Nation in honoring her life and the life of her husband, Mark. We also pray for the speedy recovery of John and Yvette Hoffman and for peace and unity in the face of tragedy and division.

Mr. Speaker, I urge adoption of the resolution.

Mr. GARCIA of California. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY).

Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart and growing concern for the safety of our democracy.

On June 14, in Minnesota, Speaker Emerita Melissa Hortman and her husband, Mark, were gunned down in their home. That same night, State Senator John Hoffman and his wife, Yvette, were shot and wounded in a separate attack. These were not random acts of violence. The shooter left notes with the names of other public officials, including my own name.

The Minnesota murders were a warning. If we are to respond meaningfully, we must confront three hard truths.

First, political violence is no longer an abstract threat. It is real. It is here. It is escalating. Public servants across this country face rising threats simply for doing their jobs.

Second, these attacks are about more than individuals. They are destabilizing our institutions. The only offense that these Minnesota public officials and Leader SCALISE were committing was serving their communities. When acts of violence are aimed at silencing civic participation, our entire democracy is at risk.

Third, we must meet this moment with unity and resolve. We must reject the violent rhetoric and conspiracies that fuel this hatred. We must defend civil dialogue. We must stand together as Republicans and Democrats to condemn political violence and, for that matter, violence of all kinds.

Just as an aside, I hope that the American people have a chance to watch this particular debate because I think that it really illustrates the unity and resolve that I think all of us must exhibit at all times.

Representative Hortman and Senator Hoffman deserve more than our thoughts. They deserve our commitment to ensuring that this never happens again.

Mr. COMER. Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentlewoman from Minnesota (Mrs. FISCHBACH).

Mrs. FISCHBACH. Mr. Speaker, I thank Mr. COMER for yielding me the time.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H. Res. 519.

The events of June 14 were truly horrifying. Those events shocked Minnesota, and they shocked the country.

We mourn the loss of Minnesota Speaker Melissa Hortman and her husband, Mark. We pray for the swift recovery of my friend, Senator John Hoffman, and his wife, Yvette. I was honored to serve with both of them in the Minnesota Legislature.

We are still processing this senseless act, and I stand with my colleagues today as we say that there is no place for politically motivated violence in this country.

These victims committed themselves to public service and believed that they were working to make their State a better place. There is no scenario in which that dedication to public service should have cost them their lives.

We stand with John and Yvette and their family as they continue to recover from the horrible attack.

I know that the friends and family of Mark and Melissa are proud of the legacy they left, and they have left a strong legacy for all of us. I hope their friends and family know that the Minnesota community is here for them.

Finally, I thank the men and women of law enforcement who worked tirelessly to apprehend this deranged killer and bring the episode to a close.

Mr. GARCIA of California. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentlewoman from Minnesota (Ms. MCCOLLUM).

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise in full support of this resolution, and I thank Congresswoman MORRISON on behalf of the entire Minnesota delegation for bringing us together.

We must stand united to condemn the assassination of Minnesota Speaker Emerita Melissa Hortman and her husband, Mark, and the attempted murder of Senator John Hoffman and his wife, Yvette.

Political violence targeted these two great servants who exemplified the best of Minnesota values: hard work, respect, inclusion, and, yes, caring for our neighbors.

Minnesotans are devastated by these heinous acts, and our communities are feeling shock, grief, and distraught.

We know that this whole Nation has joined in mourning with us, but this wasn't just an attack on our dedicated public servants and their families. It was an attack on our democratic system of government. Democracy embraces the civil exchange of ideas and the open debate of policy. It is a commitment to disagree with one another while respecting the rule of law. That is how democracy thrives.

Violent rhetoric, threats, and physical attacks driven by political ideology must not be tolerated by any of us if our democracy is to survive.

This resolution is an opportunity for us to speak with one voice to condemn the attacks on Minnesota's elected officials. All Americans, especially our leaders, must unequivocally denounce acts of political violence.

Mr. Speaker, I urge every Member of this House to stand with Minnesotans, to stand with our Nation, and to stand with our democracy by voting for the adoption of this resolution.

Mr. COMER. Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. FINSTAD).

Mr. FINSTAD. Mr. Speaker, I thank Chairman COMER for yielding me time.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Res. 519.

In the early morning hours of June 14, many of us woke up to the horrifying news of a targeted political attack that took the lives of former Minnesota Speaker of the House Melissa Hortman and her husband, Mark, and which left State Senator John Hoffman and his wife, Yvette, hospitalized with multiple gunshot wounds.

In the hours and the days following, the largest manhunt in our State's history ensued, with over 200 officers from local, State, and Federal jurisdictions working together around the clock to bring the shooter to justice.

I thank the officers who conducted this successful manhunt and ensured the safety and security of Minnesota lawmakers in the ensuing hours.

I also express my personal gratitude to members of the New Ulm Police Department, the Brown County Sheriff's

Office, and Sheriff Jason Seidl. They worked to ensure the safety of my family and me in the hours following the attack.

I had the honor of serving with Speaker Emerita Hortman for 4 years during my time in the Minnesota Legislature. I will forever cherish the conversations and friendship that I had with her then and throughout the 20 years since.

When I look at my time serving alongside her, Melissa embodied the spirit of the hardworking people of Minnesota. She came from a blue-collar upbringing and had a work ethic that drove her to always seek out solutions rather than seeking out a spotlight for a political win.

Melissa was a principled public servant who led by example. When tough decisions had to be made, she put her politics aside and got the job done for Minnesotans.

As a lawmaker, Melissa brought her roll-up-the-sleeves, problem-solving approach to almost every issue. Along with it, she touched all of us with the witty humor that many of us will remember her for, including myself.

Melissa was a very special person, and I can say without hesitation that our State was better served due to her leadership. The halls of the Minnesota State Capitol will be a lot less bright without her.

Words cannot express the emotions that all of us across Minnesota have experienced in the wake of this tragic event: devastation, fear, grief, and outrage.

Whether we agree or disagree on policy issues, politically targeted violence like this must never be tolerated.

My wife, Jackie, and I teach our kids that it is possible to respectfully disagree with others. We have to do the same as a society. We have to lead by example and put civility back into today's political discourse.

Political disagreement is healthy. It is what our system of government was founded upon. We have our fair share of that political disagreement in Minnesota, and we even have it here in the House Chamber.

I was proud to join every Member of the Minnesota delegation on both sides of the aisle to call out this act of hatred, and we will continue to do so together.

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

Mr. COMER. Mr. Speaker, I yield an additional 1 minute to the gentleman from Minnesota.

Mr. FINSTAD. Mr. Speaker, over the past week, I have been reminding myself that hope, faith, and resilience are the enemy of evil. I remind my fellow Minnesotans—not just the Republicans and not just the Democrats but my fellow Minnesotans—that hope, faith, and resilience are the enemy of evil. While one person's evil acts shook us to our core, it is up to each and every one of us to be the good.

I hope that all of us take time to lean on each other and find opportunities to

be more loving family members, kinder friends, and better neighbors because that is the good that overcomes evil.

My thoughts and prayers go out to the Hortman and Hoffman families during this time of tragedy.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this important resolution.

Mr. GARCIA of California. Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentlewoman from Minnesota (Ms. CRAIG).

Ms. CRAIG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor two incredible Minnesotans and friends who were taken from us too soon: Speaker Melissa Hortman and her husband, Mark Hortman.

We lost Melissa and Mark two weeks ago in an unthinkable, politically motivated attack that also threatened the lives of State Senator John Hoffman; his wife, Yvette; and their daughter, Hope.

Like many Minnesotans, I have struggled to come to terms with this tragedy and to make sense of it, but I found comfort in community and in sharing stories of my friends, Melissa and Mark.

Today, I will remember the Hortmans for the people that they were and the legacy that they will leave behind. Anyone who knew Melissa and Mark knew that, together, they were a force for good. Melissa was a dedicated public servant, and both she and her husband devoted their lives to improving the lives of Minnesotans.

Personally, Melissa and I shared a love of golden retrievers. We often exchanged stories and photos of our beloveds. She adored her golden retriever, Gilbert, and he adored her.

Professionally, I had the privilege of working with Melissa over the years and watching her excel as speaker of the Minnesota House of Representatives. I had always admired her work and her ability to work across the aisle and make tough decisions when she needed to. She was a true leader, and she led by example.

Recently, Melissa had to take a tough vote that she personally didn't agree with, but it was the best deal that she could get. In my last conversation with her, I told her that I was proud of her. I was proud of her leadership. Standing here today, I am so glad that I did.

It is still difficult to comprehend the violent attacks on the Hortmans and Hoffmans, but what I do know is that we got here, in part, because of our divisive rhetoric that we have allowed to seep into our politics and into our communities.

It will take our entire community coming together. We must hold ourselves and each other accountable. It is the only way forward, and it is how we honor the legacy of Melissa and Mark.

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

Mr. GARCIA of California. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentlewoman from Minnesota (Ms. OMAR).

Ms. OMAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart in support of H. Res. 519.

What happened in my State of Minnesota was a painful reminder of the growing threats that public servants face simply for doing their jobs.

Speaker Melissa Hortman was a friend, mentor, and fierce advocate who dedicated her life to public service. The assassination of Melissa and her husband, Mark, and the harm done to Senator John Hoffman and his wife, Yvette, is a tragedy that should shake all of us, regardless of party.

This resolution calls on us, on both sides of the aisle, to take that violence seriously.

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Recently, we have seen acts of political violence minimized, joked about, and used as a talking point. This has to stop. This job is never supposed to come with a target on our backs.

Political violence has no place in our democracy. If we truly believe in the work that we are doing here, then we have to protect the people who serve.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this resolution.

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

Mr. GARCIA of California. Mr. Speaker, I yield 3 minutes to the gentlewoman from Illinois (Mrs. RAMIREZ).

Mrs. RAMIREZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H. Res. 519 introduced by Congresswoman KELLY MORRISON and the Minnesota delegation.

I join my colleagues in condemning the attack that took the lives of Speaker Emerita Melissa Hortman and her husband, Mark, and wounded Senator John Hoffman and his wife, Yvette.

Let me say this loud and clear as so many have said today. There is no place in our democracy for political violence. It violates our shared humanity. The violence we saw in Minnesota is a consequence of those in power irresponsibly stoking division and fermenting hate against political opponents.

I also rise today to amplify the resolution's call that we all reaffirm our commitment to a democracy where violent rhetoric and acts like this are not tolerated.

Their call is echoed in my resolution to honor the life of Wadee Alfayoumi, a 6-year-old boy from Illinois whose life was taken in the act of anti-Palestinian violence. It is the duty of elected officials and the media to tell the truth without dehumanizing rhetoric when informing the public of factual information.

We know that dehumanizing rhetoric can fuel sentiments of hate that result in violence, and each tragedy adds to a litany of evidence that our safety and our security are interconnected. Dehumanizing rhetoric makes us all less safe. Whether it be Truth Social polls, on Twitter or anywhere else, we all have a responsibility to denounce political violence in all its forms.

It is our duty to denounce, and we will continue to reject, all forms of

hate-fueled violence from Plainfield, Illinois to Gaza to Israel to D.C. to Boulder to Minneapolis and everywhere in between. It is our responsibility, and I thank the sponsors for bringing this resolution.

Mr. COMER. Mr. Speaker, I am prepared to close, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. GARCIA of California. Mr. Speaker, we can all agree that political violence should be condemned whenever it happens. Public servants must be able to do their jobs and represent their constituents without fear. It is good to hear this bipartisan support today. Of course, our prayers and our thoughts are with everyone impacted.

Mr. Speaker, I urge the adoption of the resolution, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. COMER. Mr. Speaker, I join my House colleagues in offering my deepest condolences to the people of Minnesota.

I particularly extend my sympathies to my House colleagues representing the Minnesota delegation. We mourn the loss of Melissa and Mark Hortman, remembering their lives and the lasting impact they had on the State they loved so deeply.

We send warm wishes of recovery to John and Yvette Hoffman, who have displayed true courage through this nightmare.

My prayers are with the families and friends of the victims who have had their lives upended and forever altered by these heinous acts.

We will not bend to intimidation or fear, and we refuse to tolerate the actions of those who would seek to usurp the will of the people and their representatives, advancing their own twisted agendas through violence and bloodshed.

Mr. Speaker, I encourage each of our colleagues to support this resolution, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BOST). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Kentucky (Mr. COMER) that the House suspend the rules and agree to the resolution, H. Res. 519, as amended.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the ayes have it.

Mr. GARCIA of California. 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 motion will be postponed.

HAPPY 90TH BIRTHDAY TO WILLIS
ROSCOE BOWMAN

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

Mr. BURCHETT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a very good friend of

mine and a dadgum good east Tennessean, Mr. Willis Roscoe Bowman, on his 90th birthday.

He is a lifelong resident of Bristol, Tennessee, and a lifelong entrepreneur. If I had to guess, I think his proudest accomplishment is his family. Mr. Bowman is married to his loving wife, and he is an outstanding father and grandfather to nine grandchildren. I know they keep him very busy.

He began his career after purchasing a small gas station, going on to own nine different domestic and foreign car dealerships across east Tennessee. At the age of 90, he still continues to go into the office three to four times a week, Mr. Speaker. I think Congress could learn a lot from his work ethic and dedication to his community.

Roscoe is also a NASCAR fanatic and never missed a race at Bristol Motor Speedway from 1961 until 2019. He even earned the coveted position of dropping the starting flag at a race. Over the years, he has become a collector of classic cars, restoring many of them himself.

Friends, family, employees, and customers of Roscoe's will always tell you that he is one of the best men in all of east Tennessee, and I agree with that.

He is most well-known for giving you his word and coming through every time, Mr. Speaker. This is yet just another example how Members of Congress could learn a little of something from Roscoe.

Mr. Speaker, from up here in Washington, D.C., I thank Mr. Bowman for his friendship, and I wish him the happiest 90th birthday. I thank him for his time and commitment to the people of east Tennessee.

IN MEMORY OF FREDERICK W. SMITH, JR.

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

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the opportunity to appear here.

In Memphis, one of our great leaders in the State of Tennessee, in the United States of America, and the world, in fact, was Frederick W. Smith, Jr.

Fred Smith died suddenly this past weekend. He was 80 years old.

Fred Smith started a business called FedEx, the largest air cargo system in the world. He started it with an idea that he came up with at Yale University and made it a paper. The paper didn't get a very good grade, but the people of the world judged it as A-plus, and everything about Fred Smith was A-plus.

He was just a regular, decent human being and a good guy. He was always available. He never made you think he was a big titan of business or a leader of industry in the world. He was just somebody who was interested in what you had to talk to him about, and he would offer his advice.

In Memphis, he did have his hand in just about everything. Our basketball arena, FedExForum, has made the city the home of an NBA team. That is because of Fred Smith. Our college football team plays in Liberty Stadium. He has pledged \$50 million to improve that stadium and bring it up to higher standards. We have a golf tournament that is the FedEx St. Jude Golf Classic.

He had his hand in every good thing in Memphis from education, zoos, and the civil rights museum. It is a big loss to Memphis. It is a big loss to Tennesseans. It is a big loss to Americans.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Mr. DESJARLAIS and Mr. BURCHETT for joining me up here. I ask everyone to stand for a moment of silence in the memory of Frederick W. Smith, Jr., a life well lived.

ANNIVERSARY OF THE DOBBS RULING

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

Mr. HARRIS of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, 3 years ago today, the Supreme Court made the courageous and correct decision to strike down Roe v. Wade, but, Mr. Speaker, when over a million abortions are still happening every year in our country, we cannot grow apathetic to the ongoing suffering of unborn children.

Our Constitution never was a pro-abortion document. It was always intended to guarantee equal protection for all people no matter how young or how small. The good from the Dobbs decision is eclipsed by the rise in abortions nationwide following the decision, mostly due to chemical abortions through telehealth.

Congress must act with urgency. My Teleabortion Prevention Act takes a step in the right direction by ending the practice of mail-order abortion that kills children and leaves mothers alone and helpless.

We must take the principles woven into the fabric of our country and ensure they are reflected in our laws.

REMEMBERING THE LATE FORMER SPEAKER EMERITA MELISSA HORTMAN

(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 honor the late former Minnesota House of Representatives Speaker Melissa Hortman.

From the start of her career fighting housing discrimination as a volunteer lawyer to leading the Minnesota House as speaker, Melissa truly exemplified what it means to live a life of public service.

It was my honor to serve alongside her in the Minnesota legislature, where she showed me how to lead with passion and integrity.

I was heartbroken to learn that my dear friend and her husband, Mark, were assassinated in an act of senseless political violence.

There is absolutely no place in our communities for this kind of cruelty. We must settle our differences with civility and grace. We owe this promise to Melissa, Mark, and the Hoffmans, who also suffered at the hands of this violence, and our future generations.

Mr. Speaker, may Melissa's memory of unwavering dedication to all of Minnesota be remembered for years to come.

DO NOT MESS WITH OUR PUBLIC LANDS

(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, today, I have a simple message for my colleagues in the U.S. Senate: Do not mess with our public lands.

I helped to defeat a provision originally included in the House reconciliation bill that would have provided for public land sales. We got it removed, but now a similar provision has somehow reemerged in the Senate.

I will be very clear: The inclusion of any such provision in the final version of the bill will imperil the entire reconciliation package. Our beautiful public lands are not just national treasures. They are deeply interwoven with our communities. They are essential to the character of our region. They provide jobs and economic activity. They provide recreation and joy, and they are open to all.

Mr. Speaker, I will fight in every way I can to assure that they remain open to all and that the will of our local communities is not subordinated to decisions made in Washington, D.C.

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CONGRATULATING AUSTIN RHODES

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

Mr. ALLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Augusta radio host Austin Rhodes on the recent announcement that he will be inducted into the Georgia Radio Hall of Fame.

For over 30 years, Austin has been a consistent and dependable voice as the host of the "Austin Rhodes Show" on WGAC, making it one of Georgia's longest running weekday drive-time talk shows.

Nearly 3 years ago, I stood before this body to recognize Austin's 30th year anniversary in broadcasting, and it is my honor to stand here once again to mark yet another achievement in his long career.

During my time in Congress, I have had the pleasure of joining Austin's

show on many occasions to discuss key issues impacting our Nation and the CSRA. I will always appreciate Austin's flexibility, willingness to have important conversations, and most of all his ability to tell it like he sees it.

I congratulate Austin on this well-deserved honor. I have no doubt that he will continue to be our afternoon voice on the airways for many years to come.

DO NOT SELL OFF PUBLIC LANDS

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

Ms. TITUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to send a message to Senator LEE and his allies: We are not going to let you use our treasured public lands as revenue raisers to pay for tax cuts for billionaires.

We made it clear here in the House that selling off our public lands faced bipartisan opposition. With the House version of the bill, I was pleased and proud to lead the effort to strike that provision to sell off public lands in my congressional district in southern Nevada without our consent.

Now, Senator LEE is trying to introduce a similar provision in the Senate version of the bill. Nevadans see this for what it is, and there is public outrage from outdoor enthusiasts and conservationists.

I am pleased that the Senate Parliamentarian, with the Byrd rule, has correctly ruled that this reckless provision has no business in a reconciliation bill. These are our public lands. Look at this map, and you can see what is at stake. It is not in the bill right now, but the fight is far from over, and so we will continue to do that. This is the reason why, for future generations.

TEN COMMONSENSE REFORMS

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

Mrs. FEDORCHAK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to highlight 10 provisions in the House-passed One Big Beautiful Bill Act, 10 commonsense reforms that too often get overlooked.

One, the bill modernizes our air traffic control system;

Two, it reforms student loans to reduce student loan debt and debt burdens;

Three, it helps farmers by increasing reference prices and strengthening crop insurance;

Four, it ensures EV drivers pay their fair share for the roads because everyone who uses roads should help pay for them;

Five, it reopens Federal lands for energy and mineral development, restoring American energy leadership;

Six, it unlocks spectrum for auction so we can roll out faster 5G;

Seven, it restocks our military, delivering peace through strength;

Eight, it invests \$10 billion in border security or more;

Nine, it eliminates the \$200 Federal tax on suppressors; and,

Ten, last but not least, it ends Federal subsidies for wind and solar.

CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARY OF DOBBS DECISION

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

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the topic of this Special Order.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, 3 years ago today, the infamous holding of *Roe v. Wade* and *Planned Parenthood v. Casey* were reversed by the Dobbs decision, brilliantly written by Justice Samuel Alito, who hails from my State and from my home county, joined by the majority of the Supreme Court.

They said this: "The Constitution does not confer a right to abortion . . ."

They went on to say: ". . . the authority to regulate abortion is returned to the people and their elected representatives."

A new national debate on abortion began 3 years ago. While there will be setbacks along the way, every human rights struggle has them. I believe that growing numbers of Americans are finally recognizing the cheap sophistry, the megadeception, and the culture of denial that devalues and disrespects unborn baby girls and unborn baby boys and trivializes the harm suffered by women.

The comprehensive 2025 nationwide Marist Poll found that Americans are against taxpayer-funded abortion, both at home and overseas in our foreign aid; strongly support pregnancy care centers, I mean very strongly support them; and want significant restrictions on abortion.

A large number of elected representatives have passed pro-life laws to protect unborn children, including the State of Texas; and when a heartbeat can be detected at around 6 weeks in States like Florida, Georgia, Iowa, and South Carolina; or when the child suffers excruciating physical pain, as we know they do, from the abortion procedure, particularly as the child is being dismembered. That is a procedure used to kill these children at about 12 to 15 weeks. To date, 24 States have enacted pro-life laws to protect unborn children and women from the violence of abortion.

Meanwhile, I am happy to say there are more than 2,700 pregnancy care

centers throughout the United States, each and every one of them an oasis of love, compassion, empathy, respect, and care for both mothers and their precious children.

Abortion extremists in several States, on the other hand, including in my own State of New Jersey, have enacted anti-child laws that legally authorize killing unborn babies right up until the moment of birth and also forcing taxpayers to subsidize the violent deed.

Twice the Democratic-led House of Representatives passed extremist legislation that would have explicitly sanctioned abortion throughout all 9 months of pregnancy, again, right up to the moment of birth, and would have nullified even modest restrictions enacted over the past half century, including informed consent, waiting periods, and parental notification statutes.

Let me just point out to my colleagues, the so-called abortion pill, mifepristone, is baby poison. It kills the unborn infant by starving the innocent child to death.

I have done a lot of work on the Foreign Affairs Committee over the years on food security. I have written two bills that passed the House, called the Global Food Security Act. I am all about, as we all are, mitigating hunger in our hometowns and across the world. What does mifepristone do? It starves the baby to death. The little child can't get the nutrients he or she needs to survive.

This statement by Dr. Francis makes it clear:

It leads to starvation and eventual death to the fetal human being.

We also know now, however, that mifepristone is extremely dangerous to women as well, and this is especially important because this dangerous drug is used to procure abortion 60 percent of the time, 6 out of 10 abortions in the United States.

On April 28, 2015, the Ethics and Public Policy Center released a report titled: "The Abortion Pill Harms Women: Insurance Data Reveals One in Ten Patients Experiences a Serious Adverse Event." The key findings were that women who take this drug experience sepsis, infection, hemorrhaging, and other serious adverse events within about 45 days of taking it. It was the largest study ever, known study of the abortion pill, 28 times as many abortions as were included in all FDA-cited clinical trials combined. This is the megastudy, and it found what was not found earlier because in many cases those trials were sham trials.

Let me also point out that it needs to be revisited. We call on the FDA to look at what has been done to women because of this terrible, terrible abortion drug.

Let me just conclude before yielding to my very distinguished colleagues: I believe that future generations of Americans will some day look back on us and wonder how and why a society that bragged about its commitment to

human rights could have legally sanctioned and aggressively promoted abortion by child starvation or by dismemberment, beheading, chemical poisoning, and forced expulsion from the womb. I call on my colleagues to defend life.

I also would point out, in an information age, they will wonder, as I do now, how was it that so many were deceived into believing that somehow abortion is safe. It is never safe for the baby, and it is certainly not safe for the mother, as well.

The injustice of abortion violence need not be forever, and we stand united in trying to protect those innocent human beings.

I yield to the gentleman from Louisiana (Mr. JOHNSON), our very distinguished Speaker of the House.

Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana. Mr. Speaker, I thank my friend for his many years in this arena defending the sanctity of every human life. I rise this afternoon to mark this historic lifesaving anniversary.

Three years ago today, the Supreme Court corrected an egregious and tragic error and affirmed an undeniable truth that was originally affirmed in our Nation's birth certificate, the Declaration of Independence. That truth is that every single person is made in the image of God, and they are thus bestowed with inestimable dignity and value.

Our value is not related in any way to the color of our skin or what ZIP Code we live in, what our talents are, what are hobbies or our aptitudes are. It is all irrelevant because our value, our intrinsic value, is given to us by our Creator. That is what the Framers of this grand experiment in self-governance believed.

The Dobbs decision, which moved the question of regulating abortion to the people's elected representatives, reversed 50 years of inhumane social engineering and has saved hundreds of thousands of innocent lives in the process.

Susan B. Anthony Pro-Life America estimates that post-Dobbs, pro-life policies have now saved more than 200,000 lives annually. That means at least 200,000 more babies every year are being given the blessing of life, the opportunity to be born. How profound that is.

On this very joyous, lifesaving anniversary, we remember the more than 63 million who were never given that opportunity to live, and we vow to continue building a culture of life and advancing policies which protect the sanctity of every single human life.

I again salute my friend CHRIS SMITH, the chairman of our Pro-Life Caucus, for all his work for so many decades in this arena. I thank him for holding this Special Order hour this afternoon.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I thank our very distinguished Speaker for his remarks. No one is more articulate, more passionate, or more informed on the issues

of life across the board than our Speaker, and what a leader he is. I can't thank Speaker JOHNSON enough for his leadership. It is for times such as this he is here and doing a tremendous job.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Illinois (Mrs. MILLER).

Mrs. MILLER of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I thank Congressman SMITH so much for his decades of service to the pro-life movement.

June 24, 2022, will forever be one of the greatest days in American history. After 50 years of peacefully praying outside clinics and marching in Washington and our State capitals, Roe v. Wade was no more. While the Dobbs decision was a monumental victory, the fight for life has only just begun.

Many States have stepped up to the plate, with over half of them enacting laws to protect unborn life. However, blue States have doubled down on their murderous assault of the unborn. Sadly, my home State of Illinois has become one of the destination States in the Midwest for abortion. In 2023, we recorded the most abortions ever in our State's history, and our radical Governor proudly signed legislation allowing abortions through all 9 months of pregnancy.

Since the previous administration rescinded safety regulations for chemical abortions, women are being harmed, and our water supply is being severely contaminated.

Republicans are the party of life, and we must protect both mom and baby. That is why I have introduced legislation like H.R. 796, the Second Chance for Moms Act, which would require the FDA to place a warning label on chemical abortion drugs so that women can reverse a chemical abortion before it is too late.

I have also introduced H.R. 797, the Ultrasounds Save Lives Act, which would mandate an ultrasound be performed before an abortion can take place. Up to 90 percent of women seeking an abortion who see an ultrasound of their baby change their minds and choose life.

The Dobbs decision ended the greatest human rights violation of our time, but our work has just begun. Republicans stand ready to support women facing crisis pregnancies not just with words but with actions.

I again thank Congressman SMITH for commemorating this important anniversary.

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Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I thank my good friend (Mrs. MILLER of Illinois) for her leadership and legislation. We have to get that passed. She has been a tremendous spokeswoman for years and to this day, so I thank her very much.

Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Idaho (Mr. FULCHER), my good friend and colleague who serves on the Energy and Commerce Committee.

Mr. FULCHER. Madam Speaker, I thank the good chairman of the Pro-

Life Caucus and my friend, CHRIS SMITH, for holding this Special Order.

In the Declaration of Independence, our Founding Fathers made clear that our creator endows every individual with certain unalienable rights, the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. This is a self-evident truth that, for nearly 50 years, our Nation tragically denied to millions of unborn children.

However, thankfully, today marks the third anniversary of the Supreme Court's Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization decision. This ruling marked the historic overturn of Roe v. Wade and a renewal of power to elected State leaders. It opened the floodgates not just for restored State power but also for the voiceless, who now have a chance at life.

Since arriving in D.C., I have supported numerous legislative initiatives that protect the sanctity of life. Just this last year, I was proud to co-lead an amicus brief that supported Idaho in defending its pro-life law, the Defense of Life Act, against the Biden administration's efforts to preempt it with their wrongful reinterpretation of Federal law.

Madam Speaker, protecting the unborn isn't just a legal issue. It is a moral one. I am honored to stand alongside my colleagues today to commemorate the anniversary of this momentous victory for life. I will continue to speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, and I urge my colleagues to do the same.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I thank RUSS FULCHER for his leadership as well. He is on point.

Madam Speaker, I recognize the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. BIGGS), a distinguished member of the Judiciary Committee, a very good friend, and a very powerful voice on so many issues, including defending the unborn.

Mr. BIGGS of Arizona. Madam Speaker, I thank Representative SMITH for yielding time to me today and also for a lifetime of work that he has put in to save the lives of so many unborn children.

Madam Speaker, today marks the third anniversary of one of the most consequential decisions from the U.S. Supreme Court in our Nation's history, Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization. That bill corrected a grave constitutional error and returned the power to protect life back to the States, where it has always belonged.

The decision reached in Roe v. Wade was never grounded in sound law. It was judicial activism masquerading as jurisprudence. That activism resulted in the death of more than 60 million innocent lives. That decision was a lie. It was fabricated out of thin air by activist judges who thought they knew better than the Constitution and the people.

Dobbs gave that power back to the people, back to the States. Since that ruling, we have seen States across the Nation step up and declare what the

left refuses to admit, which is that human life begins at conception and that every child has the right to be born.

They want taxpayer-funded abortion up to and including the moment of birth. Sadly, my own State has enshrined that in its own constitution.

The Dobbs decision represents a triumph of constitutional originalism and the sanctity of life, an incredible decision that has the potential to change the very trajectory of this Nation. It was the fruit of tireless prayer, relentless advocacy, and the courage of millions who refused to accept the culture of death.

One of those great leaders sits next to me now, Representative CHRISTOPHER SMITH.

Life should not be a partisan issue, and I know that we have a chance to actually rehabilitate this Nation. This is a key issue, and the Dobbs decision provides us the opportunity to be the final fulcrum of change here.

I thank God for the Supreme Court. I thank God for people like CHRIS SMITH and the tireless millions of advocates over the years. I thank God for this country. May He bless this country.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I thank ANDY BIGGS for his leadership for so many years and for his articulate protection in defense of innocent human life, which, again, was on full display today. I really appreciate his leadership.

Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. SHREVE), a member of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, and we serve together on the Foreign Affairs Committee.

Mr. SHREVE. Madam Speaker, I thank the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. SMITH).

Madam Speaker, it is an honor to follow some of our Chamber's most distinguished colleagues, including Speaker MIKE JOHNSON, on the anniversary of this historic day.

Three years ago today, on June 24, 2022, our Supreme Court issued its ruling in *Dobbs v. Jackson*. Their decision overturned *Roe v. Wade* and restored the right of each State, including my home State of Indiana, to protect the lives of the unborn.

Today, we reaffirm the sanctity of human life, both mother and child.

I join my House colleagues in introducing legislation to designate June as Life Month. I have prioritized this issue in my time in Congress, and I will continue to advocate for every unborn child and offer compassionate care for expectant mothers.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I thank the gentleman for his strong statement. It is really an honor to serve with him on the Foreign Affairs Committee. We have many battles there as some try to push international funding for abortion.

We have a couple more speakers who will be joining us. One will be the presiding chair, who is making her way

down to the podium. I thank her for her leadership, as well.

Mrs. FEDORCHAK. Mr. Speaker, I thank Congressman SMITH for his leadership and for spearheading this Special Order today on this very important subject.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today as a pro-life mom of three. Today marks 3 years since the Supreme Court made history with the Dobbs decision. This was a really important moment that returned the power to protect life back to the people through their elected representatives in each State. That is where these decisions belong.

As we mark this anniversary, I am filled with hope that we can continue building a culture where life is honored, women are supported, and families are strengthened.

It is my heartfelt belief that abortion should never be anyone's first or only option. Every woman deserves to know that there is help, hope, and a path forward, a beautiful path forward that supports life.

The Dobbs decision was more than a legal victory. It was a renewed call to answer the greatest human rights question of our time. Every life, born and unborn, has value and dignity.

I was very touched 2 weeks ago when one of my constituents, Jay Reinke from Lutherans for Life—he lives in Rugby, North Dakota—visited my office right here in D.C. He left me with a very simple, fun, but poignant reminder about the pro-life movement, and it really sums it up very well and simply. This is Horton from "Horton Hears a Who!" Horton's main philosophy was this: "A person is a person, no matter how small."

For America to be a perfect Union, our lives must reflect that. Let's keep standing together to build a country where no woman feels alone, no child is unwanted, and every life is seen as a gift.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman for reminding us of that very profound truth from "Horton Hears a Who!" "A person is a person, no matter how small." I love that.

I remind my colleagues that when we talk about pregnancy care centers—I briefly mentioned them earlier—they are just areas where women find help during their unintended pregnancies and afterward.

I was speaking at a pregnancy care center fundraiser some years ago, and there were two women who got up and thanked the director of the center, who was out near an abortion clinic just gently and very nonjudgmentally saying: Please reconsider. We can help you.

The two women who spoke decided right there, when they were right outside the abortion clinic and were going to abort their babies—they reconsidered, and they had their children. They thanked, with tears, that director. She was there that day between both of them and an irrefutable, unchangeable

decision that would have ended the lives of their children.

Later on in the program, two young girls got up. They were teenagers, 12, 13, or 14 years old. They both stood next to the podium, side by side, and talked about sports. They talked about the value of life. It was a very good speech. At the end, they turned to the director and said: Thank you. Had you not been outside of that clinic that day 12, 13, or 14 years ago, we would have been dead.

That is the reality. We are trying to save precious lives.

Birth is an event. It is not the beginning of life. It is an event that happens to each and every one of us. Children, once born, are incredibly vulnerable. They need to be held, fed, and loved.

The idea that somehow before birth there is a nonperson there is absolutely illogical and absurd. We need to love them both. Love the women the way these wonderful pregnancy care center leaders do, and also love their babies and care for both. That is what we need to be doing as a Congress. We need to step up and do more.

ANDY BIGGS mentioned the over 60 million babies who have died from abortions over the years. That number is staggering. It is numbing to think so many children have lost their lives.

My wife, Marie, and I met in the pro-life movement more than 50 years ago. We were both student activists in New Jersey, at The College of New Jersey. We also worked with so many through outreach, both in the churches as well as in the secular space, with post-abortive women, to love them, too, and tell them that there is a way forward. The loss of that child is heartbreaking in the extreme, but there is a path forward. There is reconciliation. There is a way to find peace even after the fact.

My wife and I know many women who have had abortions. One woman, Alveda King, the niece of the late Dr. Martin Luther King, has said, parenthetically, in one of her speeches: "How can the dream survive?" The dream she is talking about is that of her uncle, Martin Luther King. If we murder the children, how can the dream survive?

She has had two abortions, and she knows the reconciliation that God can provide. Now, she speaks out to other women to say that there is a way forward.

I encourage post-abortive women to know that there are many out there, many loving people, mostly women, who will reach out and help you in that very difficult time.

I can't thank enough my colleagues who have participated.

Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. MCGUIRE), my colleague who is a member of the Armed Services Committee and a distinguished Member of this body.

Mr. MCGUIRE. Madam Speaker, life is a miracle, and it must be protected. I am honored to be here today to commemorate the 3-year anniversary of

the Supreme Court's decision in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*.

The *Dobbs* ruling rightfully overturned *Roe v. Wade* and brought the right to decide abortion back to the States. Abortion is not a constitutional right, nor is it healthcare.

This decision was a momentous victory for life. However, our fight is not over until all women and unborn children are protected from the violence of abortion.

Over 66 million abortions have occurred in the United States since 1973. These abortions have not only destroyed the miracle of life but are dangerous to the health and well-being of women.

Recently, the Ethics and Public Policy Center released a report that 1 in 10 women who take the chemical abortion pill mifepristone experience a serious adverse event, including sepsis, hemorrhaging, or infection.

As elected Representatives, we need to unite to support pregnant women and their unborn babies. I will continue to fight to protect and support expectant mothers and be a voice for the voiceless and most vulnerable, the unborn.

Every life is a miracle, and, again, it must be protected.

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Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Madam Speaker, I thank my good friend and colleague and welcome him to the House. He is doing a great job. I thank him.

I would again point out that we do have one final speaker on his way, Dr. BOB ONDER, who is the new co-chair of the Bipartisan Congressional Pro-Life Caucus. He will be here momentarily.

I will say, as we are awaiting his arrival, life is the first human right. If we don't have that, every other right—religion, speech, every assembly—falls. Republicans are trying to on our side and we need friends on the Democrat side to join us and to say that the most fundamental of all human rights is the right to life.

Ultrasound has exploded any myth that somehow the child is not human and not alive. My wife and I have four children. We had ultrasounds with them. We have nine grandchildren. Each of those grandchildren had a very, very significant ultrasound.

The modern ultrasound today, the details that it depicts of that baby moving, sucking his or her thumb, we see that and we know we are parents. We are not going to become a parent. We are not expectant. We know we are a parent because we have seen our child. The bonding begins even more earnestly after viewing that child on the ultrasound.

We have got to do far more. We called on the President, and the President is pro-life. I am happy to say that. He has done much by way of executive orders and also by reversing previous executive orders that were anti-life. I could go through all of them.

I think we are on the road now to protecting the innocent and the most vulnerable. I have so many good friends on the Democrat side of the aisle. I ask them to reconsider. There needs to be a reevaluation. The surface appeal arguments that have prevailed for 50 years about abortion and the slogans that have prevailed with so many need to be pierced and exposed for what they are.

One of them, as I said in my opening, is about how safe abortion is to the mom. Now we have this abortion pill. The new data shows beyond any reasonable doubt almost 11 percent of the women who take the abortion pill, mifepristone, are suffering very serious consequences within 45 days. That study needs to enlighten the FDA and others within our government to say the past trials were sham trials.

Let's not forget RU-486, the abortion pill, which was brought over by Bill Clinton. It was done in a way I find appalling. He sent FDA Commissioner Kessler to Roussel-Uclaf, the company marketing it, and told him to please bring the abortion pill to the United States. The trials, like I said, were not honest.

Then President Obama—and he was doubled down on by Biden—said don't report adverse events when somebody takes this pill. He said don't report them and that we don't have to.

How do we know if any drug is effective or is healthy and does not pose a risk if we don't report adverse events? Name a drug that says there is an adverse way of saying—that there is an adverse event and saying this drug caused this and sometimes it results in a new black box warning. We have seen that with a number of drugs over the years where they found out, oh, my God, there has been a subsequent, unanticipated consequence, a deleterious effect to the user. Let's get that out. That is not the case with mifepristone.

The Biden administration said nothing. They said to say nothing. That has to change because this new study that was just released 2 months ago shatters any thought that somehow this was a safe drug for women. It is not. It is very, very dangerous.

Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Missouri (Mr. ONDER), a new member of the Bipartisan Congressional Pro-Life Caucus and our co-chair. The gentleman also serves on the Committee on the Judiciary, the Committee on Education and Workforce, and the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

Mr. ONDER. Madam Speaker, I thank Chairman SMITH for his leadership. I am so excited to join him today as the newest co-chairman of the Bipartisan Congressional Pro-Life Caucus.

Madam Speaker, today we celebrate the biggest victory for life in American history, the Supreme Court decision in *Dobbs v. Jackson*. This court case held that the Constitution does not confer a right to abortion and returned the authority to regulate abortion to the

American people and to their elected Representatives.

Roe v. Wade wrongly held that the 14th Amendment's reference to liberty protects the right to abortion. *Planned Parenthood v. Casey* subsequently upheld that argument, but *Dobbs v. Jackson* rightly rejected this specious argument.

The Constitution makes no explicit reference to a right to an abortion. Why is this so? Some would claim that that is because it wasn't a relevant issue back in the 18th century when the Constitution was written, but this is not true.

Abortion has been discussed historically since ancient times. It has been documented as far back as 1075 BC in ancient Assyria. The Hippocratic oath condemned abortion in the fifth century BC.

The Founding Fathers were well aware of the reality of abortion when they drafted this Constitution. They did it guided by the principles of natural law which, according to Thomas Aquinas, is understood by the light of reason.

The precepts of natural law are written in our hearts. We are naturally horrified by evil acts, murder being chief among them. Since human law is based upon natural law, we can rightly deduce that intentional killing of the innocent has no place in a civilized society.

As our Founding Fathers were drafting the Constitution, they never intended for the Constitution to be interpreted in such a manner as to directly contradict the natural law upon which our Republic was founded.

Nevertheless, *Roe v. Wade* did exactly that. Thank goodness, we now have a Supreme Court that understands the Founders' intent to the natural moral law.

One of the most important tasks we now have in a post-*Roe* world is the continuing fight for life at the Federal level. *Dobbs v. Jackson* did not simply kick back the issue of abortion to the States. The wording in the Court's opinion was very clear. The authority to regulate abortion is returned to the people and their elected Representatives.

Members of Congress and Senators are elected Representatives. Congress has the authority and the responsibility to legislate on this issue in certain areas.

There are many policies within our purview. For instance, Federal taxpayer dollars still flow to *Planned Parenthood* uninterrupted. According to the Charlotte Lozier Institute, between 2019 and 2024, *Planned Parenthood* was issued \$66 million of direct funding through Title X.

From 2019 to 2021, *Planned Parenthood* received \$1.5 billion—yes, that is billion with a b—from Medicaid/CHIP and \$3.3 million from Medicare.

There is no reason we cannot turn off *Planned Parenthood's* government cash flow. The big, beautiful bill in its current form protects taxpayers from

being forced to fund Planned Parenthood. This provision must be preserved in the final bill, otherwise it will be very difficult for pro-life Members to support the final package.

Another example is the use of Federal dollars on the grotesque experiments used on baby body parts funded by the taxpayer. The National Institutes of Health spent \$53 million on human fetal tissue research in 2023 and expects to spend \$55 million in 2025.

This is a human rights abuse, and it has not even produced valuable research. After nearly 100 years, no therapies have been discovered or developed that require aborted fetal tissue. Meanwhile, ethical alternatives for research and treatment are available and effective.

Nonfetal cells were used to develop insulin for diabetes and Herceptin for breast cancer. Umbilical cord blood has treated thousands of people with blood disorders, and adult stem cells have saved over 1 million people worldwide.

There is no reason to continue funding aborted fetal tissue research. That is why I introduced the Protecting Life and Integrity in Research Act of 2025, which blocks all Federal funding for research involving human fetal tissue from an induced abortion. Language to accomplish this policy priority was included in the fiscal year 2025 Labor, Health, and Human Services appropriations bill. I look forward to seeing it approved and included in the 2026 bill.

Yet another issue is the rise of dangerous chemical abortions. Chemical abortions comprise over half of all abortions performed in the United States. New research shows that this regimen is very dangerous to American women.

More than 1 in 10 women who use chemical abortion pills experience serious adverse events. The rate of serious adverse events is about 22 times higher than the rate stated by the FDA. It is a blatant lie that taking mifepristone is safer than Tylenol, as Planned Parenthood likes to say.

Congress must act to protect women by reinstating the FDA's original requirement that mifepristone, the abortion pill, be dispensed in person under medical supervision and not by teleabortions.

Prescribing these pills to pregnant women without an in-person evaluation for an ectopic pregnancy or other conditions should be considered medical malpractice, which indeed it is. I look forward to working with my colleagues to address these issues.

Today, we celebrate a milestone standing for life. A new study from the Journal of the American Medical Association found that since *Dobbs v. Jackson*, 22,180 more babies have been born in States that enacted pro-life protection laws. Praise God. What a beautiful gift.

As we celebrate the third anniversary of *Dobbs v. Jackson*, let us take comfort in knowing we advanced the cause of human dignity in the United States.

Let us continue to fight for life and never give up hope. The cause of human life is a righteous one because all life is precious in the eyes of God.

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I thank the Representative from Missouri (Mr. ONDER) for his tremendous work, including in the legislature before he came here. He was the author of several important initiatives. We are very grateful for that. We thank him and really appreciate him. It is an honor to have him as a co-chair of our Bipartisan Congressional Pro-Life Caucus.

Mr. Speaker, I thank my colleagues for their important statements today. I will just say that we will be tenacious in defense of life. We will never quit. We pray and hope for reconciliation in America when it comes to this and all other issues that so seriously divide us.

Mr. Speaker, three years ago today (June 24th), the infamous holdings in *Roe v. Wade* and *Planned Parenthood v. Casey* were reversed by the *Dobbs* decision brilliantly written by Justice Samuel Alito—joined by the majority of the U.S. Supreme Court—which said: “The Constitution does not confer a right to abortion” and then went on “to return to the people and their elected representatives . . . the authority to regulate or prohibit abortion.”

A new national debate on abortion began three years ago—and while there will be setbacks along the way—I believe that growing numbers of Americans are finally recognizing the cheap sophistry, mega deception and pro-abortion culture of denial that devalues and disrespects unborn baby girls and boys and trivializes the harm suffered by women.

The comprehensive 2025 nationwide Marist abortion poll found that Americans are against taxpayer funding of abortion at home and in foreign aid, strongly support pregnancy care centers and want significant restrictions on abortion.

A large number of elected representatives have passed pro-life laws to protect unborn children including Texas, and when a heartbeat can be detected at around 6 weeks—Florida Georgia, Iowa, South Carolina—or when the child suffers excruciating physical pain from the abortion procedure at 12–15 weeks.

To date, 24 states have enacted pro-life laws to protect unborn children and women from the violence of abortion.

Meanwhile, there are more than 2,700 pregnancy resource centers throughout the United States—each and every one of them an oasis of love, compassion, empathy, respect, and care for both mothers and their precious children.

Abortion extremists in several states, on the other hand, including my own state of New Jersey, have enacted anti-child laws that legally authorize killing unborn babies right up to the moment of birth while forcing taxpayers to subsidize the violent deed.

Twice the Democrat-led House of Representatives passed extremist legislation that would have explicitly sanctioned abortion throughout all nine months of pregnancy—right up until birth—and would have nullified even modest restrictions enacted over the past half century, including informed consent, waiting periods and parental notification statutes.

The so-called abortion pill—mifepristone—is baby poison that kills the unborn infant by starving the innocent child to death.

We now know however, that mifepristone is extremely dangerous to women as well and this is especially important because this dangerous drug is used to procure at least six out of ten abortions in the United States.

On April 28, 2025, the Ethics and Public Policy Center (EPPC) released a report entitled, “The Abortion Pill Harms Women: Insurance Data Reveals One in Ten Patients Experiences a Serious Adverse Event.” This report, led by researcher Jamie Bryan Hall, is the first in an ongoing series.

Key Finding: The report found that more than one out of ten (10.93 percent) women who take the chemical abortion drug mifepristone experience sepsis, infection, hemorrhaging, or another serious adverse event within 45 days.

Study Methods: EPPC analyzed data from an all-payer insurance claims database that includes 865,727 prescribed mifepristone abortions between 2017–2023.

Large Dataset. EPPC states that this is the “largest-known study of the abortion pill” and includes “28 times as many [abortions] as were included in all FDA-cited clinical trials combined.”

Recent Data: While the EPPC study uses data that is no older than 2017, EPPC notes that “the FDA approval of mifepristone relies on data from more than a decade ago.”

Representative Sample: EPPC explains that this “real-world, post-market study” is “representational of the women who obtain mifepristone abortion in the U.S.” Unlike other clinical trials that have been conducted, this study does not recruit “a prescreened group of generally healthy women.”

Policy Implications: The Food and Drug Administration’s (FDA) decision under the Obama and Biden Administrations to progressively weaken the safety protocols around mifepristone is based on old, flawed data.

On the Mifeprex label, the FDA claims that less than 0.5 percent of women taking mifepristone experience serious adverse reactions. This claim is based on ten older clinical trials studying a combined total of 30,966 participants. The recent report suggests that the number of serious adverse events is at least 22 times higher.

FDA has conveniently failed to collect comprehensive safety data while making unsupported claims that mifepristone is safe.

Future generations will someday look back on us and wonder how and why a society that bragged about its commitment to human rights could have legally sanctioned and aggressively promoted abortion by child starvation, beheadings, dismemberment, chemical poisoning, and forced expulsion from the womb.

And in an information age how so many were deceived into believing that abortion was safe.

The injustice of abortion violence need not be forever.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. SMITH of New Jersey. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 4 o'clock and 27 minutes

p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, June 25, 2025, at 10 a.m. for morning-hour debate.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

EC-1245. A letter from the Acting President and Chair, Board of Directors, Export-Import Bank of the United States, transmitting a statement involving exports to various countries, pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 635(b)(3); July 31, 1945, ch. 341, Sec. 2 (as added by Public Law 102-266, Sec. 102); (106 Stat. 95); to the Committee on Financial Services.

EC-1246. A letter from the Chair, Medicaid and CHIP Payment and Access Commission, transmitting the Commission's June 2025 Report to Congress on Medicaid and CHIP, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 1396(b)(1)(C); Aug. 14, 1935, ch. 531, title XIX, Sec. 1900 (as amended by Public Law 111-148, Sec. 2801(a)(1)(A)(iv)); (124 Stat. 329); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-1247. A letter from the Senior Bureau Official, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a report titled, "Implementation of Executive Order 12938 Concerning the Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction", pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1641(c); Public Law 94-412, Sec. 401(c); (90 Stat. 1257) and 50 U.S.C. 1703(c); Public Law 95-223, Sec. 204(c); (91 Stat. 1627); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-1248. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to global illicit drug trafficking that was declared in Executive Order 14059 of December 15, 2021, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1641(c); Public Law 94-412, Sec. 401(c); (90 Stat. 1257) and 50 U.S.C. 1703(c); Public Law 95-223, Sec. 204(c); (91 Stat. 1627); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-1249. A letter from the Senior Bureau Official, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Department Notification Number: RSAT case 25-11021, pursuant to section 3(d) of the Arms Export Control Act; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-1250. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Labor, transmitting the semi-annual report of the Inspector General for the period October 1, 2024 through March 31, 2025, pursuant to Section 5 of the Inspector General Act; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

EC-1251. A letter from the Fisheries Regulations Specialist, NMFS, Office of Sustainable Fisheries — GARFO, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's temporary rule — Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Summer Flounder Fishery; Quota Transfer From North Carolina to Rhode Island [Docket No.: 231215-0305; RTID 0648-XE235] received June 11, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

EC-1252. A letter from the Solicitor General, Department of Justice, transmitting the Department's decision in "National Republican Senatorial Committee v. FEC, No. 24-621 (U.S. 2024)", pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 530D(a)(1); Public Law 107-273, Sec. 202(a); (116 Stat. 1771); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1253. A letter from the Agency Representative, United States Patent and Trade-

mark Office, Department of Commerce, transmitting the Department's final rule — Partial Replacement of an Earlier National Registration or Registrations by an International Registration [Docket No.: PTO-T-2025-0002] (RIN: 0651-AD82) received June 6, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1254. A letter from the Senior Attorney Advisor, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Rescinding Preliminary Engineering Project 10-Year Repayment Provision (RIN: 2125-AG25) received June 4, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-1255. A letter from the Senior Attorney Advisor, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — National Performance Management Measures; Rescinding Requirements for the First Performance Period (RIN: 2125-AG27) received June 4, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-1256. A letter from the Senior Attorney Advisor, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Rescinding Regulations on Projects of National and Regional Significance Evaluation and Rating (RIN: 2125-AG17) received June 4, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-1257. A letter from the Senior Attorney Advisor, Federal Highway Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — State Highway Agency Equal Employment Opportunity Programs [FHWA Docket No.: FHWA-2019-0026] (RIN: 2125-AF87) received June 4, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-1258. A letter from the Senior Bureau Official, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a report to the Congress concerning the extension of waiver authority for Turkmenistan, pursuant to 19 U.S.C. 2432(d)(1)(B); Public Law 93-618, Sec. 402(d)(1); (88 Stat. 2056); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

EC-1259. A letter from the Chair, Medicare Payment Advisory Commission, transmitting the Commission's June 2025 Report to the Congress: Medicare and the Health Care Delivery System, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 1395b-6(b)(1)(D); Aug. 14, 1935, ch. 531, title XVIII, Sec. 1805(b)(1)(D) (as amended by Public Law 111-148, Sec. 2801(b)(2)); (124 Stat. 332); jointly to the Committees on Ways and Means and Energy and Commerce.

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 Ms. CHU (for herself, Ms. LOIS FRANKEL of Florida, Ms. PRESSLEY, Ms. ESCOBAR, Ms. ADAMS, Mr. AGUILAR, Mr. AMO, Ms. ANSARI, Mr. AUCHINCLOSS, Ms. BALINT, Ms. BARRAGAN, 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. CARTER of Louisiana, Mr. CASAR, Mr. CASE, Mr. CASTEN, Mr. CASTOR of Florida, Mr. CASTRO of Texas, Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK, Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mr. CLEAVER, Mr. COHEN, Mr. CONAWAY, Mr. COSTA, Ms. CRAIG, Ms. CROCKETT, Mr. CROW, Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania, Ms. DEGETTE, Ms. DELAULO, Ms. DELBENE, Mr. DELUZIO, Mr. DESAULNIER, Ms. DEXTER, Mrs. DINGELL, Mr. DOGGETT, Ms. ELFRETH, Mr. EVANS of Pennsylvania, Mr. FIELDS, Mrs. FLETCHER, Mr. FOSTER, Mrs. FOUSHEE, Ms. FRIEDMAN, Mr. FROST, Mr. GARAMENDI, Ms. GARCIA of Texas, Mr. GARCIA of California, Mr. GARCIA of Illinois, Ms. PEREZ, Mr. GOLDEN of Maine, Mr. GOLDMAN of New York, Mr. GOMEZ, Ms. GOODLANDER, Mr. GOTTHEIMER, Mr. GREEN of Texas, Mrs. HAYES, Mr. HIMES, Mr. HORSFORD, Ms. HOULAHAN, Ms. HOYLE of Oregon, Mr. HUFFMAN, Mr. IVEY, Ms. JACOBS, Ms. JAYAPAL, Mr. JEFFRIES, Ms. JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, 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 Pennsylvania, Ms. LEE of Nevada, Ms. LEEGER FERNANDEZ, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. LICCARDIO, Mr. LIEU, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. LYNCH, Mr. MAGAZINER, Mr. MANNION, Ms. MATSUI, Mrs. MCBATH, Ms. MCBRIDE, Mrs. MCCLAIN DELANEY, Ms. MCCLELLAN, Ms. McDONALD RIVET, Mr. MCGARVEY, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mrs. MCIVER, Mr. MEEKS, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. MENG, Mr. MFUME, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, Mr. MORELLE, Ms. MORRISON, Mr. MOSKOWITZ, Mr. MOULTON, Mr. MRVAN, Mr. MULLIN, Mr. NADLER, Mr. NORCROSS, Ms. NORTON, Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ, Mr. OLSZEWSKI, Ms. OMAR, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. PANETTA, Mr. PAPPAS, Ms. PELOSI, Mr. PETERS, Ms. PETERSEN, Ms. PINGREE, Mr. POCAN, Ms. POULLEY, Mr. QUIGLEY, Mrs. RAMIREZ, Mr. RASKIN, Mr. RILEY of New York, Ms. RIVAS, Ms. ROSS, Mr. RUIZ, Mr. RYAN, Ms. SALINAS, 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. SWALWELL, Mrs. SYKES, Mr. TAKANO, Mr. THANEDAR, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Ms. TITUS, Ms. TLAIB, Ms. TOKUDA, Mr. TONKO, Mrs. TORRES of California, Mrs. TRAHAN, Mr. TRAN, Ms. UNDERWOOD, Mr. VARGAS, Mr. VASQUEZ, Mr. VEASEY, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mr. VINDMAN, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Mr. WHITESIDES, Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Mr. TORRES of New York, Mr. CORREA, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Ms. GILLEN, Mr. MIN, Mr. COURTNEY, Mr. CISNEROS, Ms. SÁNCHEZ, Mr. NEGUSE, Ms. WATERS, and Ms. MCCOLLUM):

H.R. 12. A bill to protect a person's ability to determine whether to continue or end a pregnancy, and to protect a health care provider's ability to provide abortion services;

to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. HARIDOPOLOS (for himself, Mr. KNOTT, Mr. DONALDS, Mr. WEBSTER of Florida, Mr. SCOTT FRANKLIN of Florida, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mr. FINE, Mr. STUTZMAN, Mrs. LUNA, Mr. KENNEDY of Utah, Mr. DOWNING, Mr. BARR, Mr. PATRONIS, Mr. BUCHANAN, Mrs. HARSHBARGER, Mr. NEHLS, Mr. FLOOD, Mr. GILL of Texas, Mr. HAMADEH of Arizona, Mrs. SPARTZ, Mr. WIED, Mr. McDOWELL, Mr. MOORE of North Carolina, Mr. EDWARDS, Mr. DAVIDSON, Mr. ONDER, Mr. DUNN of Florida, Ms. KING-HINDS, Mr. VAN DREW, Mr. COLLINS, Mr. MOORE of Alabama, Mr. SCHMIDT, Mr. GUEST, Mr. ROSE, Ms. FEDORCHAK, Mr. EZELL, Mr. STEUBE, Mr. PERRY, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. MCGUIRE, Mr. MOORE of West Virginia, Mr. HUIZENGA, Mr. BAUMGARTNER, Mr. JACKSON of Texas, Mr. RUTHERFORD, Mr. CRANK, Mr. FINSTAD, Mr. PALMER, Mr. BARRETT, Mr. TAYLOR, and Mr. RULLI):

H.R. 4091. A bill to require adequate traceability for expenditures by the Federal Government; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Mr. GOSAR (for himself, Mr. BIGGS of Arizona, Mrs. BIGGS of South Carolina, Ms. BOEBERT, Mr. BRECHEEN, Mr. BURCHETT, Mr. CISCOMANI, Mr. CRANE, Mr. DONALDS, Mr. DESJARLAIS, Mr. FALLON, Mr. FINE, Mr. FRY, Mr. GILL of Texas, Mr. GUEST, Mr. HAMADEH of Arizona, Mr. HARRIGAN, Mr. NORMAN, Mr. OGLES, Mr. RULLI, Mr. SCHWEIKERT, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. VAN DREW, Mr. WEBER of Texas, and Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas):

H.R. 4092. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide that aliens who have been convicted of or who have committed certain offenses involving interstate or foreign shipments by carrier are inadmissible and deportable; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BEAN of Florida (for himself and Mr. HERN of Oklahoma):

H.R. 4093. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to publish information on expenditures under the Medicare program, 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 Ms. BROWN (for herself and Ms. MACE):

H.R. 4094. A bill to direct certain Federal agencies to report to Congress on whether such agencies have implemented guidance from the Office of Management and Budget with respect to the disclosure of personal information, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Mr. CARBAJAL (for himself and Mr. LAWLER):

H.R. 4095. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to provide for limitations on duty hours for yardmaster employees, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. CASTEN (for himself, Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia, and Mrs. BEATTY):

H.R. 4096. A bill to require covered companies to allow consenting cohabitating adults

to open joint accounts, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, Transportation and Infrastructure, and 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. FINE:

H.R. 4097. A bill to direct the Secretary of State to review whether the Council on American-Islamic Relations meets the criteria for designation as a foreign terrorist organization, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. FITZGERALD:

H.R. 4098. A bill to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to prohibit certain acts by proxy advisory firms, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mrs. FLETCHER (for herself, Mr.

RASKIN, Ms. STRICKLAND, Mr. AMO, Ms. ANSARI, Mr. AUCHINCLOSS, Ms. BARRAGAN, Mrs. BEATTY, Ms. BONAMICI, Ms. BROWN, Ms. BROWNLEY, Ms. BUDZINSKI, Ms. BYNUM, Mr. CARBAJAL, Mr. CARSON, Mr. CARTER of Louisiana, Mr. CASAR, Mr. CASTEN, Ms. CASTOR of Florida, Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK, Ms. CHU, Mr. CISNEROS, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mr. COHEN, Mr. CORREA, Ms. CROCKETT, Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Ms. DEGETTE, Ms. DELAURO, Ms. DELBENE, Mr. DELUZIO, Mr. DESAULNIER, Ms. DEXTER, Mr. DOGGETT, Ms. ESCOBAR, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Mr. EVANS of Pennsylvania, Mr. FOSTER, Mrs. FOUSHEE, Ms. LOIS FRANKEL of Florida, Mr. FROST, Mr. GARAMENDI, Mr. GARCIA of California, Ms. GARCIA of Texas, Mr. GARCIA of Illinois, Ms. PEREZ, Mr. GOLDEN of Maine, Mr. GOMEZ, Ms. NORTON, Mr. HORSFORD, Ms. HOULAHAN, Ms. HOYLE of Oregon, Mr. HUFFMAN, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Ms. JACOBS, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Ms. JOHNSON of Texas, Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, Mr. KHANNA, Mr. LANDSMAN, Mr. LARSEN of Washington, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Ms. LEE of Pennsylvania, Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ, Mr. LEVIN, Ms. LOGGREN, Mr. LYNCH, Ms. MATSUI, Mrs. MCBATH, Ms. MCBRIDE, Ms. MCCLELLAN, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Mr. MCGARVEY, Mr. MCGOVERN, Mrs. MCIVER, Mr. MEEKS, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. MENG, Mr. MIN, Mr. MORELLE, Mr. MOSKOWITZ, Mr. MOULTON, Mr. MRVAN, Mr. MULLIN, Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ, Ms. OMAR, Mr. PANETTA, Mr. PAPPAS, Mr. PETERS, Ms. PETTERSEN, Mr. POCAN, Mr. QUIGLEY, Mrs. RAMIREZ, Mr. RILEY of New York, Ms. RIVAS, Ms. ROSS, Ms. SALINAS, Ms. SCANLON, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. SCHNEIDER, Ms. SCHOLTEN, Ms. SCHRIER, Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia, Mr. SHERMAN, Ms. SHERRILL, Ms. SIMON, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Mr. SORESEN, Ms. STANSBURY, Ms. STEVENS, Mr. SWALWELL, Mr. THANEDAR, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Ms. TITUS, Ms. TLAIB, Ms. TOKUDA, Mr. TONKO, Mr. TORRES of New York, Mrs. TORRES of California, Mrs. TRAHAN, Mr. TRAN, Ms. UNDERWOOD, Mr. VEASEY, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Mr. WHITESIDES, Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia, Ms. CRAIG, and Ms. SEWELL):

H.R. 4099. A bill to prohibit the interference, under color of State law, with the provision of interstate abortion services, and

for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. FROST (for himself, Mr. GOMEZ, Ms. CHU, Mr. CASAR, Mr. KHANNA, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Ms. LEE of Pennsylvania, Ms. TLAIB, Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ, Mr. GOLDMAN of New York, Mr. POCAN, Mr. GARCIA of California, Ms. OMAR, Mrs. MCIVER, Mr. MULLIN, Ms. JAYAPAL, Mr. LIEU, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Ms. BALINT, and Mrs. RAMIREZ):

H.R. 4100. A bill to prohibit owners of covered dwelling units from assessing or collecting certain fees from tenants, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services, and in addition to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. GROTHMAN (for himself, Ms. BONAMICI, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. MORELLE, Ms. MATSUI, Ms. BROWNLEY, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina, Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas, and Mr. WILSON of South Carolina):

H.R. 4101. A bill to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to require a group health plan (or health insurance coverage offered in connection with such a plan) to provide for cost-sharing for oral anticancer drugs on terms no less favorable than the cost-sharing provided for anticancer medications administered by a health care provider; to the Committee on Education and Workforce.

By Mr. HILL of Arkansas (for himself and Mr. STEUBE):

H.R. 4102. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide that the rate of tax on adjusted net capital gain does not exceed 15 percent; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. HORSFORD (for himself, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Mrs. MCBATH, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, Mr. AMO, Ms. BARRAGAN, Mrs. BEATTY, Mr. BELL, Mr. BEYER, Ms. BONAMICI, Mr. BOYLE of Pennsylvania, Ms. BROWN, Ms. BROWNLEY, Mr. CARBAJAL, Mr. CARTER of Louisiana, Mr. CASAR, Mr. CASTEN, Ms. CHU, Mr. CLEAVER, Mr. COSTA, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania, Ms. DEGETTE, Ms. DELBENE, Mrs. DINGELL, Mr. FIELDS, Mr. FIGURES, Mrs. FOUSHEE, Mr. FROST, Mr. GARCIA of Illinois, Mr. GARCIA of California, Ms. GARCIA of Texas, Mr. GOLDMAN of New York, Mr. IVEY, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Ms. JAYAPAL, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE, Mr. KENNEDY of New York, Mr. KHANNA, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY, Ms. LEE of Pennsylvania, Mr. LIEU, Mr. MAGAZINER, Ms. MATSUI, Ms. MCCLELLAN, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. MFUME, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, Mr. MORELLE, Mr. NADLER, Mr. NEAL, Mr. NEGUSE, Mr. NORCROSS, Ms. NORTON, Ms. OMAR, Mr. PANETTA, Ms. PLASKETT, Mr. POCAN, Mr. QUIGLEY, Mrs. RAMIREZ, Ms. ROSS, Ms. SALINAS, Ms. SCANLON, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Ms. SCHOLTEN, Ms. SEWELL, Ms. SIMON, Ms. STRICKLAND, Mrs. SYKES, Mr. THANEDAR, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Ms. TITUS, Ms. TLAIB, Ms. TOKUDA, Mr. TORRES of New York, Mr. VARGAS, Mr. VEASEY, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia, Mr. LYNCH, and Mr. SMITH of Washington):

H.R. 4103. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services to build safer,

thriving communities, and save lives, by investing in effective community-based violence reduction initiatives, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary, 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 Ms. JAYAPAL (for herself, Ms. BARRAGAN, Ms. BALINT, Mr. BEYER, Ms. BONAMICI, Mr. CARBAJAL, Mr. CARSON, Mr. CARTER of Louisiana, Mr. CASAR, Ms. CASTOR of Florida, Mr. CASTRO of Texas, Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK, Ms. CHU, Ms. CROCKETT, Ms. DELBENE, Ms. DEXTER, Mr. DOGGETT, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Mr. FROST, Mr. GARCIA of Illinois, Mr. GARCIA of California, Ms. GARCIA of Texas, Mr. GOMEZ, Mr. HUFFMAN, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Ms. JACOBS, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. KHANNA, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY, Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ, Ms. MCCLELLAN, Mr. MCGOVERN, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, Mr. NADLER, Ms. NORTON, Ms. OMAR, Mr. PANETTA, Mr. POCAN, Ms. PRESSLEY, Mrs. RAMIREZ, Ms. SALINAS, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Ms. SEWELL, Ms. SIMON, Ms. STANSBURY, Ms. STRICKLAND, Mr. THANEDAR, Ms. TLAIB, Mr. VARGAS, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Mr. LIEU, and Ms. SÁNCHEZ):

H.R. 4104. A bill to expand access to health insurance coverage for immigrants and their families by removing legal and policy barriers to health insurance coverage, 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 Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia (for herself, Ms. HOULAHAN, and Mr. VEASEY):
H.R. 4105. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Labor to carry out a grant program to help certain members of the Armed Forces, veterans, and their spouses, obtain employment in the energy industry; to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. MAGAZINER (for himself, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Ms. NORTON, Ms. DELBENE, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY, and Ms. KELLY of Illinois):

H.R. 4106. A bill to ensure greater accountability by licensed firearms dealers; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MESSMER (for himself, Mr. FALLON, Mr. HARRIGAN, Mr. WITTMAN, Mr. CRENSHAW, Mr. MCCORMICK, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. BERGMAN, Mr. LUTTRELL, Mr. JACKSON of Texas, Mr. MCGUIRE, Mr. VAN ORDEN, Mr. YAKYM, Mr. FINSTAD, Mr. MAST, Mr. SHREVE, Mr. MCDOWELL, Mr. BAIRD, Mr. HAMADEH of Arizona, Mr. MILLS, Mr. STUEBE, Mrs. HOUCHIN, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. GIMENEZ, and Mr. STUTZMAN):

H.R. 4107. A bill to improve the missile defense capabilities of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committees on Foreign Affairs, the Judiciary,

and Transportation and Infrastructure, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. NADLER (for himself, Ms. BARRAGAN, Mr. COHEN, Ms. DELBENE, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY, Ms. MENG, Ms. NORTON, Mr. BEYER, Mr. HUFFMAN, and Mr. CASTEN):

H.R. 4108. A bill to amend the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966 to prohibit the possession or use of body-gripping traps in the National Wildlife Refuge System, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. NEGUSE (for himself, Mr. BURCHETT, and Mr. FOSTER):

H.R. 4109. A bill to require the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to carry out certain activities to improve recycling and composting programs in the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Ms. PINGREE (for herself, Mr. WIED, and Mr. LANGWORTHY):

H.R. 4110. A bill to provide for the improved collection of data for organic dairy, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Ms. PRESSLEY:

H.R. 4111. A bill to provide grants to States to encourage the implementation and maintenance of firearms licensing requirements, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SCHMIDT (for himself, Ms. HAGEMAN, and Mr. BIGGS of Arizona):

H.R. 4112. A bill to amend chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, to provide for additional time for Congress to disapprove of rules; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committee on Rules, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. SMITH of New Jersey (for himself, Mr. MFUME, and Ms. SALAZAR):

H.R. 4113. A bill to reauthorize the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. TAKANO:

H.R. 4114. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to automatically enroll eligible veterans in the patient enrollment system of Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Ms. TENNEY (for herself, Mr. TONKO, Mr. LAWLER, and Mr. RYAN):

H.R. 4115. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude certain discharges of indebtedness secured by real property from income; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Ms. TITUS (for herself and Mr. VAN DREW):

H.R. 4116. A bill to establish programs and issue regulations to increase accessible transportation for individuals with disabilities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas (for himself, Mr. CLOUD, and Mr. GILL of Texas):

H.R. 4117. A bill to amend the Clean Air Act to repeal the establishment of motor vehicle emission and fuel standards, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas:

H.R. 4118. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to terminate certain production and investment tax credits for wind, solar, and battery energy storage, and for

other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. WILSON of South Carolina (for himself and Mr. PANETTA):

H.R. 4119. A bill to provide for the imposition of sanctions with respect to the Polisario Front, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. GREEN of Texas:

H. Res. 537. A resolution impeaching Donald J. Trump, President of the United States, for high crimes and misdemeanors; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. AGUILAR:

H. Res. 538. A resolution ranking a Certain Member on a certain standing committee of the House of Representatives; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana:

H. Res. 539. A resolution censuring Representative LaMonica McIver and removing her from the Committee on Homeland Security; to the Committee on Ethics.

By Mr. LEE of Pennsylvania (for herself, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Mrs. RAMIREZ, Ms. ADAMS, Mr. CARSON, Mr. FIELDS, Mr. GARCIA of California, Mr. GREEN of Texas, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Ms. OMAR, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. THANEDAR, Ms. TLAIB, and Mrs. MCIVER):

H. Res. 540. A resolution supporting the values of the Equity or Else quality-of-life platform and acknowledging the need for the House of Representatives to use the platform as a holistic framework for drafting and implementing policy that promotes racial and economic equity for all across various social issues; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MOYLAN (for himself, Mrs. RADEWAGEN, Ms. KING-HINDS, Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia, Mr. MCCORMICK, Mr. MOULTON, Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina, Mr. GARAMENDI, Mr. CASE, and Mr. VINDMAN):

H. Res. 541. A resolution supporting the designation of July 21, 2025, as "Guam Liberation Day"; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Mr. PETERS (for himself, Mr. BERGMAN, Mr. MAST, Mr. THOMPSON of California, and Mr. MOULTON):

H. Res. 542. A resolution expressing support for the designation of the month of June 2025 as "National Post-Traumatic Stress Awareness Month" and June 27, 2025, as "National Post-Traumatic Stress Awareness Day"; to the Committee on Armed Services, and in addition to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

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 Ms. CHU:

H.R. 12.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Clause 1 of Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution

By Mr. HARIDOPOLOS:

H.R. 4091.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 9, Clause 7: "No Money shall be drawn from the Treasury, but in Consequence of Appropriations made by Law; and a regular Statement and Account of the Receipts and Expenditures of all public Money shall be published from time to time."

By Mr. GOSAR:

H.R. 4092.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 4

By Mr. BEAN of Florida:

H.R. 4093.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 18 of the U.S. Constitution

[The Congress shall have Power . . .] To make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States, or in any Department or Officer thereof.

By Ms. BROWN:

H.R. 4094.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I Section VIII

By Mr. CARBAJAL:

H.R. 4095.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Sec. 8, Clause 3

By Mr. CASTEN:

H.R. 4096.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Clause 18 of Section 8 of Article 1 of the Constitution

By Mr. FINE:

H.R. 4097.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 3, the Foreign Commerce Clause

Article I, Section 8, Clause 18, the Necessary and Proper Clause

By Mr. FITZGERALD:

H.R. 4098.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section VIII of the United States Constitution

By Mrs. FLETCHER:

H.R. 4099.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, section 8 of the Constitution of the United States.

By Mr. FROST:

H.R. 4100.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 1 and 18 of the U.S. Constitution

By Mr. GROTHMAN:

H.R. 4101.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8 of the United States Constitution

By Mr. HILL of Arkansas:

H.R. 4102.

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 U.S. Constitution.

By Mr. HORSFORD:

H.R. 4103.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 1 of the Constitution of the United States

By Ms. JAYAPAL:

H.R. 4104.

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 of the United States Constitution and its subsequent amendments, and further clarified and interpreted by the Supreme Court of the United States.

By Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia:

H.R. 4105.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Art. 1, Sec. 8

By Mr. MAGAZINER:

H.R. 4106.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8

By Mr. MESSMER:

H.R. 4107.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

U.S. Constitution—Art. 1—SEC.8

The Congress shall have power to raise and support armies

Provide and maintain a Navy

Make Rules for the Government and regulation of the land and Naval Forces.

By Mr. NADLER:

H.R. 4108.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, sec. 8, cl. 18

By Mr. NEGUSE:

H.R. 4109.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8

By Ms. PINGREE:

H.R. 4110.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I

By Ms. PRESSLEY:

H.R. 4111.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 18

By Mr. SCHMIDT:

H.R. 4112.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I of the United States Constitution, including the power granted under Article I, Section 8, Clause 18, and the power granted to each House of Congress under Article I, Section 5, Clause 2

By Mr. SMITH of New Jersey:

H.R. 4113.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8

By Mr. TAKANO:

H.R. 4114.

Article 1 Section 8

By Ms. TENNEY:

H.R. 4115.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I

By Ms. TITUS:

H.R. 4116.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8 of the United States Constitution

By Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas:

H.R. 4117.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution of the United States.

By Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas:

H.R. 4118.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution of the United States.

By Mr. WILSON of South Carolina:

H.R. 4119.

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. 7: Mr. HARRIGAN.

H.R. 38: Mr. MCCORMICK.

H.R. 51: Ms. RIVAS.

H.R. 307: Mr. THANEDAR.

H.R. 400: Mr. STEUBE.

H.R. 425: Mr. BARR.

H.R. 429: Mr. GARCIA of California.

H.R. 440: Mrs. MCCLAIN DELANEY.

H.R. 465: Mrs. BICE and Mr. MOORE of Alabama.

H.R. 516: Mr. CARTER of Georgia and Mr. RULLI.

H.R. 595: Mr. LUCAS.

H.R. 669: Ms. PINGREE.

H.R. 793: Mr. THANEDAR.

H.R. 846: Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia.

H.R. 879: Mr. ESTES.

H.R. 909: Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania and Mr. EDWARDS.

H.R. 929: Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin.

H.R. 935: Mr. SMITH of Washington and Mr. GOTTHEIMER.

H.R. 979: Mr. DIAZ-BALART.

H.R. 987: Mr. VALADAO.

H.R. 989: Ms. MCBRIDE and Mr. DESAULNIER.

H.R. 1046: Mr. MILLER of Ohio and Mr. MCGUIRE.

H.R. 1047: Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania, Mr. RULLI, and Mr. BILIRAKIS.

H.R. 1078: Ms. TENNEY.

H.R. 1085: Mr. BUCHANAN.

H.R. 1103: Mr. BERGMAN.

H.R. 1109: Mr. HILL of Arkansas.

H.R. 1151: Mr. MOULTON.

H.R. 1175: Mr. RILEY of New York.

H.R. 1189: Mr. COHEN.

H.R. 1229: Mr. CRANK and Ms. RIVAS.

H.R. 1273: Mr. LAWLER.

H.R. 1285: Mr. WEBSTER of Florida.

H.R. 1300: Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia, and Mr. BILIRAKIS.

H.R. 1509: Ms. DELBENE.

H.R. 1511: Mr. STEUBE.

H.R. 1529: Mr. KILEY of California.

H.R. 1548: Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania.

H.R. 1551: Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia, Ms. MALLIOTAKIS, and Mr. SCHMIDT.

H.R. 1581: Mr. MCGUIRE, Mr. SUBRAMANYAM, and Mr. BEYER.

H.R. 1585: Ms. TOKUDA and Mr. RYAN.

H.R. 1601: Mr. GOTTHEIMER.

H.R. 1616: Mr. VASQUEZ.

H.R. 1652: Mr. GARBARINO.

H.R. 1657: Mr. EVANS of Pennsylvania.

H.R. 1661: Mr. LEVIN.

H.R. 1769: Mr. SESSIONS.

H.R. 1798: Mr. COHEN.

H.R. 1851: Mr. STUTZMAN.

H.R. 1896: Mr. SMITH of Nebraska and Mr. BACON.

H.R. 1993: Mr. JACKSON of Illinois.

H.R. 2011: Mr. GOTTHEIMER, Mr. WIED, Mr. LALOTA, and Mr. NADLER.

H.R. 2028: Mr. STEUBE and Mr. NADLER.

H.R. 2029: Ms. SIMON.

H.R. 2033: Mr. LIEU.

H.R. 2048: Ms. GILLEN, Mrs. HAYES, Mr. CARTER of Louisiana, Mr. SUOZZI, Mr. LIEU, Mr. PAPPAS, and Ms. FRIEDMAN.

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H.R. 2089: Mr. MOULTON.

H.R. 2095: Ms. KELLY of Illinois.

H.R. 2132: Ms. TOKUDA.

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H.R. 2232: Mrs. TRAHAN and Ms. HOULAHAN.
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H.R. 2548: Mr. BARRETT, Ms. CRAIG, and Ms. SALAZAR.
H.R. 2687: Mr. RUTHERFORD.
H.R. 2736: Mr. RILEY of New York and Ms. SALINAS.
H.R. 2818: Mr. RILEY of New York.
H.R. 3037: Mr. MOULTON.
H.R. 3042: Mr. GOODEN.
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H.R. 4077: Mr. LANDSMAN.
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H.R. 4086: Mr. MOULTON and Ms. TLAIB.
H.J. Res. 54: Ms. KAPTUR and Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ.
H.J. Res. 98: Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania and Mr. HARRIGAN.
H. Con. Res. 12: Mr. MESSMER and Ms. LEE of Florida.
H. Con. Res. 38: Ms. WATERS, Mrs. FOUSHEE, Ms. CHU, Mr. GARCIA of California, Mr. HUFFMAN, Mr. EVANS of Pennsylvania, Mr. AMO, Mr. KEATING, and Ms. PETTERSEN.
H. Con. Res. 40: Ms. ANSARI, Mr. GOMEZ, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK, Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia, Mr. TRAN, Mr. GREEN of Texas, Mr. CARTER of Louisiana, Ms. SEWELL, Mr. CARBAJAL, Ms. PELOSI, Ms. ROSS, Mr. CASTEN, Ms. TOKUDA, Mr. AMO, Mr. CROW, Mr. HUFFMAN, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. DOGGETT, Mr. GOLDMAN of New York, Mr. NEAL, Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ, Ms. PETTERSEN, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Ms. JOHNSON of Texas, Ms. SALINAS, Mr. KEATING, and Mr. MANNION.
H. Res. 442: Ms. CHU.
H. Res. 461: Mr. FALLON.
H. Res. 521: Mr. HARIDOPOLOS.
H. Res. 527: Mr. SMITH of Nebraska and Mr. LAWLER.
H. Res. 536: Mrs. MILLER of Illinois.



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Senate

The Senate met at 2:15 p.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.

Eternal God, the author and finisher of our faith, inspire us to rejoice in the privileges and blessings You have strewn on our pathway. Help us to use the gift of Sacred Scripture as a lamp to guide us through the darkness of challenging times. May we use the gift of intercessory prayer as a key to unlock Heaven's storehouse in order to provide blessings for those who are going through many dangers, toils, and snares.

Lord, in hours of hardship, permit us to use the gift of Your Spirit to enable us to be protected by You from disappointments and self-pity. Infuse our Senators with Your love. Give them a compassion that will prompt them to work for the eradication of injustice and evil in our world.

And Lord, be with our illustrious page class as they leave us in 3 days.

We pray in Your sovereign 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 (Mrs. BRITT). 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 proceed to executive session and resume consideration of the following nomination, which the clerk will report.

The assistant bill clerk read the nomination of Daniel Zimmerman, of North Carolina, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Iowa.

MEDICAID WORK REQUIREMENTS

Mr. GRASSLEY. Madam President, having a job gives individuals purpose and dignity. We should promote policies lifting people out of poverty.

In the 1990s, we passed welfare reform with a Republican Congress and a Democrat President. The results? Welfare rolls went down, poverty rates decreased, and employment and earnings increased.

Establishing work requirements in Medicaid for able-bodied adults with reasonable exemptions, then from the previous precedent of welfare reform—that all makes common sense yet today.

States like Iowa are already leading the way in establishing work requirements for able-bodied adults in Medicaid. Iowa's Governor Reynolds has said:

If you are an able-bodied adult who can work, you should work.

We are doing the same thing at the national level.

Work requirements under the One Big Beautiful Bill only apply to able-bodied adults between the ages of 19 and 64. Individuals will have to complete a minimum of 80 hours of work a month, or about 20 hours a week, of qualifying community engagement activities like working, job training, going to school, volunteering, or a combination of all these.

We have reasonable exemptions for veterans with a disability rated as

total, individuals who are medically frail or otherwise have special medical needs, individuals who are blind, have a substance use disorder, a disabling mental disorder, a physical or intellect disability that significantly impairs their ability to perform one or more activities of daily living, or serious or complex medical conditions.

We also have exemptions for parents, guardians, and caretaker relatives of children aged 14 or under or disabled individuals and foster care youth through the age of 26.

We give "good cause" exemptions for short-term hardships like hospitalizations or for an individual receiving psychiatric care. Individuals impacted by a natural disaster, living in a high-unemployment area, or having to travel outside their community for an extended period of time to receive medical service would also be exempted.

States will obviously be required to establish streamlined processes and use reliable data, like payroll data, to avoid individuals submitting their own documentation. There will also be significant outreach and education to those who will be required to work.

Labor force participation data for prime-age men—25 to 54—indicates that between 1950 to 1970, less than 1 in 30 was out of the labor force. Now—maybe it shouldn't be surprising—since then, participation declined steadily, so that 1 in 30 figure is now 1 in 10. This represents nearly 7 million prime-age men absent from the workforce.

On top of this, recent research found that nonworking Medicaid recipients spend 6 hours a day on socializing, relaxing, TV, and video games. They spend 125 hours during a 30-day month watching TV and video games alone. That is more than 50 percent higher than the 80 hours they would be required to work in a month.

Commonsense Medicaid work requirements for able-bodied adults take the same approach as welfare reform did in the 1990s—move people from welfare to work and self-sufficiency. The

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contrary—being on government programs—is a life of poverty. If you want to get out of poverty, you have to be in the world of work, and that is what we are trying to accomplish through this legislation, just like we do work requirements for every other government program.

I yield the floor.

I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant bill clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. THUNE. Madam 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.

ABORTION

Mr. THUNE. Madam President, today marks the third anniversary of the Supreme Court's Dobbs decision, overturning Roe v. Wade and returning the question of abortion to the people and their elected representatives.

Three years on, there is much to celebrate. New protections for unborn Americans now exist in many States, and there are babies alive today who would not be here without Dobbs.

But today is also a reminder of how much work there is still to be done. Other States have enacted aggressively pro-abortion laws, and the pro-abortion Guttmacher Institute reports that there were over a million abortions in the United States in 2024. So we still have a lot of work to do to reach a day when every—every—American, born and unborn, enjoys the full protection of the law.

I am sure my Democrat colleagues have plans to commemorate the Dobbs anniversary, not as a day that opened the door to protections for human rights but as a day that opened the door to restrictions on Democrats' most cherished "freedom," and that is the freedom to kill unborn human beings.

I have to say, it is a pretty grim indictment of the moral health of a party when one of its signature issues is promoting the right to kill the youngest and most vulnerable Americans.

As I said, there is still a lot of work to be done, but I am confident that we can get there. I look forward to the day when the life of every American, born and unborn, is protected and when being small and vulnerable does not mean that your human rights are any less respected.

ONE BIG BEAUTIFUL BILL

Madam President, we are rapidly approaching floor consideration of our reconciliation bill and the opportunity to make a historic investment in our Nation's security. I think it is difficult to overstate the opportunity that we have here with this bill. With just a single piece of legislation, we have a chance to undo a lot of damage and put our country on a safer footing going forward.

I often say that if we don't get national security right, the rest is conversation. Everything else we do in government—and our very existence as a nation, I might add—depends on getting our security right. But the disturbing fact is that we have let our readiness slip—to a very troubling level in some instances.

With China beginning to outpace the United States in key defense capabilities and manufacturing, it is especially critical that we act now to prevent the United States from falling behind on the national security front.

Enter our reconciliation bill. While it is no substitute for robust, yearly defense funding, the legislation takes a major step forward in upgrading and updating our national security posture. It invests in shipbuilding, missile defense, defense manufacturing capacity, critical munitions, drones and counter-drone technology, an expanded Air Force fighter fleet, nuclear modernization, U.S. infrastructure in the Pacific, and more.

The past few years have provided an ample reminder that we live in a dangerous world. With this bill, we can put our military—and, thus, our national security—in a much better place going forward, substantially improving our ability to deter and defeat threats.

Madam President, the national defense provisions of our bill alone would make a notable and critically important piece of legislation. But our bill doesn't just make a substantial investment in our national defense. It also makes a generational investment in our border security, which is another key part of protecting our Nation.

Criminals, terrorists, and other dangerous individuals can take advantage of unsecured borders to make their way into our country and take up residence unseen. Iran's recent warning about terrorist sleeper cells in the United States is a timely reminder that there are a lot of hostile nations out there that would like to harm the United States. In the absence of the ability to strike the U.S. mainland via military methods, what better way to harm our country than by smuggling dangerous individuals through our borders to carry out a task. It is a very real danger.

So border security is a key part of national security, and our reconciliation bill makes a generational investment in border security: funding for barriers and technology to secure the border, funding for more Border Patrol agents, funding for more Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents to deport dangerous individuals who have already made their way into the United States. It is all there and more. As with the national defense components, the border security components of this bill would be an impressive piece of legislation by themselves, but we have an amazing opportunity to do them both.

And they are paired with still another security investment, this one in

our energy security. Energy security doesn't always get the same attention as border security and national defense, but it, too, plays a key role in keeping our Nation secure. As European countries discovered, to their cost, after Russia invaded Ukraine, relying on energy from hostile countries or unstable regions of the world is not a winning proposition. The best way to keep a country—and an economy—secure is to have a secure, stable, and abundant domestic energy supply. The United States is fortunate to have abundant domestic energy resources, but the Biden administration set us up for a future of limited domestic production by sharply curtailing access to those resources. Our bill will undo a lot of that damage and free up energy resources for responsible domestic production.

We have an incredible opportunity with this legislation, a seldom-seen chance to make a real difference to our national security—from military to border, to energy. I am grateful to all those who have worked so hard to develop these portions of the bill, and I look forward to passing this legislation in the very near future.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that notwithstanding the order of June 23, the Senate not recess from 4 to 5 p.m. today.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. THUNE. I yield the floor.

VOTE ON ZIMMERMAN NOMINATION

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the question is, Will the Senate advise and consent to the Zimmerman 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 senior assistant legislative clerk called the roll.

Mr. BARRASSO. The following Senator is necessarily absent: the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BANKS).

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS), the Senator from Arizona (Mr. GALLEGOS), and the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN) are necessarily absent.

The result was announced—yeas 61, nays 35, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 323 Ex.]

YEAS—61

Barrasso	Curtis	Johnson
Blackburn	Daines	Justice
Boozman	Ernst	Kaine
Britt	Fetterman	Kelly
Budd	Fischer	Kennedy
Capito	Graham	King
Cassidy	Grassley	Lankford
Collins	Hagerty	Lee
Cornyn	Hassan	Lummis
Cotton	Hawley	Marshall
Cramer	Hoeven	McConnell
Crapo	Husted	McCormick
Cruz	Hyde-Smith	Moody

Moran	Rosen	Thune
Moreno	Rounds	Tillis
Mullin	Schmitt	Tuberville
Murkowski	Scott (FL)	Warnock
Paul	Scott (SC)	Wicker
Reed	Sheehy	Young
Ricketts	Slotkin	
Risch	Sullivan	

NAYS—35

Alsobrooks	Hickenlooper	Sanders
Baldwin	Hirono	Schatz
Bennet	Kim	Schiff
Blumenthal	Klobuchar	Schumer
Blunt Rochester	Lujan	Smith
Booker	Markey	Van Hollen
Cantwell	Merkley	Warner
Cortez Masto	Murphy	Warren
Duckworth	Murray	Welch
Durbin	Ossoff	Whitehouse
Gillibrand	Padilla	Wyden
Heinrich	Peters	

NOT VOTING—4

Banks	Gallego
Coons	Shaheen

The nomination was confirmed.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. BUDD). Under the previous order, the motion to reconsider is considered made and laid upon the table; the President will be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Under the previous order, the Senate will resume consideration of the following nomination, which the clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read the nomination of Paul Dabbar, of New York, to be Deputy Secretary of Commerce.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Ohio.

MAIDEN SPEECH

Mr. HUSTED. Mr. President, good afternoon. My name is JON HUSTED, and I have the distinct honor of serving the great State of Ohio as one of its U.S. Senators.

Over the past 25 years, I have been blessed to serve the people of Ohio as a State representative, speaker of the house, secretary of state, and most recently as Lieutenant Governor.

I am constantly reminded of the sacrifices generations of Americans and Ohioans have made in the hope that they will leave their country in a better place than they found it. And it is this pattern of sacrifice that I have also witnessed throughout my life growing up in the Midwest.

So I would like to take a moment to reflect on the sacrifices others have made that have led to this moment in time and our responsibility as Americans to our children and to our country.

So let me start at the beginning, at least for me. I was born in 1967, which was part of one of the most turbulent decades in American history.

My start in life reflected those turbulent times. My birth mother lost her husband in the Vietnam war, and she found herself with multiple children to care for without anyone to share that responsibility.

Then she learned that there was another baby on the way—and that baby

was me. While I can never truly know how the circumstances affected her and why she made the choice that she did, I would like to believe that out of a loving heart and full of courage and selflessness that she gave me a chance to be adopted. My birth certificate reports that I was born in Michigan, but let me reassure you: I was made in Ohio.

You see, during the fall of 1967, after 2 months in a foster home, I was blessed to become the first child of two humble, hard-working people from northwest Ohio Jim and Judy Husted. Even then, among the protests and the upheaval happening across the Nation, my parents were full of hope and optimism as they welcomed a new son into their home.

They have always embodied the American tradition: that each generation works and sacrifices today so that the next generation can climb higher mountains tomorrow.

That is the example my parents set as I grew up on County Road J near Montpelier, OH. Life was not easy for them. Like many families in the small towns in the industrial Midwest, we weathered factory closures. Several of my own family members lost their jobs when the machine tool factory they worked at shut down. But they faced hard times before, tough times make you tough and resilient, resilient enough to uproot your family, start over, and keep sacrificing for your family's well-being. And that is what they all did.

My parents worked hard and never wasted a penny. They routinely made choices that made their lives harder so that they could make my life and my brother and sister's life a little easier.

What I saw growing up in rural Ohio was simple but powerful, and it characterized communities across this country too. People worked long hours, forfeiting comfort and leisure so that their families, and especially their children, could enjoy more security and prosperity than they had.

These diligent men and women may not have called their daily responsibilities on the factory floors or in the fields the American dream, but that is what it was. That is what they were striving to achieve.

I believe this love for family and Nation, this aspirational hope that we have, has driven America's generations to risk their lives and livelihoods so that we could create the freest, most prosperous country in the world.

The early settlers didn't sail across the Atlantic's high seas for fun and adventure; they came to build a legacy of opportunity and liberty that their homeland had denied them, but nothing guaranteed their future. They earned it through courage, toil, and sacrifice.

I know this, the noise of the 24-hour news cycle makes it easy to lose perspective when you are here in Washington. I know it does. But if you step into the Capitol Rotunda and you look

up at the storied paintings all around that dome, you will be reminded of an enduring pattern: Americans built this Nation through personal sacrifice, often at a steep human cost.

In 1620, the settlers at Plymouth faced hunger, disease, and death as they launched into a new world where they hoped to establish religious freedom.

In 1776, their descendants picked up that torch by risking everything to break free of the monarchy. When the Founders signed the Declaration of Independence, they pledged their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor—a wager not just for themselves, but on behalf of their children and future generations.

At Valley Forge, liberty nearly froze to death, but those who endured did so "to form a more perfect Union." They fought not just for freedom but for justice, peace, and the blessings of liberty, for their posterity—that is us.

In 1861, Americans turned on one another so they could preserve the Nation and abolish slavery. They paid with blood. Then they returned to their fields and their towns and sought to rebuild a more cohesive nation, one capable of innovation, lasting growth, and a new hope.

By the early 1900s, Americans led a second revolution—this, the industrial revolution. In a free nation and economy, workers and entrepreneurs built new industries, fought for fair working conditions, and laid the foundations for the prosperity we enjoy today.

Immigrants came through Ellis and Angel Islands with hope in their hearts and the willingness to work hard, and America embraced them.

In World War II, young men crossed oceans to fight tyranny, and women stepped onto factory floors to build the arsenal of victory. When it was all over, they followed their forefathers' faithfulness by coming home and building schools, churches, and businesses—in other words, a future.

The "greatest generation" carried that burden for their children and for ours. The men and women who fought and endured daily hardships during the Second World War understood what I worry many Americans nearly have forgotten, which is that the heavier the load you choose to carry, the higher you can hold your head, and doing what is noble builds confidence. I believe that is true of people and of nations.

For nearly two centuries, Americans weren't focused on indulgence but on inheritance. To be clear, I am not talking about the kind of inheritance measured in dollars but, instead, the kind measured in duty, making tomorrow better than today.

Mr. President, you may be tempted to correct me here. Why would I only credit us with two centuries of discipline when, after all, we turn 250 years old next year? Let me take a moment to explain.

This American ethos endured for most of our history, but I believe something shifted in our culture around the

time I was born. Our society began to leverage the security that earlier Americans won for tomorrow in order to avoid the challenges of the day. Courageous people don't do that.

Even a few years before I was born, I believe President Kennedy had already begun to detect the shift. In his inaugural address, he implored Americans to do one thing:

Ask not what your country can do for you—ask what you can do for your country.

A nation that once rallied around sacrifice—in war, in rebuilding, in laying foundations for the future—gave way to a new cultural mood. Over time, we stopped asking “What can we build and leave for the ones we love?” and we began to ask “What can we claim for ourselves?” We became obsessed with what we as individuals are entitled to, and we forgot how to plant the seeds and nurture them until the harvest. The sense of shared responsibility that had defined generations was eroded. Our growing reliance on promises we felt others owed to us meant that we earned less and expected more.

We initially built a safety net to protect people in need and our most vulnerable citizens, which is a noble idea and one that I support, but, over time, that safety net stretched wider and wider until nearly everybody was lying in it.

As the cost of our promises ballooned, we lacked the will to either pay for them or the courage to pare them back. So what did we do instead? We did what previous generations refused to do: We passed the buck by handing the bill off to our children. Instead of sacrificing for the next generation, we passed the burden on to them.

It was a convenient deception. Congress created more programs that it wouldn't pay for. Public officials made promises they couldn't keep. They convinced their constituents that Americans who come of age after us would take care of tomorrow all by themselves. We also fought wars and engaged in foreign interventions without paying for them. It all adds up.

All the while, our national debt kept rising. I am not just talking about dollars; America began experiencing a real character deficit. We weren't just spending money; we were squandering trust, legacy, and time at the expense of the boys and girls who were too young to even vote or recognize a better path than the one we had chosen for them. We soothed ourselves by claiming that we were being compassionate, but we passed on the consequences of our choices to those not yet born. This is not compassion; it is generational theft.

In 1967, when I was born, the national debt stood at \$330 billion. Today, it is \$36 trillion—more than 100 times greater even after adjusting for inflation. In 2024 alone, we ran a \$1.8 trillion deficit. A baby born in America today inherits \$106,000 as their share of the national debt on day one.

So what happened to American ingenuity, resolve, and discipline? What

happened to it? How did a nation once defined by sacrifice for our kids—think about it—become one that was willing to pilfer their piggy banks?

We have some urgent challenges. Twenty-first century Americans are not being asked to storm Normandy's beaches or endure winters at Valley Forge. The task upon us may seem less heroic, but it remains both daunting and deeply patriotic. What is that task? To simply stop spending more than we are willing to pay for today.

The question isn't just “How did America's financial and cultural debt get so deep?” It is “How can we claw our way out of this financial and cultural hole?” The answer comes down to identifying what we value and what we believe is worth the sacrifice.

For me, that is my family and my country. I love them both, and I know many of you share those same sentiments. I believe that we only sacrifice for the things we love. I will repeat that. I believe we only sacrifice for the things we love. That is why it is crucial and consequential that we remind ourselves and instruct our children to love this country, reminding ourselves that this pattern and promise of American liberty forged a noble, innovative nation that is worth loving and worth fighting for, because why would anyone sacrifice for a nation they don't love or for neighbors they don't feel a patriotic affection for?

America has been self-aware from the beginning. We never thought we were perfect. But every generation is supposed to put in the sweat and tears to form a more perfect Union.

We were the first Nation rooted in the confidence that our rights come not from Kings or governments but from God, that we are endowed by our Creator with the inalienable rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. It is a beautiful thought. That idea is exceptional. This country is exceptional. There are none like it in the world, and we must teach the next generation what our countrymen sacrificed to secure. And that is why this Nation is worth loving with an active and enduring patriotism.

Loving America doesn't mean agreeing with every policy or politician. It is not required. But it does require being confident in the idea of America and being willing to sacrifice for the cause of this Nation—not in the abstract but in real ways: by being good stewards of what was handed down to us and honoring those who came before us by adopting their discipline and by becoming the kind of neighbors who are willing to work a little harder, take a little less, and give a little more to preserve what has made this country great.

I stand here today as the beneficiary of those who sacrificed for me and for all of us. I was blessed to be adopted into a loving home where they taught me that faith, family, freedom, and hard work are the most reliable anecdotes for poverty and despair the world has ever known.

We are still a nation where a newborn can begin life in a foster home in Detroit, grow up in the rural Midwest, and have the honor of serving as a U.S. Senator.

As Americans, no matter our background, whether we come from abundance or struggle, we have all inherited the gift of freedom, passed down from earlier Americans. We stand on their shoulders.

Let's not force the next generation to remember us as the ones who broke the two-centuries-long chain of self-sacrifice but, rather, as the ones who reformed it.

To my colleagues and constituents, count me in as one who is willing to do my part, to work hard, forgo convenience, and reinforce that chain that will sustain our Nation for future generations.

I will listen to your ideas, and I hope you will listen to mine. I will operate from the principled belief that we must elevate liberty and personal responsibility above expediency and entitlement and that our children should not have to pay the price for our lack of discipline.

The America I aspire to serve is defined by courage and a love that refuses to take more than it gives.

As it has so many times in our history, may these convictions prevail in this Chamber and in the classrooms, boardrooms, break rooms, and living rooms of these United States. Consider this my prayer for our Nation, and may God work through us to make it so.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Ohio.

TRIBUTE TO JON HUSTED

Mr. MORENO. Mr. President, I had the opportunity to meet Senator HUSTED when he was State Representative Husted about 15, maybe 20 years ago. I don't want to age myself. I was down in Columbus meeting a few State reps down there, and I see this guy and go: Man, who is that young guy who sounded really, really smart? I walked up to him and introduced myself. It was JON HUSTED.

In that period of time, what I have seen is a great person. He is not just a great public servant. This is somebody who could have spent his entire adult life making a lot of money. He is a very smart and gifted person. Instead, he has dedicated his entire time to actually making this country better. The reason for that you just heard today. He is somebody who is a deep person of faith, who is a great father, a great husband, and honestly a great friend.

So, look, don't take my word for it. The Senator does not know that I did this. So I think you owe it to hear.

So here is just a sampling of what the people in Ohio said based on a simple request: Tell me what you think of Senator HUSTED.

Let me start with the first one:

JON has excelled in every public office he has held . . . as a legislator, Speaker of the Ohio House, Secretary of State and Lieutenant Governor. I worked with JON on a daily

basis for the 6 years he served as Lieutenant Governor. No one understands Ohio better than JON. His work on economic development as Lieutenant Governor will have lasting impact for generations. He has had a great career of public service. However, I am convinced that his service as U.S. Senator will be his most important and most impactful for Ohio and for our country. His knowledge of Ohio, and his ability to work with others, will make him a great U.S. Senator.

Signed, Ohio Governor and former U.S. Senator Mike DeWine.

Second one:

Senator HUSTED embodies everything Ohioans are about: family, hard work, love of country, and service. Ohio is better because of his years of service.

Alex Triantafilou, chairman of the Ohio Republican Party.

Next one:

JON was the Speaker when I started in the Ohio House in 2007. I watched and learned from him and today I use that knowledge everyday in the Ohio legislature.

Eighteen years. Pretty impressive.

He's a great leader and a great U.S. Senator.

Current Ohio Speaker of the House Matt Huffman.

Next one:

From his beginnings in rural Williams County to his leadership in the legislative and executive branch of our state government, JON HUSTED made Ohio a better state at every stop. I have no doubt he will do the same for our entire country in the United States Senate.

Ohio Senate President Rob McColley.

Senator HUSTED is passionate about his faith, his family, his State, and his country. It has been a pleasure watching him grow throughout the years, and without question he will serve his Senate family with great pride and integrity.

That is from the current Lieutenant Governor and former Ohio State football head coach, Jim Tressell.

And the last one:

During his service at the state level, JON saw firsthand, in great detail, the many problems at the federal level—problems that he was powerless as a state officer to solve. He brings that detailed knowledge and his passion for the right thing to the United States Senate—and the country will be better for it.

Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost.

I will end with this, Mr. President. Look at what he has already accomplished. I can say a little bit falls here in this Chamber. About 8 years ago, I remember sitting with Senator HUSTED—then-Lieutenant Governor, Candidate HUSTED, Nominee HUSTED—in a little office building in downtown Cleveland. He said: I have an idea that is going to be called Innovate Ohio.

JON, what is that?

We are going to put together leaders of the Ohio innovation ecosystem and make Ohio the most attractive State where you can build and grow a company.

And we had our first meeting. Who was in that meeting? Now-Senator JON HUSTED, now-Senator me, BERNIE MORENO, soon-to-be Governor Vivek

Ramaswamy, and our third Ohio honorary senator, Vice President JD VANCE—all hand-selected by Senator HUSTED to participate 8 years ago in Innovation Task Force.

So on nights when we go through vote-aramas and we are here 24, 30 hours, it is you whom I have to blame, Senator HUSTED, for encouraging me to seek public service.

I came to DC not knowing what to expect, and having somebody whom I consider a friend, somebody whom I know we can talk about anything and hash things out has made this job, very, very rewarding. Thank you for your service to Ohio. I look forward to serving with you in the U.S. Senate.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Kentucky.

IRAN

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, when Iran's proxies launched a full-scale war on Israel, October 7, 2023, President Biden pledged an unwavering commitment to Israel's security. That was the right message in the moment.

But as I warned publicly at the time, Israel needed more than just rhetorical solidarity. Like Ukraine, Israel needed precious time, space to maneuver, and materiel support to defeat a shared enemy. And yet, as in Ukraine, America's commitment has indeed wavered. Our support has not been ironclad.

Instead, under the previous administration, American support was delayed, restricted, and paired with attempts to micromanage Israel's operations and even interfere with Israeli politics. And at every turn, the progressive left and isolationist right hyperventilated about the specter of so-called forever war.

Fortunately, Israel held its ground. Israelis certainly weren't enthused about a ground war in Gaza. Their leaders knew that war would be difficult. But they knew it was unavoidable so long as Hamas terrorists still refused to release its hostages. They also knew lasting security meant changing Iran's calculus, not just responding to attacks from proxies.

So Israel decided to turn Iran's terrorist assets into liabilities. Despite the pearl-clutching here in Washington, our allies simultaneously decapitated Hezbollah and crippled Hamas. Their bold operations created a new opportunity for Lebanon to claw back its sovereignty from a terrorist state within a state.

Meanwhile, the collapse of the brutal Assad regime in Syria brought down a Russian vassal and Iran's favorite corridor of weapons and terrorist finance.

These are the circumstances President Trump inherited. What to do with them has been the subject of quite some debate. Some of his advisers and supporters came with Obama-Biden-era talking points, ready to urge him to continue his predecessor's policy of constraining Israel. Some had argued publicly that America had no vital or existential interests in the Middle East

or claimed the region was a distraction from other priorities. They warned of forever war.

Some seemed to push for nuclear negotiations with parameters eerily similar to the nuclear deal the President withdrew from his first term. They even proposed Iran could keep enriching uranium, until the President, rightly, correctly, quashed that idea.

These mixed messages emboldened Iran and its proxies. After all, why give up if administration officials saw the Middle East as little more than a distraction or if they seem as fearful of restoring deterrence as the previous guys?

So Hamas kept holding hostages. The Houthis kept targeting Israel and Red Sea commerce. And the Islamic Republic kept marching toward a nuclear weapon. And in response, Israel took the next logical step to restore deterrence.

Once again, innovative and decisive strikes destroyed Iran's air defenses and imposed immediate—immediate—costs on Tehran. Leaders across Israel's politics stood united behind the daring operations.

Ah, but here in America, the same restrainers, anti-Israel progressives, and self-proclaimed realists warned again of regional conflagration if the President intervened alongside or even supported Israel's strikes.

The President's own—his own—Director of National Intelligence traveled to Hiroshima to record a bizarre video, not as a warning against Tehran's nuclear ambitions but presumably against American or Israeli operations to blunt them.

Now, fortunately, the President rejected the pleas of appeasers and isolationists. The strikes he ordered dealt a massive blow to Iran's nuclear program, bolstered American credibility, and strengthened U.S. and Israel leverage to end Iran's pursuit of nuclear weapons and its support for terrorism for good.

Thanks to Israel's historic efforts for more than a year and a half, Iran's ability to threaten regional stability is massively degraded. Not since before the Islamic Revolution has there been such an opportunity for America, Israel, and our Arab partners to reset regional dynamics on such favorable terms.

Achieving it has required no large-scale deployment of U.S. ground forces. It required only supporting our friends. Israel is a close ally and a strategic asset, not a liability. And the strategic return on our investment in assisting Israel is incalculable. Standing with our Israeli friends offers a powerful lesson about American leadership, the value of alliances and partnerships, and the real nature of peace through strength.

And this lesson extends far, far beyond the Middle East.

If America refuses to apply it elsewhere—like Ukraine—we do so at grave risk to our own interests. But that is

exactly what some in Washington seem to be doing.

Congress recently learned that a senior DOD official conducted a review of DOD security assistance efforts and—listen to this—concluded that the Ukraine Security Assistance Initiative, among other programs, was wasteful. This is a Republican administration panning a program created by the Republican Congress in 2015 to counter President Obama's toothless response to Russia's initial invasion of Ukraine.

I would like to see the analysis behind the administration's decision to zero out USAI in its fiscal 2026 request. I would like to hear them try to explain away the massive return on investment of America's security assistance to Ukraine and the previous lessons we have learned from our Ukrainian partners.

The Secretary of the Army has, rightly, called Ukraine—listen to this—“the Silicon Valley of warfare.” Do his colleagues at the Pentagon think this assessment is wrong or do they just not think access to cutting-edge, modern combat is valuable?

Well, here is the truth: USAI and other security efforts have helped us, measurably, address shortcomings in strategy, capabilities, and production capacity that would have gone ignored until it was too late.

It is an inconvenient reality for isolationists and restrainers, but for a tiny percent—a tiny percent—of our defense budget, we helped a smaller military resist invasion by a vastly larger one and degrade a major U.S. adversary.

As with Israel, Ukraine is fighting an adversary of the United States. Our support does not entangle us in a far-off foreign conflict. For Russia, Iran, China, North Korea, America is the main enemy, the Great Satan. If these adversaries beat our friends, the threat to America becomes a thousand times greater. We should be grateful for friends so willing to defend our collective interests against common folks.

Partnership with Ukraine is teaching us what modern warfare could mean for U.S. forces when they do face direct conflict. It has tested our assumptions about munitions inventories, expenditure rates, electronic warfare, and the duration of conflict.

Without Ukraine's experience with U.S. weapons, we would have been surprised to find some advanced systems quickly rendered inoperable on future battlefields. The money we invest in USAI on weapons for Ukraine expands our own production capacity in the process and will improve the quality of our own munitions.

Supplemental appropriations on Ukraine and Israel, in turn, backfill our own stocks with brand new capabilities—not just 155-mm rounds but air defenses and long-range fires, with specific investment in solid rocket motors.

These investments help us prepare for conflict in the Indo-Pacific, and

production would be slower in the absence of our partnership with Ukraine. Not doing more to address our growing defense needs isn't a failure of foresight. It is a failure of political will.

Everyone wants to see an end to Russia's war in Ukraine, but the price of peace matters. If we want enduring stability in Europe, we can't fall for an illusory peace. We should know enough history not to dismiss this as merely “a quarrel in a faraway country, between two people of whom we no nothing.”

It is a major war of conquest in Europe—the most significant since the days of Nazi Germany—and allies and adversaries half a world away are watching it closely for clues about America's resolve.

Certainly, Europe's deepening commitments to collective defense will make real peace more enforceable. The President's insistence has driven much of this progress. Putin's brutality has reinforced it.

Since 2022, our European NATO allies have made historic—historic—investments in defense, often buying from us. Many are preparing to make even larger commitments at this week's NATO summit. All of that is good news. But we can't expect allies to continue signing up for 3.5 and 5 percent commitments if America insists on falling further behind.

Likewise, we can't expect Putin to end his aggression if he thinks America's abandonment of Ukraine is just a matter of time. And we can't expect anyone to take America's threats and commitments seriously if we are content to let our own strength atrophy.

A base budget request that cuts defense spending in real terms doesn't show Moscow we are serious, let alone Beijing. Leading from behind would be bad enough, but this is just plain falling behind.

The strongest deterrence is denying an adversary's objectives through military means. Israel is restoring this deterrence in the Middle East. Ukraine is achieving it by holding its own against Russia, but it needs help.

Recently, I have asked administration officials simple questions, like: Who is the aggressor in the conflict?

The answer is pretty obvious. But a second, equally simple question seems to actually trip them up: Who do we want to win? Who do we want to win?

The President made the right call to stand with Israel. I hope he will also decide to stand with Ukraine, prevent Russian victory, and start reversing a dangerous downward trend in our defense budgets.

I hope he will recognize Russia's attempt to “tap him along” for what it is. Putin is getting mixed messages from us. He thinks he has time. He believes the West is weak and divided.

But the President, at very little cost, can shatter that illusion. It is time to impose sanctions, raise the price of Russia's aggression, redouble security assistance to Ukraine, and drive the

Kremlin to seek peace. It is time for deterrence through denial.

There is no surer path to a just and enduring peace, no better way to demonstrate that peace through strength actually means something, no clearer sign to allies and adversaries watching closely, from the Western Hemisphere to the Indo-Pacific, that America still has the will to lead.

I yield the floor.

THE PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Louisiana.

NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM

Mr. CASSIDY. Mr. President, in every single State, there are Americans relying on the National Flood Insurance Program to protect their home. It is shaded in every State. There are people who are making claims on the National Flood Insurance Program. Congress has the responsibility to serve all Americans, regardless of age, income, or ZIP Code.

Since President Biden's implementation of Risk Rating 2.0, seniors and low- and middle-income homeowners have been left behind. Earlier this month, I led eight of my Republican colleagues in urging FEMA to end the Biden-era Risk Rating 2.0. I want to work with the President to fix the mess the Biden administration has created.

Now, I want to share with my colleagues the same case we made in that letter for why action is needed now.

Every year, on June 1, the phrase “hoping for the best, preparing for the worst” comes to mind. For the folks in Louisiana, it is a way of life.

The hurricane season begins. With a higher gulf temperature than usual, meteorologists predict 13 to 19 named storms, 6 to 10 hurricanes, and 3 to 5 major hurricanes hitting the United States before the year's end. That is somewhere in the United States, not just the gulf coast.

I will note that the meteorologists always predict a lot. It is easier to be wrong predicting a lot than to be wrong predicting very few. But, nonetheless, we should hope for the best and prepare for the worst.

In my State, if there is such a warning, folks know what to do. They stock up on some nonperishable food items, they get their prescriptions renewed, they take care of their windows, they check on their neighbors, and they will also be bracing themselves financially.

Folks in my State are still trying to get back on their feet after 4 years of financial distress under the Biden administration. Add the cost of recovery, if there is a severe weather event, and many families just cannot afford it.

That is why we have the National Flood Insurance Program, a safety net program for millions across the country, including those in my State, for the last 50 years. Because of the National Flood Insurance Program, a retired couple in Livingston Parish who just paid off their mortgage sleeps better knowing that they are covered the next time or if they ever flood.

The single working woman in Cameron Parish rests assured, knowing that there is help available when it comes time to replace the siding and roof tiles which may have been torn loose by torrential winds.

But this program—and the peace of mind for those who rely on it—is threatened. Since FEMA, under the Biden administration, implemented Risk Rating 2.0, premiums have skyrocketed, making desperately needed protection unaffordable for millions. Over 80 percent of NFIP policyholders in Louisiana saw a spike in their premiums after its implementation in 2021. The protection that millions desperately need has been unaffordable.

When I say “unaffordable,” I am not talking about a \$1 or \$200 increase, although that might be too much for some families. I am talking about an almost \$2,000 increase for a homeowner in Waggaman, LA, and about a \$4,500 increase for a homeowner in Gibson.

This is where they started, in the white, and this is where they went to, in the red.

So if you say “unaffordable,” for a family of limited means, paying almost \$600 to go to \$2,500 is a big jump—a 334-percent jump. To go from \$600 to \$5,100 is a 750-percent jump. And here in Belle Chasse, LA, it goes from \$5,070 to \$8,800—over a 1,400-percent increase.

That is unaffordable. For a family with limited income—perhaps a fixed income—to see that kind of a jump is, one more time, unaffordable.

The question is, Has FEMA been transparent about these increases?

The answer is no.

In fact, some of these folks have never flooded. They are not really quite sure why their premiums are rising. But because they are rising so rapidly and so much, they have no option but to drop their NFIP coverage altogether, which, of course, is the worst possible situation because, now, they are totally vulnerable.

It is important to note that Congress has not been allowed to weigh in on these increases. Under President Biden, Congress was stonewalled. Now, with President Trump in charge, I trust there will be more transparency into the Risk Rating 2.0 methodology than we have had.

The American people—and, certainly, those in Louisiana—made it clear when they elected President Trump that they are ready to end the confusion and high prices of the previous administration. They are talking about the grocery store, the gas pump, and, yes, also flood insurance.

The National Flood Insurance Program, if you add to that homeowner's insurance, is the heart of the cost-of-living crisis Americans struggled with under President Biden.

Now, we have a chance to bring down prices on flood insurance in the same way that President Trump has brought down all of these other prices—gas, eggs, milk—you name it. And I wish to work with my Senate colleagues, my

congressional colleagues, and with President Trump to make life affordable again.

As hurricane season ramps up, the clock is ticking. Let's act now.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority whip.

ONE BIG BEAUTIFUL BILL

Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I come to the floor today because for the last few years, I think we can best describe the time in America as a time of record high prices and wide-open borders. Prices soared by over 20 percent, which was a 40-year high; 10 million illegal immigrants flooded across our Nation's borders; American families struggled; and communities were unsafe.

So in November of this past year, the American people said: Enough. They rejected the chaos and the extremism of the Democratic Party and the Democratic leadership, and they chose Republicans in order to get the country back on track.

So the bill that we are voting on this week is the Republican plan: a plan for a safer and more prosperous America. It is a plan to cut taxes, lower prices, secure the border, and, of course, to strengthen our Nation. It is the blueprint to renew, to rebuild, and to restore our Nation. Here is how.

First, our bill stops a \$4 trillion tax increase. Now, that would be the biggest tax increase in the history of the country. Every Senate Democrat has vowed to stop the bill. That is because the Democrats are the party of record high taxes. They want people's taxes to go up to a tune of \$4 trillion. If the Democrats have their way, every working family in America will pay more in taxes. They will see a higher tax bill next year.

So if you make between \$30,000 and \$80,000 a year, when our bill passes, you are going to get a 15 percent tax cut. We cut taxes on overtime, on Social Security, and on tips. If you are a waiter or a police officer or a nurse, you are going to keep more of what you earn. If you are on Social Security, you will see more money at the end of each month through a larger deduction. Now, this is real relief for the American people who have been suffering through 4 years of record high prices.

Additionally—and, as a doctor, I think this is critically important—our bill strengthens Medicaid. Medicaid exists for the vulnerable: for children, for pregnant women, for the disabled. That is who it was set up and established for. But, right now, Medicaid is failing them. And the problem, of course, is the waste and the fraud and the abuse and the corruption that has been allowed to get into that system as a result of the last 4 years of liberal leadership in Washington.

Experts tell us that over the past number of years, over \$1.1 trillion has been wasted on improper payments alone. And Washington was happy to shovel the money out of this city to big

States and big cities. In States such as California, money meant for the vulnerable was siphoned off; it was diverted for free healthcare for illegal immigrants. Well, our bill stops all of that.

We also believe and add the fact that there needs to be work requirements—work requirements for able-bodied, working-age people. If people can work, they should work. That is how you move people from poverty to a paycheck.

Additionally, our bill secures the border and deport illegal immigrants. The border has been wide open for the last 4 years. Over 10 million illegal immigrants have come into the country. We have seen the numbers. We have seen the videos, the crime, the chaos allowed by the previous administration, and we have seen how quickly things can change with real leadership in the White House. It is dramatic. It is the improvement that the American people have wanted.

Our bill invests \$160 billion in public safety—hiring 10,000 new Immigration and Customs agents, hiring 3,000 new Border Patrol agents, finishing the wall, giving our officers a well-deserved bonus for keeping our communities safe.

Additionally, the bill we have unleashes American energy. Under Joe Biden, energy prices rose 31 percent in 4 years. We fix that by producing more energy right here at home in America. We open up energy production onshore, offshore, and in Alaska. That means affordable gas prices, lower energy bills, good-paying American jobs. It powers innovation here at home. America is an energy superpower, and once again, we are going to act like it.

Additionally, our bill restores American strength. For 4 years under Joe Biden, the world saw American weakness. This bill, as well as our actions last weekend, sent a clear message: America is strong again. We invest \$150 billion in our military, we build 13 new warships, and we boost shipbuilding capacities.

Remember, strength deters. Weakness invites aggression. A ready America is a safe and strong America. That is what Americans want, it is what they need, and it is what Americans voted for in November: lower taxes, safer communities, secure borders, a strong economy, leaders who put common sense ahead of chaos. And that is exactly what this bill delivers.

This bill keeps the promises that we made to the American people, while a vote against the bill—and that is what the Democrats are coming to the floor and they are promising, saying: We have to beat this thing. That would saddle hard-working Americans with the largest tax increase ever, with open borders, with a weaker economy, a weaker country. And that is what they come to the floor and say they are fighting for.

I ask the American people: Whose side do you stand on? What is it that

you want for your future and your country? Because we know what works. In the 1980s, President Ronald Reagan tamed inflation, cut taxes, and stood strong. It was morning in America. And then in the 1990s, in a bipartisan effort, Republicans worked with President Bill Clinton to reform welfare. Millions moved from poverty to paycheck. We need to do that again.

In 2017, we cut taxes, we rolled back redtape, we unleashed American energy, and it created the best economy in my lifetime. Middle-class incomes rose by nearly \$6,000 across the board. Energy was much more affordable. We did it before. With this bill, we will do it again.

So, today, Senate Republicans stand united: united to deliver lower prices, higher wages, and more jobs here at home. This bill that we will vote on this week opens the next chapter in our great American comeback story. Republicans are ready to get America back on track.

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. KENNEDY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

RUSSIA

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, where is Russia? Where is President Putin? I ask that question in light of what has been happening over the past week in Iran. Where is Russia? Where is President Putin? You couldn't find either one of them with a search party. "Dog the Bounty Hunter," all of a sudden, couldn't find President Putin. All of a sudden, even Google can't find Russia.

I thought Iran and Russia were peeps. I thought they were best friends. I mean, for decades, Iran and Russia have had a partnership where they have attacked everyone in the freedom-loving West. They are best buds.

Now, I know Iran has a relationship with China, but that is more transactional. China just likes to buy Iran's cheap oil.

With Russia and Iran, it was supposed to be a deeper, more meaningful relationship. And this isn't something new; this has been a partnership for decades.

I remember when Putin invaded Ukraine. One of the first allies he turned to was Iran, and Iran sent Russia ammunition, and Iran sent Russia artillery shells, and Iran sent Russia drones. Iran has sent Russia drones and ammunition and artillery shells every single day of the war.

So where is Russia? I mean, it hasn't been a good week for Iran. Where is Russia?

On Monday of this week, Iran's top diplomat met with President Putin and asked for help. Do you know what President Putin said he would provide?

Nothing. Zero. Zilch. Nada. Some kind of friend.

You know, it is not the first time that we have seen President Putin's true colors. It has happened before. You would think that Iran would learn. The month after Iran, through Hamas, attacked Israel back in October of 2023, Iran immediately asked Moscow to supply Iran with—because Iran knew what was coming, and so did Hamas. They knew retribution was coming from Israel. Iran asked Moscow for jet fighters, for attack helicopters, air defense systems, and training jets, and Iran was sure that their buddy Putin would be there. Putin sent them a few jets and said: Go away. Don't bother me.

Then, not long ago, when Israel took out the better part of Iran's air defense system, its golden dome—it wasn't exactly golden. It was more like tin. But the Israelis took it out. Iran asked Russia, said: Look, we have to rearm. We are naked and alone here. We need more air defense missiles to shoot down the Israeli planes.

President Putin said: Go away. Don't bother me.

What a friend.

President Putin has done it to other countries. Russia has had alliances not just with Iran through the years. I will give you a couple of examples. Armenia. Armenia and Russia were best buds, two peas in a pod, but when Armenia got in a war with Azerbaijan, once again, you couldn't find Russia with a search party.

Iran and Russia worked together to prop up al-Assad in Syria. Remember that, when the people of Syria were revolting against Assad, who had blood under his fingernails? Do you know who kept him afloat? Iran, yes, but especially Russia.

Then Assad got in trouble, and that is when he really needed Russia. He went to Mr. Putin and said: Help me. Help me.

Mr. Putin said: No. You are on your own. You can come to my country, where they can't get to you, but that is it. Too bad. I don't need you anymore.

A lot is going on with respect to the Middle East right now, but I hope the world knows what kind of friend Russia is. I hope other countries that Russia has alliances with and that Russia is assiduously courting to be a "partnership" notice how Russia reacts to their friends.

Where is Russia? Where is Putin? All of a sudden, you can't find him. Now, I am delighted with that. I am just delighted. But this was very, very predictable. With friends like Russia—I say this to every country in the world that might be thinking about partnering with Russia—with friends like Russia, who needs enemies?

ONE BIG BEAUTIFUL BILL

Mr. President, let me change the subject slightly. As you know, we are working hard on reconciliation. I suspect we are going to have a bill before us here in a few days. It is very impor-

tant. It does a lot. And I know reasonable people have disagreed over it, but first and foremost, if we pass the bill, it will represent the largest tax decrease in the history of our country.

Let me say that again because sometimes we tend to lose sight of the main purpose of the bill, of the forest as we start battling about the trees. If we pass this bill, it will be the largest tax cut in the history of America. But the converse is also true. If we don't pass this bill, it will be the largest tax increase on the American people in the history of America.

So there are two doors here. Door No. 1, pass it—largest tax cut in the history of America. Door No. 2, don't pass it—largest tax increase, \$4.3 trillion. That is how much taxes will go up on ordinary Americans—not just the rich. I know they are going to tell you that it is just the rich. No, it is not. It is ordinary Americans. It is every American.

If we don't pass this bill, you raise taxes \$4.3 trillion on 300-plus million Americans, and you watch this economy go down like a fat guy on a seesaw. We don't have a choice.

But as we are discussing reconciliation, there is another issue that I don't want us to forget about. Reconciliation is about cutting and spending, but what we call rescission is about cutting.

As you know, Mr. President, the U.S. Congress is responsible under our Constitution for passing a budget. When we pass a budget, we send it to the President—any President. The President can either veto it or sign it. What he can't do or she can't do is go through it and say: I like this; I want to keep it. I don't like that; I am going to cut it.

That is called a line-item veto. President Clinton tried it, and the U.S. Supreme Court said: You can't do it.

So the President, once we pass it, either has to swallow it whole or has to spit it out.

But one of the tools the President does have—the executive branch has, every President has—is the power of rescission.

You are going to hear that word a lot, "rescission." What does "rescission" mean? It just means the President looks at the budget, and he says: You know, I know I can't change it on my own unilaterally, but I, the President, can ask Congress to change it. I know you just passed this budget, but I think you made a mistake here. I think you shouldn't have spent this money or I think you spent too much money and we have got to cut back.

So the President can send us what is called a rescission bill, and we have got to take it up. We don't have a choice. And in that rescission bill, the President says what I just implied: I don't agree with this spending, and I want you, Congress, who put it in there, to take it out.

We can't afford it or it is wasteful spending—what I call spending porn.

We have to take up the President's request, and we can vote yes or we can

vote no, but we cannot dodge it, and it only takes a majority vote to pass the President's request.

The President has sent to us a rescission package. It is \$9.4 billion, as you know, Mr. President—\$9.4 billion. The President is asking us to remove spending that Congress appropriated for areas in foreign aid and for public broadcasting. I want to talk about the foreign aid part.

We are going to have plenty of time to debate whether we all agree with the President, but I want the American people to understand the type of spending that President Trump is asking to take out of Congress's budget.

The Honorable JODEY ARRINGTON, who is a Congressman—damn good one, too—he is chairman of the House Budget Committee. The Congressman put together just a few items in the foreign aid spending provisions that the President is asking us to remove. This list is illustrative; it is not exhaustive. I just wanted to point a couple of these programs out. Again, this is spending the President is asking us to revoke. You be the judge, folks. It is your money. The American people can decide whether we ought to spend their money on this or take it out as the President has requested.

Here is my chart, but I don't know if you can read it.

In fact, it is the wrong chart. Put up the other one, Nate.

I will just mention a couple of the programs.

Congress appropriated \$4 million for sedentary migrants in Columbia. The President wants us to take it out.

Congress appropriated in the—let me say, in many of these cases, we didn't appropriate the money for the specific things it was spent on. The bureaucrats did that. We might have sent the executive branch let's say \$3 million for foreign aid, and the executive branch, the bureaucrats there, under President Biden, decided how the money would be spent.

So I know Congress is not blameless, believe me, but we did not approve these specific items of expenditures. We approved the amounts in the general subject area, like foreign aid; the bureaucrats did the rest.

The bureaucrats decided to spend \$3 million for circumcision, vasectomies, and condoms in Zambia—you decide whether that is a priority; \$3 million for sexual reproductive health in Venezuela; \$2½ million for teaching young children how to make environmentally friendly reproductive health decisions—I didn't know there was any such thing as an environmentally unfriendly reproductive health decision; \$167,000 the bureaucracy has spent or is proposing to spend on free education and healthcare for migrants in Ecuador and Venezuela; \$67,000 to provide insect powder to children in Madagascar.

Mr. President, have you ever had insect powder? Don't answer that. I don't think I am even supposed to be asking you under Senate rules. But I haven't had it.

In the area of LGBTQIA and gender programs—again, you be the judge whether this is something we ought to be spending your money on when we have got \$36 trillion of debt. “LGBTQIA” stands for “lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex, and asexual.”

The one I had to look up was “intersex.” Apparently, intersex is from someone that identifies as both a man and a woman.

The bureaucracy wants to spend \$5.1 million to strengthen the “resilience of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex, and queer global movements.” The President has asked us to take it out.

Mr. President, \$833,000 for services for “transgender people, sex workers their clients, and sexual networks” in Nepal; \$643,000 for LGBTQIA programs in the Western Balkans; \$567,000 for LGBTQI programs in Uganda; \$33,000 for being LGBTI in the Caribbean.

In the area of the climate, the bureaucrats want to spend—and President Trump wants us to take it out—\$6 million appropriated for net zero cities in Mexico; \$2.1 million for climate resilience in Southeast Asia, Latin America, and East Africa; \$614,700 for climate adaptation, including growing coral reefs in the Caribbean; \$500,000 in Rwanda to buy electric buses—your money; \$8,000 to promote vegan food in Zambia.

In terms of electoral assistance, the bureaucracy has some ideas about how we ought to spend money appropriated to the executive branch to help people in their elections.

The bureaucracy wants to spend \$1 million on voter ID programs in Haiti—if you know anything about Haiti, it is a mess; they are not about to have elections anytime soon—\$889,000 for electoral reforms and voter education in Kenya.

In the area of media arts and culture, the bureaucracy proposes to spend \$6 million to support media organizations and civic life in Palestine and \$3 million for Iraqi Sesame Street. This is just a taste. This list is illustrative; it is not exhaustive.

So when you see us debating whether we should reduce the Federal budget by \$9.3 billion—which the House has already decided to do, and now it is our turn—and I say what—which I have repeatedly said and continue to say is that all the President is asking us to do is cut the spending porn from the budget.

You can make up your own mind. It is your money. If you think we ought to be spending the money on this, encourage us to vote no. But if you think you could spend this money of yours better than the bureaucracy could or we could spend it on our kids or our roads or our healthcare, then encourage us to vote yes.

I see my colleague Senator WARREN is here.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. MORENO). The Senator from Massachusetts.

IRAN

Ms. WARREN. Mr. President, bombing another country is an act of war; and last week, Donald Trump launched an attack that could spin the United States into another endless war in the Middle East. What followed from that decision can only be described as pure madness.

Trump declared total victory. Iran threatened retaliation. Americans in the region were forced to shelter in place.

Trump's own team then admitted no one knows where the nuclear materials are and what nuclear capacity Iran might still have. Trump called for regime change, and then last night, just for a moment, we hoped and believed there was a cease-fire, only for us to wake up to frantic posts on social media by the President begging both sides to stop shooting missiles and rockets at each other.

Today, the Deputy Commander of Central Command could not describe what kind of contingency plans the Defense Department was making or even whether they did or didn't have plans for the United States to put boots on the ground in this Middle East conflict.

And a classified briefing scheduled for right now that we should be having so that all the Senators can ask questions about what has happened and what is currently happening in Iran has just been scrapped by the Republicans for another 48 hours.

There is no grand plan. There is no careful effort to develop a responsible U.S. foreign policy designed to keep us all safe. Once again, Donald Trump serves up chaos—dangerous chaos—that threatens the long-term security of the American people.

New reporting by CNN and the New York Times suggest Donald Trump's bombing of Iran failed to destroy its nuclear program.

The media reports highlight that the strikes only set back Iran's nuclear program by a few months—a few months, while risking another war in the Middle East.

Now, we all agree that Iran should not and cannot have a nuclear weapon. We are committed to that. But the only successful strategy for preventing Iran from developing a nuclear weapon is diplomacy, something that Donald Trump has been pursuing right up until Prime Minister Netanyahu began bombing Iran. That is what we need right now, for all sides to come to the table to build an agreement that is sturdy and that cements lasting peace in place.

But Trump's reckless action, backed by many Republicans in Congress, makes it more likely that this crisis escalates into a deadly cycle of violence. Trump's reckless action puts American lives at risk. Trump's reckless action risks initiating another endless war that could last months, or even decades, as it did in Iraq and Afghanistan.

We have the power to put a stop to this madness right now. Senator KAINE

has introduced a war powers resolution to stop Donald Trump from turning these Iran bombings into another endless war in the Middle East.

Americans don't need another war. Americans don't want another war. They need and want good jobs and lower prices, and that is exactly what we should be focused on.

ONE BIG BEAUTIFUL BILL

Mr. President, now, when Donald Trump ran for President, he promised over and over that he would lower costs on day one. His words: On day one.

And after he was elected, he was told that his policies would drive up costs. Trump said he "couldn't care less." Now we are on day 154, and costs are up. Families are paying more for gas, more for housing, more for electricity. Prices are even going up on baby strollers—or as Donald Trump calls them "the thing you carry the babies around in." Yeah, Donald Trump, man of the people.

So, logically, right now, Republicans in Congress are ramming through Trump's Big Beautiful Bill, a bill that is not designed to bring down costs, but that will rip away healthcare from over 16 million people and hand that money over to every billionaire CEO who paid to be in the front row at Donald Trump's inauguration.

For anyone who is watching, I am here today to read into the RECORD 10 ways that Trump and Republicans' Big Beautiful Bill will make your life more expensive:

One, your utility bills may go up. The Republicans' bill will get rid of investments that we have made in clean energy. Now, we need that energy, and the Republicans take our country backwards. It also means that the price of electricity will go up for American families like yours.

Two, your rent could go up. How? Republicans are trying to block State and local governments from fighting schemes that predatory housing companies use to artificially jack up the price of rent.

Three, if you are a kid from a working-class family and you don't have the money to write one check to pay for college, Republicans will make that even more expensive for you. That is right, Republicans want to make it more expensive for you to go to college. They are cutting Pell grants.

Four, Republicans are making your student loan payments go up. Independent experts explain that by changing how student repayment plans work, Republicans could raise your student loan payments by an average of \$400 a month.

Five, Republicans are making it more expensive to go to medical school. I can't believe I have to say this, but rich kids should not be the only ones who can become doctors. But this bill would limit how much you could take out to go to medical school, how much you can get in loans.

Six, Republicans are making the cost of groceries go up with this bill. They

are cutting food assistance, or SNAP, by nearly \$200 per person per year. More than 7 million people will have less help, including more than 4 million people who will lose their food assistance altogether.

Seven, Republicans are increasing the cost of prescription drugs for millions of Americans by demanding that States require higher copays for prescription drugs from \$4 to \$35, the cost of a prescription will go up nearly 900 percent for people on Medicaid.

Eight, Republicans will send your Affordable Care Act premiums skyrocketing, pushing them up by thousands of dollars, and in some cases, tens of thousands of dollars every year.

Nine, Republicans will drive up the cost of private health insurance. More than half of all Americans get their insurance through their employer. When a portion of the uncompensated care that happens under the Republican bill is shifted to private insurers, experts estimate that the cost to your family will be increased by hundreds of dollars a year.

And 10, Republicans are ripping health insurance away entirely from 16 million people. For those people who will be uninsured, the cost of essential services like x-rays and blood tests will go up, a trip to the emergency room if, God forbid, there is an accident could mean that they go bankrupt. And that is just 10 ways that this bill could raise your costs. That is bad.

But what makes the bill worse is the money you lose does not pay down the national debt or help us rebuild our roads and bridges. Nope. The money you lose will be handed directly to a handful of giant corporations and billionaires in the form of new tax giveaways. Yes, Republicans are stealing your healthcare to pay for Jeff Bezos's third yacht. And at the same time that working families are worried about war and are scraping together enough money to put food on the table, Jeff Bezos is already celebrating by renting out Venice—all of Venice—for his \$10 million wedding. Wow.

With control of the White House, the Senate, and the House of Representatives, this is what Republicans decided to do with their power. They decided to drive up your costs and rip healthcare coverage from millions of people. Really? Just imagine that. The Republicans have virtually unlimited power, and they want to use it to kick newborn babies out of the hospital and take wheelchairs away from people with disabilities, all so they can give that money to their billionaire friends and their big corporate donors. It is sickening, and I am angry.

I am angry because I believe it shouldn't just be rich kids who are able to afford a trip to the hospital when they fall down and break an arm.

I am angry because I believe it isn't just babies from wealthy families who should be able to afford a trip to the pediatrician when they get an ear infection. I am angry because I believe it

isn't just parents who are Wall Street bankers who should be able to pay for cancer treatments for their kids. Our Nation is better than that.

My Republican colleagues should feel ashamed. Experts have run the numbers: 51,000 more people every year will die unnecessarily if this Republican bill becomes law. And the Republican reaction? Senator JONI ERNST proclaimed:

Well, we're all going to die.

As recently as today, MITCH MCCONNELL is telling Republicans behind closed doors that their party can take a sledgehammer to Medicaid and ignore people's concerns because "they'll get over it." Really? Seniors in nursing homes who get kicked to the curb won't get over it. Little kids who find their mom or dad on the kitchen floor after they couldn't afford insulin won't get over it. Parents who rely on Medicaid to take care of their kids with a disability won't get over it. Because, make no mistake, people won't stop getting sick; they will just stop getting care. And it doesn't matter if you are in a red State or a blue State either.

No, if Senate Republicans cut Medicaid, we will not get over it. We will hold you accountable at the ballot box.

But right now, this bill is not law. We still have time to stop it, and that is exactly what we should do. Democrats will vote no. We will all vote no. We just need a few courageous Republicans, people who care more about working people instead of billionaires, just a few courageous Republicans to join us and to stop the "Big Beautiful Betrayal" from becoming law.

I yield the floor.

RECOGNITION OF THE MINORITY LEADER

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Mr. CURTIS). The Democratic leader is recognized.

IRAN

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I would like to just briefly talk about the postponement of our hearing that was supposed to be occurring at this time. This last-minute postponement is outrageous, evasive, derelict. Senators deserve full transparency, and the administration has a legal obligation to inform Congress precisely about what is happening.

What is the administration so afraid of? Why won't they engage with Congress on the critical details—the results of the recent strike, the scope and trajectory of this conflict, the administration's long-term strategy to prevent Iran from obtaining nuclear weapons, and, of course, the potential risks facing American citizens and our brave servicemembers? Such obstruction undermines the very principles of accountability and oversight that guard our democracy.

So if the press reporting about the impact of last weekend's strikes in Iran is true—and I cannot confirm them—then that might be the reason why the administration postponed our classified briefing today at the very

last minute and deprived Senators of their right to know what is happening.

So I ask again, What is the administration hiding? It is time for answers.

I thank my colleague from Delaware for her courtesy.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Delaware.

ABORTION

Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER. Mr. President, there are moments in our lives when everything changes, when the world shifts underneath you and a new reality forms. These are moments when you remember exactly where you were, what you were doing, and who you were with.

June 24, 2022, was one of those days. Three years ago, I marched with my House colleagues to the Supreme Court. I stood in solidarity with Democrats and Republicans alike. We felt shock, disbelief, anger, and sadness at the loss of one of our fundamental rights. On that day, *Roe v. Wade* was overturned, and for many, their lives were turned upside down.

Since then, extreme Republicans and President Trump have said that abortion is a States' rights issue—States' rights. Yet, over the last 3 years, we have watched as quietly and purposefully they have chipped away at our rights, chipped away at our bodily autonomy, because the goal has always been a national abortion ban.

Three Trump-appointed Supreme Court Justices and the Dobbs decision later and we are still watching this unfold. Anti-abortion extremists have been piecing together a puzzle that, when it is completed, will create a national abortion ban, and they add a new piece each and every day.

Over the next hour, my colleagues and I will lay out what the Republican national abortion ban looks like, what it means for everyday Americans, and what we can do about it because these efforts will hurt all of us—especially young women, women of low income, women in rural areas, and women of color.

For me, this is personal. I could have lost my daughter-in-law because she did not get the care she needed. And I remember getting a call on Christmas morning. I was in the kitchen, I was cooking, and I heard my daughter-in-law on the other end of the phone say: Mom, my water just broke. It is too soon.

She went to the hospital, but, again, the hospital we went to could not provide the care that she needed for the miscarriage that she was having, and they sent her home. I remember thinking about all the committee hearings that I had on the Health Subcommittee in—the Health Committee in the House and how the data was clear that we in this country have a maternal mortality crisis, that Black women die three times the rate of our White counterparts, and all I could think was, we have to get you somewhere. And we did.

Fortunately, Ebony is here alive today. Fortunately, Ebony was able to have my beautiful granddaughter—because of IVF, I might add.

But stories like these are all too common. It disproportionately affects Black and Brown women. We face reproductive challenges. We have a higher mortality rate. We have higher rates of reproductive cancers. We have higher rates of preterm births.

Like I said, this is personal.

We are here today to show the American people that we did not forget about the Dobbs decision, especially because the majority of Americans—Democrats, Republicans, and Independents—believe that we should have legal and safe abortions.

We are here today to tell the Republican Party: You can't have it both ways. You can't claim to be the party of personal freedom while telling us what to do with our bodies.

President Trump, you can't claim to be the fertilization President while making it more dangerous for women to give birth.

You can't claim to be the party of strong economic growth while cutting Medicaid, food assistance, and childcare for many women who need it to participate in the workforce—and all to give tax breaks to people who already have all of these resources.

We are here today to show extreme Republicans across the Nation that we see what you are doing—quietly assembling the pieces of the puzzle. And when it is completed, it will strip Americans of their access to abortion care in red States and blue States.

We are here to show just how important it is that we fight this reconciliation bill. Whether you call it a "Big Bad Bill" or whether you call it a "Big Ugly Bill," whatever you call it, this is the moment for people to speak up because it is just another piece of the puzzle, and we are here to shine a light on the ultimate goal of a national abortion ban.

I stand here, and I think about the young women I saw as I came to this floor. I think about my niece. I think about my daughter and I think about my granddaughter and the fact that they now have less rights than I did, than my mother did, and than my grandmother did and that today it is important for us to not forget and to make sure that we recognize what this is all about and that we want the best for our young people in this country.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Oregon.

Mr. WYDEN. Mr. President, I want to make sure that the country and this institution knows that the leadership of our new colleague from the State of Delaware is making a difference already. She has been doing yeoman's work on this for quite some time.

In fact, in the other body, as it is called, the House of Representatives, she stood for the values that have been expressed here today and we so appre-

ciate her leadership and I thank her, personally, for including me.

We are on the floor to mark an anniversary of what was essentially the end of women having power over healthcare decisions. Before *Roe v. Wade* was overturned, many of my Democratic colleagues and I warned that it would be deadly for women. We were labeled liars and gaslighters and fearmongers. And, unfortunately, for the women of America, you don't have to take our word for it. Since the Dobbs ruling was handed down 3 years ago, 22 States have passed restrictive, near- or total abortion bans, and countless women have died as a direct result of those laws.

In Georgia, Amber Nicole Thurman died after she developed an infection during pregnancy and was denied lifesaving reproductive care under her State's new abortion law.

In Texas, Porsha Ngumezi, a mom of two, was expecting her third child when she suddenly developed complications and began miscarrying. She died after going to the ER where she was denied the care she needed, and she was left to bleed out all because her doctors were too scared to perform the necessary medical care under Texas's abortion law.

Josseli Barnica of Texas was pregnant, hoping to give her daughter another sibling, when she developed complications with her pregnancy. She rushed to the hospital where doctors left her to suffer for 40 hours without giving her the healthcare she needed. That was because it was illegal under Texas law. She died 3 days later after developing a preventable infection because she had been denied care.

Despite Federal law that requires providers to give women reproductive care in emergency medical situations, these States are letting women die anyway. Every single one of these deaths was preventable if Republican lawmakers hadn't put abortion bans in place that threaten doctors and hospitals with jail time and other legal actions if they provide necessary reproductive care.

Many of the women hurt by these abortion bans are already mothers or women hoping to start a family, but because they are being denied necessary care, those that don't die are often being left with complications that take away their ability to have kids in the future.

In Tennessee, Breanna Cecil had to travel out of State, all the way to Chicago, to get an abortion after a complication with her pregnancy. But before returning to Tennessee, she developed a recurring infection that resulted in invasive surgery that left her infertile. Breanna says that her State's strict abortion law "took away her fertility."

So I am going to end very briefly by fast forwarding to 2025. Republicans don't seem to have learned any lessons. They don't seem phased by the pain and suffering their laws are causing

women and mothers across the land. Instead, they are doubling down on their efforts to restrict access to reproductive care for even more women; this time, through a backdoor abortion ban in the reconciliation budget bill. This legislation contains a provision that would strip funding from Planned Parenthood clinics that perform abortion services.

Mr. President, Planned Parenthood does not receive a single dime—not a dime—of Federal funding for abortion care. These clinics do receive funding to provide essential care, like STD and cancer screenings and annual exams—often, for women of color or women living in low-income communities to have access to this care.

All of this will be ripped away under the Republicans' "Big Bad Budget Bill," alongside the 16 million people they plan on kicking off their health insurance with their Medicaid and affordable care cuts.

Before Roe was overturned, I warned repeatedly that the loss of privacy—the loss of the right to make your most private decisions free of government intrusion—would have a domino effect. Unfortunately, that has become the reality. The overturn of Roe has not stopped an abortion.

Since the Dobbs ruling, Republican lawmakers and conservative judges have also taken aim at the use of IVF and contraception. A headline out of Ohio, less than 1 week ago, reads:

Republican lawmakers in Ohio to propose total abortion and IVF ban.

The endgame for Republicans here is a politician in every single exam room and bedroom in America; a politician between you and your doctor, between you and your spouse.

The overturn of Roe has stripped women in America of the right to make their own healthcare decisions. It has stripped women of control over their own bodies and has stripped women of their basic constitutional rights.

Mr. President, ever since I chaired the first-ever congressional hearing on access to abortion medication, back in 1990, I felt that this was a fundamental right that women were entitled to. I am just as committed today to battling against these draconian laws as long as it takes to secure women the ability to make their own healthcare decisions.

I see a number of my colleagues on the floor who have been eloquent speakers for women's healthcare. I want to close by thanking my colleague from Delaware, again, for championing all of us to be here at this time to make sure that we made a difference and spoke out. We very much appreciate your leadership.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Wisconsin.

Ms. BALDWIN. Mr. President, I rise today to mark 3 years since half of America was stripped of their reproductive freedom. That is 3 years of women having fewer constitutional rights and freedoms in this country

than their mothers and grandmothers; 3 years of women being forced to travel hours out of State to access basic care; and 3 years of Americans unable to make their own choices about their own bodies, their own health, their own families, their own future.

In Wisconsin, women don't have to imagine what the consequences of Roe v. Wade being overturned would be like. We lived it. For 15 months, in my State, women were sent back to live under a law that was passed before the Civil War. Yes, you heard me correctly—a law that was passed in 1849, 70 years before women would get the right to vote and only 1 year after the State of Wisconsin became a State.

Women who wanted to control their bodies had to drive hours. They had to arrange childcare, take time off of work, and pay for lodging just to access healthcare. Other pregnant women in our State bled in hospital parking lots for hours until they were on the verge of death before they were legally allowed to receive care.

Others, like Meagan, one of my constituents, found out that she and her husband were expecting. They found that out in April of 2023. She told me:

That day rivaled our wedding day for the happiest we'd ever been.

But that joy didn't last. At her 20-week ultrasound, Meagan discovered that her baby had severe abnormalities and likely would not survive. What is worse, every day that Meagan remained pregnant, her life was in danger too. But instead of grieving their loss in private and at home, Meagan and her husband were forced to travel to Minnesota to end her pregnancy.

She wrote to me last year:

The government claims that if my life is at risk, they would make exceptions, but how sick does one need to be? Do I need to be bleeding out before a doctor can intervene? Does someone need to go septic before a procedure would be performed?

The answers to those questions under Wisconsin's pre-Civil War abortion ban was, sadly, yes.

Thankfully, Wisconsin has restored access to abortion care in three counties. That still leaves women in 69 counties who face long drives and wait times to see a doctor for care.

I will be the first to say that we have some serious work to do to give women the full freedom to control their bodies. But instead of listening to the vast majority of Americans and working in good faith to restore Roe, my Republican colleagues are doing just the opposite.

The Republicans' "Big Beautiful Betrayal" is another step toward a backdoor national abortion ban. Their bill will defund Planned Parenthood, putting access to abortion care, once again, in jeopardy for Wisconsin women. And for many Americans, Planned Parenthood clinics are the only option they have for affordable healthcare, from basic reproductive care to lifesaving cancer screenings.

This "Big Beautiful Betrayal Bill" says that the mother of three, the

young woman trying to make ends meet, the veteran in need of care, and anyone else on Medicaid can't use their coverage at Planned Parenthood for things like annual checkups, cancer screenings, birth control—not abortion, just basic healthcare that everyone needs and that my Republican colleagues, by the way, say they support.

But by doing this, it will defund one of the only abortion providers in many places and take Republicans one step closer to their ultimate goal of banning abortion nationwide.

It is no secret that this has been their plan. Since the day Roe was decided, it has become the mission of so many Republicans to turn back the clock and take away this constitutional right, this freedom.

And it all came to a head when our current President was last in office. Our current President's litmus test when nominating Supreme Court Justices was, of course, if they would rule to take away a woman's right to abortion. I don't think I need to tell you what happened next.

But overturning Roe was not enough for President Trump. In just the past 5 months, he has worked to undermine a woman's right to lifesaving abortion care under the Emergency Medical Treatment and Labor Act, otherwise known as EMTALA. He has worked to freeze title X funding for family planning and reproductive health services like birth control. He has worked to remove medically sound, expert information on reproductive care from government websites. And he has worked to jeopardize protections for women who are harassed while accessing clinics.

While Republicans advance their plan that will further restrict a woman's right to choose, Democrats are fighting back. Today, alongside every one of my Democratic colleagues, I introduced the Women's Health Protection Act to do what most Americans want: restore reproductive freedom for women nationwide.

I want to give a shout-out to my colleague Senator BLUMENTHAL, with whom I worked so closely on the Women's Health Protection Act, over so many years.

This bill would tell Republicans to butt out of women's healthcare, ensuring that States can't impose medically unnecessary restrictions, like mandatory waiting periods or invasive ultrasounds, that infringe upon a woman's right to choose.

Today, we are not just marking 3 years since Roe v. Wade was overturned. We are marking 3 years of my Republican colleagues actively blocking any progress to restore the right to choose. We are marking 3 years of women's lives being in danger because Republicans are in our exam rooms, and lawyers across this country are truly playing doctors.

After 3 years of swearing abortion is an issue for the States, this President is chipping away even further at this freedom, and my Republican colleagues

are advancing a plan to further undercut access to affordable reproductive care nationwide.

We are not giving up. We are with the two-thirds of Americans who oppose the Dobbs decision and the fundamental rights that it stole from millions of women in this country. We are going to fight every day until those rights are restored.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Connecticut.

Mr. BLUMENTHAL. Mr. President, I am so honored to follow my colleague from Wisconsin, who has been such a steadfast and strong partner in this effort to advance the Women's Health Protection Act.

I will be honest in this Chamber. When we first introduced this measure, almost 15 years ago, the idea that Roe v. Wade could or would be tossed aside was unimaginable. It was firmly established law for decades, relied on by American women and men.

In a stroke of catastrophic, misguided ruling, the Supreme Court cast it aside, ignoring strong precedent and all the doctrines of law that normally would apply. So the Women's Health Protection Act now is more necessary than ever before, certainly than in the days when we first offered it.

My own involvement, actually, in this issue began when I was a law clerk to Justice Blackmun in the year after Roe v. Wade. There was still controversy about whether Roe would survive. But in decision after decision, the U.S. Supreme Court reaffirmed it. And, in fact, as a member of the Connecticut State Senate, I offered a bill, and it passed, to codify Roe v. Wade in our State laws in Connecticut.

Connecticut has led the Nation proudly in protecting reproductive rights, in safeguarding access to clinics where abortion services are provided, in fighting for Planned Parenthood funding, in protecting doctors who provide these critical services to women coming from other States that may actually criminalize that kind of care.

But we know now what the challenge is and what we must do. The Women's Health Protection Act should be the law of our land. But in the meantime, we have to fight the efforts to handicap and straitjacket women in their efforts simply to seek basic healthcare.

We are in the midst of an assault on women's healthcare. It is really an attack on women and families.

Men have a stake in this fight. You cannot escape this issue simply because you are a man. It affects you and your family as much as it does women.

The decision in Dobbs stripped millions of women of the freedom to make their own healthcare decisions. The idea that Dobbs would simply return the issue of reproductive rights to the State was always disingenuous. States across the country have created a full-blown healthcare crisis in the chaos and confusion that has ensued.

Since Dobbs, more than 31 million women live in States where abortion is

banned or under the threat of banning it, and nearly 9 million women live in the 12 States with bills proposing to bring homicide charges against them for having an abortion.

The effects of Dobbs don't have to be a matter of speculation anymore. I actually commissioned or requested a study from the GAO in 2022 about the economic effects of Dobbs. That report has just been released 3 years later. My first reaction was: Why did it take so long? My second reaction was: Thank goodness you took that long and you did an honest and accurate appraisal of what the effects are.

Here is the bottom line: Dobbs has been a death sentence—literally, a death sentence—for countless women, and it has been a condemnation to financial disaster for many more.

This study shows, inextricably, the link between denial of healthcare and the maternal mortality rate for women and their financial distress, even if they survive.

The Trump administration has aggravated this problem in, literally, just recent weeks. On June 19, 2025, a Trump-appointed Federal judge struck down a Biden administration rule that strengthened privacy protections for information related to productive healthcare, such as abortion and gender-affirming care.

On March 5, 2025, President Trump announced his administration would no longer enforce a Federal law that requires hospitals to provide women abortion care in an emergency when their lives are threatened. When, literally, they could die, no longer will emergency rooms be required to provide that care.

On April 1 of this year, the Trump administration began withholding tens of millions of dollars under title X in family grants for Planned Parenthood and other organizations in our country that support critical family planning efforts and preventive healthcare, including cancer screening, pregnancy testing, birth control, treatment of sexually transmitted infections, infertility services, and more. It is not just efforts to prevent abortion; it is a war on women's health, launched by this administration. And, unfortunately, this administration is just getting started.

The fact is that unsafe and unintended pregnancies have huge costs in lives and dollars, impacting all of us. That is why I am proud to live in Connecticut that has expanded abortion care and ensured that women in other States could access compassionate care if necessary.

But the attacks by Republicans continue, and they are attacks on reproductive freedom, on women's healthcare, seeking now to restrict access to abortion medication, refusing to recognize the right to use contraceptives, working to defund preventive healthcare through Medicaid in clinics like Planned Parenthood.

I am proud to continue this fight. It is a fight that we absolutely must win.

It may not be in the next days, but we will be fighting in the next days against the provisions of this "Big Ugly Betrayal" that so disgrace our Nation if passed.

I am grateful for all of the Members on our side who are joining us today on this third anniversary of Dobbs to say: Enough is enough. We need to protect reproductive freedoms from this onslaught against women.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Nevada.

Ms. CORTEZ MASTO. Mr. President, right now, this administration is causing so much chaos and confusion that it is sometimes hard to take stock of the damage being done.

But the anniversary of the day today, for Roe v. Wade when it was overturned, is a reminder that we can't let all of that chaos distract us from the work being done to roll back women's reproductive rights right under our noses.

I have to thank my colleague from Delaware LISA BLUNT ROCHESTER and all of my colleagues today for really bringing attention and focus to the important work we do as Senators but really highlighting the impact that decisions made by some of our colleagues, including those in the White House, are having a devastating impact across this country on women and women's healthcare rights.

One of the things that is happening right now is this Republican tax bill that they are trying to force through Congress right now. This tax bill essentially guts reproductive healthcare in this country. The Republicans' billionaire tax giveaway bill, as we know it, is a bill that will cut \$800 billion in Medicaid to pay for tax cuts for the wealthiest Americans. But the legislation that passed the House would also decimate women's healthcare. Not only would it force cuts to critical services in this country, but it also cuts off Medicaid funding for Planned Parenthood.

That Medicaid funding wouldn't be going toward abortions. Planned Parenthood providers distribute birth control, conduct wellness exams, test for and treat STIs, and provide lifesaving cancer screenings.

For many Americans with Medicaid, especially in underserved areas, Planned Parenthood is the only accessible source of this care. Defunding it, which is what the Republicans want to do in this reconciliation bill, jeopardizes basic healthcare services that more than 1 million men and women rely on.

It is already outrageous that so many Planned Parenthood health centers in anti-choice States around the country have been forced to close over the last several years, but if they are prohibited from treating patients with Medicaid nationwide, many clinics—even in States where abortion remains legal, like my State in Nevada—may be forced to close their doors.

In States like mine, where women have access to essential reproductive care, Republicans are working to strip that access away, ignoring the will of States like Nevada that have chosen to protect these rights.

Republican legislators in States across the country are also quietly working to gut access to reproductive care. Last November, voters in seven different States approved ballot measures to protect or expand reproductive rights. But in the months since, extremist politicians in more than half of those States have tried to ignore the will of their voters and push new restrictions on abortion access.

And in several other States, anti-choice politicians are working to block similar ballot initiatives in the future. They are trying to ignore what people have clearly voted for, and then they are trying to make it so people can't actually vote on those issues at all—because let's be clear, for anti-choice politicians, this is about controlling women.

Let me give you an example. In Arizona, voters went to the polls last November and overwhelmingly chose to enshrine abortion protections in their State constitution. But since then, Republican politicians, in their State legislature, have been trying to pass bills that would limit the use of medication abortion and ban doctors from even informing women about abortion as a potential treatment option.

Or how about Missouri, where anti-choice politicians are trying to get a measure on the ballot that would overturn the abortion rights protections Missouri voters just approved last November?

These plots to subvert the will of voters and roll back women's rights in the States may not be capturing everyone's attention right now, but it is happening. We need to shed light on it because it is just as dangerous as some of the harmful policies coming out of this administration.

We can't forget that this administration is also taking steps to take away women's reproductive rights without any input from legislators at all.

The Food and Drug Administration has appointed commissioners who want to reexamine the safety of the abortion pill, mifepristone. And, no surprise, Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., is encouraging it. He has already asked the FDA to "review the latest data on mifepristone."

Secretary Kennedy is raising questions and injecting doubt about this medication that has already been proven to be safe and effective over the years. This is a man who, at one time, said he believed it was "always the woman's right to choose."

Mifepristone accounts for over 60 percent of abortions nationwide. Any attempts to restrict access to this medication would jeopardize the health and autonomy of women in Nevada and across the country. This is an overt

tactic by the administration to continue to take away access to the abortion pill nationwide.

In fact, the Trump administration made it more clear than ever that they are not concerned about women's safety when they eliminated guidance that hospitals have to provide abortions in emergency situations.

We have a law in this country that hospitals that receive Federal funding are required to provide medical care to stabilize a health emergency, including for pregnant patients. In cases where an abortion is necessary to stabilize a patient, hospitals are obligated to provide that care. It is called the Emergency Medical Treatment and Active Labor Act—or EMTALA, as many people know it.

I want to stress that EMTALA is the law of the land, and emergency abortion care is protected under EMTALA. But the problem is that this administration is telling women they are unwilling to enforce these protections. That is incredibly dangerous, and it ignores the laws.

It might not be front-page news every day, but when you take all of these actions together, it is clear that this administration and Republicans at every level of government are taking the steps they need to implement a nationwide abortion ban.

We have to remain vigilant and demand changes when these harmful policies emerge because we know that anti-choice politicians all across the country, including here in Washington, will continue to push them and take away women's access to healthcare.

It is happening at the Supreme Court, too, where the Justices who struck down *Roe v. Wade* are taking up multiple abortion rights cases.

So as we mark the anniversary of the decision to overturn *Roe v. Wade*, which took the constitutional right to an abortion away from every woman in this country, I want to thank my colleagues who are standing strong and standing with me today and every day in this fight.

We will never stop pushing back against this administration's—and any other anti-choice politician's—attempts to make women second-class citizens in America.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Democratic leader.

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the following Senators be permitted to speak for up to 4 minutes each prior to the scheduled vote: HASSAN, KLOBUCHAR, BLUNT ROCHESTER, and now me.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. President, I want to thank my colleague Senator LISA BLUNT ROCHESTER for holding this floor block to mark a grim—very grim—anniversary in America.

Three years ago today, as we know, MAGA Justices on the Court eliminated the protections of *Roe* in the dis-

astrous, terrible, nasty Dobbs decision. In one fell swoop, hard-right Justices overturned decades of precedent and ripped away the fundamental right to choose for millions of American women.

When the Dobbs decision was leaked, I stood here on the floor and said it would be "one of the worst and most damaging opinions the Court has handed down in modern history," and unfortunately, 3 years later, that much has proved to be true.

Today, 21 States have significantly restricted the right to choose. At least 14 States have passed what are practically total abortion bans. In a State like Texas, maternal mortality is spiking. One in five Americans today has to travel great distances, even cross State lines, and wait weeks or more to get the care they need. People are dying because of the Dobbs decision. And—listen to this—State-level restrictions on abortion, combined with the lack of Federal protections, are costing the U.S. economy \$133 billion nationally. Without reproductive healthcare protections, fewer women are participating in the workforce, stunting our economy. It is utterly regressive.

Around the Capitol today are women telling their stories, and they are amazing and they are heart-wrenching. I stood alongside several reproductive rights advocates, including two women whose lives have been upended because of Dobbs: Shanette Williams, the mother of Amber Thurman, the first woman recorded in Georgia to die because of lack of abortion care; and Ashley Ortiz, who couldn't get the care she needed because of Arizona's extreme abortion ban. Shanette and Ashley's stories are just two examples of the irreparable harm Dobbs has inflicted. There are countless more stories like theirs we will never hear about.

The anti-choice fanatics in the Republican Party spent decades campaigning to end *Roe*. Now that the damage is done, Republicans aren't backing down on this issue; they are doubling down. As I speak, Republicans are trying to jam through one of the most extreme, radical anti-choice provisions in their "Big Ugly Betrayal." Specifically, they have snuck two provisions into their bill—one defunding Planned Parenthood and one eliminating coverage for comprehensive reproductive care.

So Dobbs may have set us back, but today, with Senator BALDWIN as our lead, we will again introduce the Women's Health Protection Act to ensure that healthcare providers have the statutory right to provide patients abortion services free from bans and restrictions.

Republicans know to their core how deeply unpopular their abortion bans are, and that is why many Senate Republicans tried to run away from the Dobbs decision at first. But, unfortunately, they are back to their normal ways, trying to achieve a total, nationwide abortion ban. Senate Democrats

will continue to stand together and fight back against Republicans every step of the way.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from New Hampshire.

Ms. HASSAN. Mr. President, I rise today to join my colleagues to stand up for the freedom of American women as we mark the anniversary of the Supreme Court overturning *Roe v. Wade*, and I want to thank Senator BLUNT ROCHESTER and my colleagues for leading this effort on the floor this afternoon.

In New Hampshire, we proudly call ourselves the Live Free or Die State, and today, I would like to take a moment to reflect on what the Dobbs decision—a decision that represents the largest attack on freedom in modern American political history—means not only for the future of American women but, even more fundamentally, for freedom in our democracy itself.

It is difficult to keep up with the Trump administration's attacks on freedom, with attacks on our rights to due process, freedom of speech and expression, freedom to vote, and more. Perhaps the President hopes that with each cascading outrage, the American people will forget that he set in motion the events that led to the Supreme Court taking away freedom from half of our population—the fundamental freedom of a woman to make her own health decisions. But, of course, we haven't forgotten. We Americans have never been inclined to forget attacks on our liberties.

What did the Dobbs decision mean? It took away a woman's freedom to make deeply personal health decisions, the freedom to decide when and if to start a family, the freedom to get lifesaving care when a woman's health is imperiled while pregnant.

This is more than a freedom to get a specific medical procedure. In practice, we are talking about the freedom to chart one's own future—a freedom which should be enjoyed by all free and equal citizens in a democracy. But with the Dobbs decision, for the first time in our country's history, our daughters are now less free than their mothers were at their age. Since the Dobbs decision, we have become a country where a fundamental freedom can vanish once a woman crosses a State line. We have returned to a kind of sectionalism of bygone eras that history should have taught us to avoid where women who are pregnant and live in States with draconian laws banning abortion know that in the event of a dire medical emergency, they may have to make a long drive to cross State lines or run the risk of being thrown in jail for just trying to get lifesaving care.

This isn't hypothetical. Already, lives have been imperiled and even lost in experiences that we have heard from Georgia, Florida, Texas, and in States all across the country.

Indeed, at this very moment, Members of this body are seeking to pass

legislation—the Republican budget bill—which would, among other measures, make it impossible for many women to get the care they need and shut down women's healthcare clinics all across the country. Their legislation is effectively the final step in establishing a backdoor national abortion ban.

So, to my Republican colleagues: Please stop singing the same song to us that the women of America are being alarmist—a song that we heard before *Roe* was overturned and that we have continued to hear since. I want to know just when exactly in the process of having one's freedom stripped away are we allowed to become alarmed. Are we only allowed to be concerned about losing a fundamental freedom once that freedom has become nothing more than a memory?

Ultimately, behind all of this talk of laws and precedent, of State statutes and Federal, behind all the medical discussion about women's healthcare, the anniversary of the Supreme Court overturning *Roe* begs us to ask a question as simple and as fundamental as they come, a question that the opponents of reproductive freedom and the President himself ought to answer: When our Declaration of Independence declared that all are created equal, does that promise belong to American women or do we believe that truth is not self-evident after all?

When the suffragettes at Seneca Falls wrote that they “insist women have immediate admission to all the rights and privileges which belong to them as citizens of the United States,” do we still believe those words or were the suffragettes wrong?

Do we believe that we are better off when everyone gets to chart their own future? In the land of the free, do the full blessings of liberty belong to our daughters as well as our sons?

Can a democracy like ours persist when, divided by State lines, half its people live half-free? In the end, that is what this debate is really all about.

So what is it, on this anniversary, that America's women ask for? It is simple. They want what all Americans want. Their aspiration is to be free. And so long as we wish to call ourselves the world's greatest democracy, the President and this body would do well to remember our country's promise and heed their call.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Minnesota.

Ms. KLOBUCHAR. Mr. President, I rise today, on the third anniversary of the Supreme Court's decision to shred nearly five decades of precedent protecting a woman's right to make her own healthcare decisions, to say that now is the time to protect freedom.

I appreciated the words of Senator HASSAN from the State of New Hampshire, a State grounded in freedom, for her focus on freedom. I also thank Senator LISA BLUNT ROCHESTER for bringing us together today.

In the 3 years since the Supreme Court went against the 70 percent of Americans who believe that healthcare decisions should be made by a woman, with her family and her doctor, instead of by politicians, women have been at the mercy of a patchwork of State laws that are creating chaos when it comes to accessing reproductive healthcare.

Today, 20 States partially or fully ban abortion, affecting more than 31 million women across the country. I ask why women in Minnesota should have different rights—different fundamental rights—than women in Texas, why a woman in Oregon should have different rights than a woman in Georgia.

Women are also being forced away from emergency rooms and left to travel hundreds of miles for healthcare, and doctors are being threatened with prosecution for just doing their jobs.

In Texas, a pregnant teenager died after being denied care at three different hospitals. I will never forget the gut-wrenching testimony I heard from another woman, Amanda Zurawski, at a Senate Judiciary Committee hearing. She nearly died from sepsis after being forced to carry her stillborn daughter Willow to term due to Texas's abortion ban. It was a heartbreaking story.

President Trump has made clear that he was and is, in his own words, proudly the person who ended *Roe v. Wade*, and his administration is continuing its assault on women's reproductive freedom. The Trump administration has rolled back policies that protect access to lifesaving abortion care during medical crises. It has announced it will be putting mifepristone under review despite the fact that the American Medical Association stated that “there is no evidence that people are harmed by having access to this safe and effective medication” that has been on the market, I would add, for more than two decades and is safely used in 90 countries.

But the Trump administration has decided: Well, we know better. We know better than the American Medical Association. We know better than the women of the country that have been using this medication safely. We know better than 90 other countries.

And the President is putting forward nominees to the Federal bench, including ones I have recently questioned, with a demonstrated hostility to reproductive freedom.

As if this wasn't enough, congressional Republicans are also seeking to pass a budget that would leave 1.1 million patients who rely on Planned Parenthood health centers for critical and lifesaving services like cancer screening, STI tests and treatment, and birth control, among other things, with nowhere to go.

We are at a pivotal moment for women's rights in this country. Are we going to continue to move forward or are we going to be sent further back in time? Enough is enough.

As my colleagues have made clear today, we refuse to back down. We

refuse to give up. We will not settle for a world in which our daughters and our granddaughters have fewer rights than their moms and fewer rights than their grandmas.

We need to codify the protections of *Roe v. Wade* into law once and for all and guarantee the right to access care. That is why we must pass the Women's Health Protection Act—the first step in addressing the devastating reproductive healthcare crisis that Dobbs unleashed—and keep fighting any effort to deprive women of the healthcare we need and deserve.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Delaware.

Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER. Mr. President, as I close out this time, I had written prepared remarks for my closing, but a word keeps ringing over and over in my head, and that word is “freedom.” As I stand here, why today is so important is because it is again another chip chipping at our freedoms.

I stand here as a Black woman who has, in our history, knowledge of what it means for your bodily autonomy to be taken.

I stand here, today, looking at a picture of my granddaughter, who I want to have the same rights that I had growing up.

Today, we mark a 3-year anniversary, but we also have an opportunity to commit to what our future will look like.

This very week, we potentially will see a bill on this floor that will again chip away—chip away—at healthcare, when we know that 40 percent of the births in this country are through Medicaid; chip away at our rights.

So I thank my colleagues for their powerful words today. I thank all of the advocates who came and spoke to us today, all of the individuals who are still fighting the good fight to make sure that we have the rights that we deserve.

I will end with a story of an individual who I just met today. Her name is Nancy Davis, and she is a patient in Louisiana.

She said:

When I was 10 weeks pregnant, doctors informed me that my baby had acrania, a rare condition that was fatal for my baby, and dangerous for me.

Naturally, I was heartbroken and scared, but I trusted that I would receive the necessary medical treatment so that my family and I could begin healing.

Unfortunately, I was wrong.

Just a few weeks before I received my diagnosis, the Supreme Court issued the decision in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, overturning *Roe v. Wade* and eliminating the legal right to abortion.

The fallout from that decision was fast, with states across the country starting to enforce cruel and dangerous abortion bans.

My home state of Louisiana has some of the strictest abortion laws in the country, and even though I needed to terminate my pregnancy to protect my own health and safety, I was told I could not receive care at the hospital in Baton Rouge.

Instead of being able to process the diagnosis and grieve the loss of the pregnancy at

home with my family, I had to scramble to find a way out of Louisiana to access abortion care.

I found myself in a situation I never thought I would be in, forced to travel 1,500 miles to get the care that I needed and deserved.

I experienced not only a denial of necessary medical care, but a denial of compassion, and my right to make my own decisions about my own health.

I felt dehumanized and stripped of my most fundamental rights.

I knew what I needed to do to protect my health, and my doctors agreed. But local lawmakers who will never know me or understand my situation had the final say.

The system failed me, and I am just as outraged today as I was then.

Today, let's turn that outrage into action. Spread the word about what is coming to this floor. Make sure that people stand up, use their voices, use this moment.

Freedom. That is what this is about—freedom.

I yield the floor.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority whip.

WAIVING QUORUM CALL

Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to waive the mandatory quorum call with respect to the Dabbar nomination.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

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 bill 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. 140, Paul Dabbar, of New York, to be Deputy Secretary of Commerce.

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 Paul Dabbar, of New York, to be Deputy Secretary of Commerce, shall be brought to a close?

The yeas and nays are mandatory under the rule.

The clerk will call the roll.

The assistant bill clerk called the roll.

Mr. DURBIN. I announce that the Senator from Delaware (Mr. COONS) and the Senator from New Hampshire (Mrs. SHAHEEN) are necessarily absent.

The yeas and nays resulted—yeas 56, nays 42, as follows:

[Rollcall Vote No. 324 Ex.]

YEAS—56

Banks	Graham	Moran
Barrasso	Grassley	Moreno
Blackburn	Hagerty	Mullin
Boozman	Hawley	Murkowski
Britt	Hoeven	Ricketts
Budd	Husted	Risch
Cantwell	Hyde-Smith	Rounds
Capito	Johnson	Schmitt
Cassidy	Justice	Scott (FL)
Collins	Kennedy	Scott (SC)
Cornyn	King	Sheehy
Cotton	Klobuchar	Sullivan
Cramer	Lankford	Thune
Crapo	Lee	Tillis
Cruz	Lummis	Tuberville
Curtis	Marshall	Warner
Daines	McConnell	Wicker
Ernst	McCormick	Young
Fischer	Moody	

NAYS—42

Alsobrooks	Hickenlooper	Reed
Baldwin	Hirono	Rosen
Bennet	Kaine	Sanders
Blumenthal	Kelly	Schatz
Blunt Rochester	Kim	Schiff
Booker	Lujan	Schumer
Cortez Masto	Markey	Slotkin
Duckworth	Merkley	Smith
Durbin	Murphy	Van Hollen
Fetterman	Murray	Warnock
Gallago	Ossoff	Warren
Gillibrand	Padilla	Welch
Hassan	Paul	Whitehouse
Heinrich	Peters	Wyden

NOT VOTING—2

Coons
Shaheen

The PRESIDING OFFICER. On this vote, the yeas are 56, the nays are 42. The motion is agreed to.

The motion was agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The majority whip.

LEGISLATIVE SESSION

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. BARRASSO. 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.

TRIBUTE TO AMBER MOYERMAN

Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I want to take a few moments to recognize Amber Moyerman on her dedicated service to the U.S. Senate. After more than 25 years in the Senate, including 18 years in my office as deputy chief of staff and administrative director, she will be retiring at the end of the month.

Amber grew up in Indian Head, MD. She graduated from St. Mary's Ryken High School in Leonardtown, MD. She continued her education at the College of Southern Maryland where she earned an associate's degree.

In 2000, Amber began her career on Capitol Hill as a staff assistant on the Senate Committee on Finance under the leadership of Chairman William Roth. She quickly rose through the ranks on the committee and served for many years as the deputy clerk. In

2006, Amber started a new role as administrative manager for Wyoming's U.S. Senator Craig Thomas. When I was appointed to the U.S. Senate in June 2007, Amber agreed to stay on board and continue working for the people of Wyoming.

As my deputy chief of staff, she has served with distinction, professionalism, and grace. Since day one, Amber has helped guide my office. She was always the first staffer to get into the office every day. Her dependability, dedication, and organizational skills made Amber an indispensable member of my team. She also routinely went above and beyond to make sure our staff had the resources they needed to succeed at work and at home.

While we are all sad to see Amber go, we are all happy to know she is retiring to sunny Florida with her beloved husband Shane and daughter Alexandra. I am grateful Amber chose to dedicate her career to helping make Wyoming and our country a better place. We wish her every success as she embarks on this new adventure.

VOTE EXPLANATION

Mr. GALLEGO. Mr. President, I missed the following votes, but had I been present, I would have voted: no on rollcall vote No. 302, motion to invoke cloture on Executive Calendar No. 117, Andrew Hughes, to be Deputy Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

I missed the following votes, but had I been present, I would have voted no on rollcall vote No. 303, confirmation of Executive Calendar No. 117, Andrew Hughes, to be Deputy Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.

I missed the following votes, but had I been present, I would have voted yes on rollcall vote No. 323, confirmation of Executive Calendar No. 138, Daniel Zimmerman, to be Assistant Secretary of Defense.

TRIBUTE TO COLONEL DARIN J. DURAND

Mr. CRAMER. Mr. President, I rise today to honor Col. Darin Durand, a great American and an exceptional member of the U.S. Air Force.

As the Air National Guard Liaison to the Department of the Air Force's Senate Liaison Division from May 2023 to December 2024, Colonel Durand performed his duties with exceptional professionalism during the 118th Congress. Hailing from Plattsmouth, NE, he is a graduate of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. He represents a true Total Force officer, having served over 26 years on Active Duty, in the Air Force Reserve, and in the Air National Guard. Like his father, Col. Arthur Durand, U.S. Air Force retired, and his younger brother Lt. Col. Ryan Durand, U.S. Space Force retired, he has demonstrated exceptional and unrivaled officership throughout his career. He served in various personnel, command,

and special staff positions with experience at the squadron, group, wing, major command, and combatant command level and deployed in support of Operations Allied Force and Enduring Freedom.

Colonel Durand distinguished himself with professionalism and dedication as the sole Air National Guard Legislative Liaison in the Department of the Air Force's Senate Liaison office. In this role, he advised Department of the Air Force senior leaders and helped shape over 150 strategic engagements with Senators, Congressmen, and staffers to advance U.S. Air Force and Space Force priorities. He provided seamless collaboration with the Department of the Air Force in all 100 Senate offices. In 20 of those offices, one which was mine, he was the principal Air Force liaison to 20 Senators and their staffs. He also collaborated closely with the Senate Space Force Caucus to effectively educate Senate offices and defense committees on the Department of Defense's newest military branch and its alignment with the National Defense Strategy's focus on Reoptimization for Great Power Competition.

A driven leader skilled at building relationships, Colonel Durand spearheaded initiatives within Headquarters Air Force that bridged the information gap between Members of Congress and the Department of the Air Force. He fostered a shared understanding of congressional priorities and Departmental objectives, enabling the alignment of goals and a cohesive, multifunctional approach to achieving them. He directly supported the successful execution of nine Senate confirmation, posture, and subcommittee hearings, and he provided the Senate with critical information and language refinements necessary to complete the 2025 National Defense Authorization Act.

Colonel Durand's commitment to enhancing global partnerships was evident when he planned, executed and led 13 congressional and staff delegation trips. These trips within the United States and overseas, supported the Air Force Caucus, State delegations, key Senate committees, and our allies and partners. These interactions successfully strengthened international collaboration and cultivated relationships crucial for advancing shared defense priorities and select Department of the Air Force equities. His direct involvement and oversight helped Members of Congress make informed decisions to ensure the Department of the Air Force possessed the right authorities and resources necessary to equip our warfighters and fulfill its role.

One highlight is Colonel Durand co-leading the Senate delegation for the bicameral 2023 and 2024 Reagan National Defense Forums. His significant efforts resulted in more than 70 successful engagements between Senators, current and former administration officials, senior military leaders, industry executives, technology innovators, and leading-edge thought leaders. These

interactions helped my colleagues and our staffs advance conversations and collaborations critical to achieving our shared national security goal of peace through strength.

Colonel Durand became a fixture on Capitol Hill, before moving on to serve as the Air National Guard adviser to the director of the Air Force's legislative liaison in Washington. I know he is forever grateful to his wife Frances for her unwavering commitment and many sacrifices in supporting his calling in the defense of our Nation.

I am thankful for Col. Darin Durand's service and his work with my office and the Senate over the past 2 years on issues of vital importance to the defense of the United States. I salute this American patriot whose selfless service has kept our country safe and strong.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

RECOGNIZING ACORN BLUFF FARMS

• 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 Acorn Bluff Farms of Columbus Junction, IA, as the Senate Small Business of the Week.

In 2016, while actively serving in the U.S. Marine Corps, Seth Todd teamed up with his younger brother Kenan Todd to launch their own hog farm in southeast Iowa. Both Iowa State University graduates, the brothers researched the complex genetics and breed options for their heritage pork operation. After thoughtful consideration and several taste testings, the two settled on Mangalitsa pigs, a prized breed known for its rich fattiness and complex flavor profile, recognized as the Kobe of pork. The brothers secured a two-acre parcel of organic farmland from a 200-year-old homestead farm in Columbus Junction. Even after the start of their business, Seth continued to serve in the Marines as a heavy equipment mechanic while Kenan continued to practice as a physical therapist. The brothers began selling their products at the Columbus Junction Farmer's Market, where the Mangalitsa pork became an instant hit.

As the brand continued to grow, especially after the Associated Press published a report highlighting the young farm, Acorn Bluff Farms expanded their sales into the online marketplace. Seth and Kenan's brother Jared leads the digital operation and serves as a co-owner of the family business. Acorn Bluff Farms sells their specialty products direct-to-consumer. The farm boasts locally and nationally famous boar sausage, chorizo, bacon, and pork chops, in addition to variety boxes and sampler packs. The Todd brothers perfected a strict breeding standard and

slower life cycle for the animals, which ultimately leads to a higher quality and richer flavored product.

The Todd family remains deeply involved in their community. Seth serves as a volunteer firefighter and member of the Iowa Farm Bureau, advocating on behalf of farm families in Louisa County. Kenan is an active member of the Columbus Junction City Council, a practicing physical therapist, and co-owner—alongside his wife Allison—of a local coffee shop in Columbus Junction. In 2024, Acorn Bluff Farms received a \$15,000 Choose Iowa Value-Added Grant, which allowed them to add USDA-certified cold storage and the capacity to ship premium pork products nationwide.

I want to congratulate the Todd brothers for their entrepreneurial drive, commitment to sustainable agriculture, and passion for producing high-quality, heritage pork. Through Acorn Bluff Farms, the team has built a standout Iowa business that reflects the values of hard work, innovation, and integrity. I look forward to seeing their continued growth and success.●

REMEMBERING DEACON MARTIN PROSPER

● Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. President, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of the late Deacon Martin Prosper. Deacon Prosper was a kind and active member of the Prince George's County and Greater Washington community. His life embodied faith, perseverance, and community service.

Deacon Prosper immigrated to the United States from Haiti in 1979 and settled in Capitol Heights, MD, where he quickly established a warm and inviting presence in the community. Affectionally known as "25," his deep connection to the Haitian and African-American communities allowed him to bridge the gap between generations and positively impact countless lives. Above all, Deacon Prosper's life was rooted in his faith and ministry. In his role as deacon at Holy Temple Church of Christ, he ministered with humility and love and regularly opened his home as a safe haven to family and friends.

Deacon Prosper's humility, professionalism, and compassion served him well in his hospitality career at the Holiday Inn Washington Capitol and Gaylord National Resort in National Harbor. He was also a proud member of UNITE HERE Local 25, where he championed worker dignity and solidarity. His exceptional hospitality earned him the Regional Apple of the Year Award in 1992.

I ask my colleagues to join me in expressing our appreciation and gratitude to the late Deacon Martin Prosper and his family for his enduring contributions to the hospitality industry and organized labor and his unwavering faith-based service.●

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 2:17 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by

Mrs. Alli, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 260. An act to require a strategy to oppose foreign assistance by foreign countries and nongovernmental organizations to the Taliban, and for other purposes.

H.R. 910. An act to require the Secretary of the Treasury to pursue more equitable treatment of Taiwan at the international financial institutions, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1082. An act to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to conduct a national, evidence-based education campaign to increase public and health care provider awareness regarding the potential risks and benefits of human cell and tissue products transplants, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1190. An act to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to expand access to capital for rural-area small businesses, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1520. An act to prohibit discrimination on the basis of mental or physical disability in cases of organ transplants.

H.R. 1664. An act to direct the Secretary of Commerce to take actions necessary and appropriate to promote the competitiveness of the United States related to the deployment, use, application, and competitiveness of blockchain technology or other distributed ledger technology, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1679. An act to direct the Secretary of Commerce, in coordination with the heads of other relevant Federal departments and agencies, to conduct an interagency review of and report to Congress on ways to increase the global competitiveness of the United States in attracting foreign direct investment.

H.R. 1713. An act to amend the Defense Production Act of 1950 to include the Secretary of Agriculture as a member of the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1737. An act to direct the Secretary of Commerce to submit to Congress a report containing an assessment of the value, cost, and feasibility of a transAtlantic submarine fiber optic cable connecting the contiguous United States, the United States Virgin Islands, Ghana, and Nigeria.

H.R. 1767. An act to require the Consumer Product Safety Commission to promulgate a mandatory consumer product safety standard with respect to retractable awnings.

H.R. 1998. An act to require the imposition of sanctions with respect to foreign persons engaged in piracy, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2225. An act to permit a registered investment company to omit certain fees from the calculation of Acquired Fund Fees and Expenses, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2269. An act to require certain products to be labeled with "Do Not Flush" labeling, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2481. An act to require online dating service providers to provide fraud ban notifications to online dating service members, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2808. An act to amend the Fair Credit Reporting Act to prevent consumer reporting agencies from furnishing consumer reports under certain circumstances, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3301. An act to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to specify certain registration statement contents for emerging growth companies, to permit issuers to file draft registration statements with the Securities and Exchange Commission for confidential review, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3352. An act to require the Securities and Exchange Commission to revise rules relating to general solicitation or general advertising to allow for presentations or other communication made by or on behalf of an

issuer at certain events, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3381. An act to amend the Securities Act of 1933 to expand the ability to use testing the waters and confidential draft registration submissions, and for other purposes.

H.R. 3394. An act to amend the Securities Act of 1933 to codify certain qualifications of individuals as accredited investors for purposes of the securities laws

H.R. 3422. An act to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to require the Advocate for Small Business Capital Formation to provide educational resources and host events to promote capital raising options for traditionally underrepresented small businesses, 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. 260. An act to require a strategy to oppose foreign assistance by foreign countries and nongovernmental organizations to the Taliban, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

H.R. 1082. An act to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to conduct a national, evidence-based education campaign to increase public and health care provider awareness regarding the potential risks and benefits of human cell and tissue products transplants, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

H.R. 1190. An act to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to expand access to capital for rural-area small businesses, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 1520. An act to prohibit discrimination on the basis of mental or physical disability in cases of organ transplants; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

H.R. 1679. An act to direct the Secretary of Commerce, in coordination with the heads of other relevant Federal departments and agencies, to conduct an interagency review of and report to Congress on ways to increase the global competitiveness of the United States in attracting foreign direct investment; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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Expenses, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 3301. An act to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to specify certain registration statement contents for emerging growth companies, to permit issuers to file draft registration statements with the Securities and Exchange Commission for confidential review, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 3352. An act to require the Securities and Exchange Commission to revise rules relating to general solicitation or general advertising to allow for presentations or other communication made by or on behalf of an issuer at certain events, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 3381. An act to amend the Securities Act of 1933 to expand the ability to use testing the waters and confidential draft registration submissions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 3394. An act to amend the Securities Act of 1933 to codify certain qualifications of individuals as accredited investors for purposes of the securities laws; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

H.R. 3422. An act to amend the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to require the Advocate for Small Business Capital Formation to provide educational resources and host events to promote capital raising options for traditionally underrepresented small businesses, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bills were read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 910. An act to require the Secretary of the Treasury to pursue more equitable treatment of Taiwan at the international financial institutions, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2808. An act to amend the Fair Credit Reporting Act to prevent consumer reporting from furnishing consumer reports under certain circumstances, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-1172. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Vadescana Double-Stranded RNA; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 12759-01-OCSP) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 16, 2025; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1173. A communication from the Board Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Farm Credit Administration, transmitting the Administration's proposed fiscal year 2026 Budget and Performance Plan; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1174. A communication from the Chairman, Farm Credit System Insurance Corporation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Corporation's annual report for calendar year 2024; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-1175. A communication from the Secretary of Defense, transmitting the report of

an officer authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of brigadier general in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-1176. A communication from the Acting President and Chair of the Export-Import Bank, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a transaction involving U.S. exports to Angola; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1177. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to global illicit drug trafficking that was declared in Executive Order 14059 of December 15, 2021; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1178. A communication from the Acting Chair of the Appraisal Subcommittee, Federal Financial Institutions Examination Council, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Appraisal Subcommittee's 2024 Annual Report; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-1179. A communication from the Administrative Assistant, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Safety Zone; Big Carlos Pass Bridge, Fort Myers Beach, Florida" ((RIN1625-AA08) (Docket No. USCG-2025-0458)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 16, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1180. A communication from the Administrative Assistant, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Special Local Regulation; Wyandotte Regatta; Detroit River, Wyandotte, MI" ((RIN1625-AA08) (Docket No. USCG-2025-0485)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 16, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1181. A communication from the Administrative Assistant, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Security Zones; Tampa Bay; Big Bend, Boca Grande, Crystal River, East Bay, Hillsborough Bay, MacDill Air Force Base, Manbirtee Key, Old Port Tampa, Port Manatee, Port Tampa, Port St. Petersburg, Port Sutton, Rattlesnake, and Weedon Island, FL" ((RIN1625-AA87) (Docket No. USCG-2024-1098)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 16, 2025; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1182. A communication from the Vice President of Government Affairs, National Railroad Passenger Corporation, Amtrak, transmitting, pursuant to law, Amtrak's General and Legislative Annual Report and fiscal year 2026 Grant Request; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-1183. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Certain Existing Chemicals; Request to Submit Unpublished Health and Safety Data under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA); Extension of Submission Deadline" ((RIN2070-AL31) (FRL No. 11164.2-02-OCSP)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 16, 2025; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1184. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Air Plan Approval; Arizona; Maricopa County Air Quality Department; Correction" (FRL No. 10024-04-R9) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 16, 2025; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1185. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Significant New Use Rules on Certain Chemical Substances (23-3.5e)" ((RIN2070-AB27) (FRL No. 11825-02-OCSP)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 16, 2025; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-1186. A communication from the Chair, Medicaid and CHIP Payment and Access Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "June 2025 Report to Congress on Medicaid and CHIP"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-1187. A communication from the Principal Deputy Performing the Duties of the Inspector General of the Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's Congressional Justification of Budget Estimates Report for fiscal year 2026; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-1188. A communication from the Agency Representative, Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Discontinuation of the Accelerated Examination Program for Utility Applications" (RIN0651-AD84) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 16, 2025; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-1189. A communication from the Supervisory Attorney Advisor, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Protection of Federal Property" (RIN1601-AB17) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 16, 2025; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-1190. A communication from the Director, Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "OMB Report to the Congress on the BBEDCA 251A Sequestration for Fiscal Year 2026"; to the Special Committee on Aging; Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry; Appropriations; Armed Services; Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs; the Budget; Commerce, Science, and Transportation; Energy and Natural Resources; Environment and Public Works; Select Committee on Ethics; Finance; Foreign Relations; Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions; Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs; Indian Affairs; Select Committee on Intelligence; the Judiciary; Rules and Administration; Small Business and Entrepreneurship; and Veterans' Affairs.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. CRUZ, from the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute:

S. 414. A bill to require covered digital advertising platforms to report their public service advertisements (Rept. No. 119-32).

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. MCCORMICK (for himself and Ms. CORTEZ MASTO):

S. 2146. A bill to require the United States Executive Director at the International Monetary Fund to advocate for increased transparency with respect to exchange rate policies of the People's Republic of China, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. PAUL:

S. 2147. A bill to exempt intercollegiate athletic conferences and interstate intercollegiate athletic associations from the antitrust laws; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MERKLEY (for himself and Mr. SANDERS):

S. 2148. A bill to prohibit owners of covered dwelling units from assessing or collecting certain fees from tenants, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. BOOKER (for himself, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. PADILLA, Ms. WARREN, Mrs. MURRAY, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, and Mr. MARKEY):

S. 2149. A bill to expand access to health insurance coverage for immigrants and their families by removing legal and policy barriers to health insurance coverage, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. BALDWIN (for herself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. ALSOBROOKS, Mr. BENNET, Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER, Mr. BOOKER, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. COONS, Ms. CORTEZ MASTO, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Mr. FETTERMAN, Mr. GALLEGOS, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Ms. HASSAN, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. HICKENLOOPER, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. KAINE, Mr. KELLY, Mr. KIM, Mr. KING, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. LUJÁN, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. OSOFF, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. PETERS, Mr. REED, Ms. ROSEN, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SCHATZ, Mr. SCHIFF, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Ms. SLOTKIN, Ms. SMITH, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. WARNER, Mr. WERNICK, Ms. WARREN, Mr. WELCH, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mr. WYDEN):

S. 2150. A bill to protect a person's ability to determine whether to continue or end a pregnancy, and to protect a health care provider's ability to provide abortion services; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LEE (for himself, Mrs. BLACKBURN, and Mr. PAUL):

S. 2151. A bill to require the Secretary of Defense to submit annual reports on allied contributions to the common defense, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. LEE (for himself, Mrs. BLACKBURN, and Mr. PAUL):

S. 2152. A bill to require the Secretary of Defense to submit annual reports on allied contributions to the common defense, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mrs. BLACKBURN (for herself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. LEE, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 2153. A bill to promote competition and reduce gatekeeper power in the app economy, increase choice, improve quality, and reduce costs for consumers; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. DURBIN, Ms. WARREN, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. REED, Mr. KAINE, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. WELCH, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. HIRONO, and Ms. DUCKWORTH):

S. 2154. A bill to direct the Federal Trade Commission to prescribe rules prohibiting the marketing of firearms to minors, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Mr. PADILLA, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. REED, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. DUCKWORTH, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, and Ms. SMITH):

S. 2155. A bill to ensure greater accountability by licensed firearms dealers; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MARKEY (for himself and Ms. WARREN):

S. 2156. A bill to provide grants to States to encourage the implementation and maintenance of firearms licensing requirements, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MARKEY (for himself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. BOOKER, and Ms. WARREN):

S. 2157. A bill to require the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network to issue an advisory about how homegrown violent extremists and other perpetrators of domestic terrorism procure firearms and firearm accessories, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. PADILLA (for himself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. KIM, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. 2158. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to make fraudulent dealings in firearms and ammunition unlawful, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. SCOTT of Florida (for himself and Mrs. MOODY):

S. Res. 297. A resolution commemorating the passage of 4 years since the tragic building collapse in Surfside, Florida, on June 24, 2021; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LANKFORD (for himself and Mr. MULLIN):

S. Res. 298. A resolution congratulating the Oklahoma State University men's golf team for winning the 2025 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Men's Golf National Championship; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. JOHNSON:

S. Res. 299. A resolution expressing support for the designation of July 2025 as "National Sarcoma Awareness Month"; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. Res. 300. A resolution designating June 15, 2025, as "World Elder Abuse Awareness Day" and the month of June 2025 as "Elder Abuse Awareness Month"; considered and agreed to.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Ms. SMITH, Mr. THUNE, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. GRASSLEY, and Ms. BALDWIN):

S. Res. 301. A resolution condemning the attacks on Minnesota lawmakers in Brooklyn Park and Champlin, Minnesota, and calling for unity and the rejection of political violence in Minnesota and across the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 134

At the request of Mr. KAINE, the name of the Senator from Oregon (Mr. MERKLEY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 134, a bill to place limitations on accepting positions from the competitive service, and for other purposes.

S. 339

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from New Hamp-

shire (Ms. HASSAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 339, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for Medicare coverage of multi-cancer early detection screening tests.

S. 478

At the request of Mr. KENNEDY, the name of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM) was added as a cosponsor of S. 478, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to prohibit the Secretary of Veterans Affairs from transmitting certain information to the Department of Justice for use by the national instant criminal background check system.

S. 715

At the request of Ms. LUMMIS, the name of the Senator from Florida (Mr. SCOTT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 715, a bill to prohibit certain businesses and persons from purchasing real estate adjacent to covered Federal land in the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 963

At the request of Mr. CRAPO, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MARSHALL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 963, a bill to establish the Space National Guard.

S. 1162

At the request of Mr. MARSHALL, the name of the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. GRAHAM) 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. 1283

At the request of Mr. HAGERTY, the names of the Senator from Wyoming (Ms. LUMMIS) and the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. CRAMER) were added as cosponsors of S. 1283, a bill to modernize Federal firearms laws to account for advancements in technology and less-than-lethal weapons, and for other purposes.

S. 1299

At the request of Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1299, a bill to direct the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, acting through the Assistant Secretary for Policy Development and Research, to publish guidelines and best practices for State zoning and local zoning frameworks, and for other purposes.

S. 1399

At the request of Mr. ROUNDS, the name of the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BANKS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1399, a bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to ensure appropriate payment of certain algorithm-based healthcare services under the Medicare program.

S. 1677

At the request of Ms. BALDWIN, the name of the Senator from Massachusetts (Ms. WARREN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1677, a bill to provide

health insurance benefits for outpatient and inpatient items and services related to the diagnosis and treatment of a congenital anomaly or birth defect.

S. 1678

At the request of Mr. PETERS, the names of the Senator from Maine (Mr. KING) and the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. LANKFORD) were added as cosponsors of S. 1678, a bill to increase the number of U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers and support staff and to require reports that identify staffing, infrastructure, and equipment needed to enhance security at ports of entry.

S. 1874

At the request of Mr. MERKLEY, the name of the Senator from Mississippi (Mrs. HYDE-SMITH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1874, a bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to reauthorize certain nursing workforce development programs, and for other purposes.

S. 1879

At the request of Mr. OSSOFF, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. GALLEGRO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1879, a bill to amend chapter 131 of title 5, United States Code, to require Members of Congress and their spouses and dependent children to place certain assets into blind trusts, and for other purposes.

S. 1892

At the request of Ms. MURKOWSKI, the names of the Senator from Montana (Mr. DAINES), the Senator from Maryland (Mr. VAN HOLLEN), the Senator from Mississippi (Mrs. HYDE-SMITH) and the Senator from Arizona (Mr. GALLEGRO) were added as cosponsors of S. 1892, a bill to clarify that amounts from declinations should be deposited in the Crime Victims Fund and to temporarily provide additional deposits into the Crime Victims Fund.

S. 1945

At the request of Mr. JUSTICE, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. MARSHALL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1945, a bill to prohibit States and local governments from prohibiting or limiting the connection, reconnection, modification, installation, transportation, distribution, or expansion of an energy service based on the type or source of energy to be delivered, and for other purposes.

S. 1954

At the request of Mr. LEE, the name of the Senator from Missouri (Mr. SCHMITT) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1954, a bill to improve the requirements for making a determination of interchangeability of a biological product and its reference product.

S. 1984

At the request of Ms. BALDWIN, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. GALLEGRO) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1984, a bill to prohibit an employer from terminating the coverage of an employee under a group health plan while the employer is engaged in a

lock-out or while the employee is engaged in a lawful strike, and for other purposes.

S. 1988

At the request of Mr. TUBERVILLE, the name of the Senator from Montana (Mr. SHEEHY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1988, a bill to prohibit the participation of males in athletic programs or activities at the military service academies that are designated for women or girls.

S. 2035

At the request of Ms. DUCKWORTH, the name of the Senator from Virginia (Mr. KAINE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2035, a bill to establish statutory rights to choose to receive, provide, and cover fertility treatments, and for other purposes.

S. 2106

At the request of Mr. VAN HOLLEN, the name of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. WELCH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2106, a bill to provide a process for granting lawful permanent resident status to aliens from certain countries who meet certain eligibility requirements, and for other purposes.

S. 2125

At the request of Mr. SCOTT of Florida, the name of the Senator from Tennessee (Mrs. BLACKBURN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2125, a bill to require a report on the wealth of the leadership of the Chinese Communist Party, and for other purposes.

S. 2142

At the request of Mr. SULLIVAN, the names of the Senator from Montana (Mr. SHEEHY), the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. HOEVEN), the Senator from Alabama (Mrs. BRITT), the Senator from Indiana (Mr. BANKS), the Senator from Arkansas (Mr. COTTON), the Senator from South Carolina (Mr. SCOTT) and the Senator from Tennessee (Mrs. BLACKBURN) were added as cosponsors of S. 2142, a bill to improve the missile defense capabilities of the United States, and for other purposes.

S. 2143

At the request of Mr. SCHIFF, the name of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. KELLY) was added as a cosponsor of S. 2143, a bill to amend chapter 131 of title 5, United States Code, to prevent financial exploitation by public office holders, and for other purposes.

S. RES. 236

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, the name of the Senator from Maine (Ms. COLLINS) was added as a cosponsor 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.

S. RES. 283

At the request of Mr. MERKLEY, the names of the Senator from Vermont (Mr. WELCH) and the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 283, a resolution commemorating the 90th birthday of His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama on July 6, 2025, as "A Day of Compassion"

and expressing support for the human rights and distinct religious, cultural, linguistic, and historical identity of the Tibetan people.

S. RES. 288

At the request of Mr. McCORMICK, the names of the Senator from Arizona (Mr. GALLEGRO), the Senator from Missouri (Mr. HAWLEY) and the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) were added as cosponsors of S. Res. 288, a resolution condemning the rise in ideologically motivated attacks on Jewish individuals in the United States, including the recent violent assault in Boulder, Colorado, and reaffirming the commitment of the Senate to combating antisemitism and politically motivated violence.

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. PADILLA (for himself, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. BOOKER, Mr. KIM, and Mrs. KLOBUCHAR):

S. 2158. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to make fraudulent dealings in firearms and ammunition unlawful, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. PADILLA. Mr. President, I rise today to introduce the Stopping the Fraudulent Sale of Firearms Act, a vital piece of legislation designed to close dangerous loopholes in online firearm sales.

The Stopping the Fraudulent Sale of Firearms Act would make it a Federal crime to fraudulently advertise or sell firearms ammunition online, including by circumventing technology companies' terms of service.

Gun violence remains one of the most urgent crises facing our Nation, claiming more than 46,000 lives in 2023 alone, the third-highest number of gun-related deaths ever recorded. To reduce gun violence in our communities, it is critical that existing gun safety measures are fully enforced.

Background checks, red flag laws, and other safeguards are designed to keep firearms out of the wrong hands, but online marketplaces have created new avenues to bypass these protections.

Individuals who would fail a routine background check—such as those with felony convictions, domestic violence restraining orders, or a history of severe mental illness—can easily obtain firearms online, even in States with strong gun laws. This loophole undermines the very protections meant to keep our communities safe.

Technology companies have taken steps to curb illegal gun sales on their platforms, but sellers continue to exploit gaps in enforcement. Some platforms have banned firearm sales outright, yet sellers circumvent these restrictions by disguising listings.

On Facebook Marketplace, for example, guns are often advertised as "stickers" featuring firearm brand logos, while the actual weapons are

sold off the record. These deceptive tactics allow firearms to be purchased without background checks, fueling illegal gun trafficking and putting lives at risk.

Fraudulent firearm listings undermine essential safeguards contribute to gun trafficking, and increase the risk of violent crime. Around 80 percent of firearms used in criminal activity are obtained from sellers who do not conduct background checks, including fraudulent online dealers. From 2017 to 2021, unlicensed sellers were responsible for more than half of all trafficked firearms, amounting to over 68,000 guns.

The Stopping the Fraudulent Sale of Firearms Act would directly address this growing threat. By prohibiting fraudulent transactions and holding deceptive sellers accountable, this bill would reinforce background check requirements and help prevent firearms from falling into the wrong hands.

Public safety is a shared responsibility, and this bill represents an important step forward in our collective efforts to reduce gun violence and protect our communities. I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this legislation and working to pass the Stopping the Fraudulent Sale of Firearms Act without delay.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 297—COMMEMORATING THE PASSAGE OF 4 YEARS SINCE THE TRAGIC BUILDING COLLAPSE IN SURFSIDE, FLORIDA, ON JUNE 24, 2021

Mr. SCOTT of Florida (for himself and Mrs. MOODY) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. RES. 297

Whereas June 24, 2025, marks 4 years since portions of the Champlain Towers South condominium building in Surfside, Florida, catastrophically collapsed; and

Whereas, in the aftermath of the devastating collapse—

(1) one of the largest rescue and recovery operations in the history of the United States commenced to locate scores of residents who were unaccounted for and believed to be in the collapsed building;

(2) first responders from across Florida immediately answered the call of duty, including firefighters, uniformed police officers, rescue and recovery crews, emergency medical technicians, physicians, nurses, and others rushing to save the lives of individuals trapped in the building;

(3) international rescue crews and emergency support organizations from Israel and Mexico responded to the site to aid in the search and recovery efforts;

(4) National Urban Search and Rescue Response System task forces from Florida, Virginia, Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey, and emergency specialists from California, deployed to Surfside, Florida, to provide critical support;

(5) teams worked tirelessly around the clock to rescue survivors and recover the remains of individuals killed in the tragic collapse; and

(6) on June 30, 2021, the National Institute of Standards and Technology announced it would launch a formal investigation into the cause of the collapse: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) commemorates the passage of 4 years since the tragic building collapse in Surfside, Florida, on June 24, 2021;

(2) honors the survivors and the 98 lives lost in the collapse of the Champlain Towers South condominium building and offers heartfelt condolences to the families, loved ones, and friends of the victims;

(3) commends the bravery and selfless service demonstrated by the local, State, national, and international teams of first responders deployed in the aftermath of the collapse; and

(4) expresses support for the survivors and community of Surfside, Florida.

SENATE RESOLUTION 298—CONGRATULATING THE OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY MEN'S GOLF TEAM FOR WINNING THE 2025 NATIONAL COLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION DIVISION I MEN'S GOLF NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Mr. LANKFORD (for himself and Mr. MULLIN) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 298

Whereas the Oklahoma State University men's golf team (referred to in this preamble as the "Cowboys"), under the direction of Alan Bratton, the head coach of the Cowboys, won the 2025 National Collegiate Athletic Association (referred to in this preamble as the "NCAA") Division I Men's Golf National Championship (referred to in this preamble as the "National Championship");

Whereas the 2025 National Championship win is the 12th national championship title for the Cowboys, and the first since 2018;

Whereas the Cowboys competed in a 72-hole stroke play format, earning them a spot in the top 8 teams to compete for the National Championship;

Whereas, after securing a spot in the top 8, the Cowboys competed in a match play bracket where they ultimately defeated the University of Virginia with a 3 to 1 victory to secure the National Championship win;

Whereas the Cowboys have appeared in 4 NCAA Division I men's golf national championship matches since 2009, winning twice;

Whereas the Cowboys ended the 2025 season on a 5-tournament winning streak and won 7 events overall during the year;

Whereas the Cowboys 11-man team was comprised of young talent, including 5 freshmen and 5 sophomores;

Whereas Filip Fahlberg-Johnsson, Eric Lee, Preston Stout, Gaven Lane, and Ethan Fang participated in the final matches of the National Championship, all playing a key role in securing the team title;

Whereas Ethan Fang and Preston Stout were honored as 2025 First-Team All-Americans;

Whereas 3 Cowboys golfers received Golfweek All-American honors, including Preston Stout who received First-Team honors, Ethan Fang who received Second-Team distinction, and Eric Lee who was an honorable mention;

Whereas 4 Cowboys golfers were named NCAA Division I PING All-Region honorees, including Ethan Fang, Gaven Lane, Eric Lee, and Preston Stout; and

Whereas Cowboys head coach Alan Bratton was a recipient of the Dave Williams National Coach of the Year Award: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) commends the 2025 Oklahoma State University men's golf team (referred to in this resolution as the "Cowboys") for winning the 2025 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Men's Golf National Championship;

(2) recognizes the Cowboys for their hard work and dedication to the sport of golf and for the excitement they bring to Oklahoma State University, the State of Oklahoma, and to fans of the Cowboys everywhere; and

(3) congratulates the Cowboys on a wonderful 2025 season.

SENATE RESOLUTION 299—EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE DESIGNATION OF JULY 2025 AS "NATIONAL SARCOMA AWARENESS MONTH"

Mr. JOHNSON submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 299

Whereas sarcoma is a rare cancer of the bones or connective tissues, such as nerves, muscles, joints, fat, and blood vessels, that can arise nearly anywhere in the body;

Whereas, in the United States—

(1) about 17,000 individuals are diagnosed with sarcoma each year;

(2) approximately 7,600 individuals die from sarcoma each year; and

(3) about 50,000 individuals struggle with sarcoma at any given time;

Whereas, each year, about 1 percent of cancers diagnosed in adults and around 15 percent of cancers diagnosed in children are sarcoma;

Whereas more than 70 subtypes of sarcoma have been identified;

Whereas the potential causes of sarcoma are not well understood;

Whereas treatment for sarcoma can include surgery, radiation therapy, or chemotherapy;

Whereas sarcoma is often misdiagnosed and underreported; and

Whereas July 2025 would be an appropriate month to designate as National Sarcoma Awareness Month—

(1) to raise awareness about sarcoma; and

(2) to encourage more individuals in the United States to get properly diagnosed and treated: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate supports the designation of July 2025 as "National Sarcoma Awareness Month".

SENATE RESOLUTION 300—DESIGNATING JUNE 15, 2025, AS "WORLD ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY" AND THE MONTH OF JUNE 2025 AS "ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS MONTH"

Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself and Mr. BLUMENTHAL) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 300

Whereas, in 2021, approximately 55,800,000 residents of the United States, or about 1 in every 6 individuals, had attained the age of 65, and by 2060, 95,000,000 individuals in the United States, or about 1 in every 4 individuals, will be over the age of 65, according to estimates by the Bureau of the Census;

Whereas, in 2034, it is anticipated that older adults will outnumber children for the first time, according to the Bureau of the Census;

Whereas elder abuse remains a challenging problem and can come in many different

forms, often manifesting as physical, sexual, or psychological abuse, financial exploitation, neglect, and social media abuse;

Whereas elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation have no boundaries and cross all racial, social, class, gender, and geographic lines, according to the Elder Justice Coalition;

Whereas about 1 in 10 adults over the age of 60 are subjected to abuse, neglect, or financial exploitation each year, according to the National Institute on Aging;

Whereas the annual loss by victims of financial abuse over the age of 60 is estimated to be at least \$28,300,000,000, according to the National Council on Aging;

Whereas for older adults over the age of 60, the Department of Justice reported the following scam-related financial losses for 2023—

- (1) \$1,200,000,000 from investment scams;
- (2) \$590,000,000 from tech support scams;
- (3) \$382,000,000 from business email compromise scams;
- (4) \$356,000,000 from romance scams; and
- (5) \$179,000,000 from government impersonation scams;

Whereas older adults reported losses of \$4,885,000,000 related to internet scams and fraud in 2024, and filed over 147,000 complaints related to internet crimes, according to the Federal Bureau of Investigation;

Whereas adults over the age of 60 are less likely than younger adults to report losing money to fraud according to the Federal Trade Commission;

Whereas most reported cases of abuse, neglect, and exploitation of older adults take place within private homes, and approximately 90 percent of the perpetrators in elder financial exploitation cases are family members or other trusted individuals, according to the National Adult Protective Services Association;

Whereas research suggests that elderly individuals in the United States who experience cognitive impairment, physical disabilities, or isolation are more likely to become the victims of abuse than those who do not experience cognitive impairment, physical disabilities, or isolation;

Whereas other risk factors for elder abuse can include low social support, poor physical health, and experience of previous traumatic events, according to the National Center on Elder Abuse;

Whereas close to half of elderly individuals who suffer from dementia will experience abuse during their lifetime, according to the Department of Justice;

Whereas only 1 in 24 cases of elder abuse is reported, and only 1 in 44 cases of elder financial exploitation is reported, according to the New York State Office of Children and Family Services;

Whereas the COVID-19 pandemic has led to the emergence of new scams against older adults, including those related to vaccines;

Whereas more than 1 in 5 older persons reported elder abuse during the COVID-19 pandemic, an over 80 percent increase from previous years, according to the National Institute of Health;

Whereas, during the last 5 years, Congress passed and the President signed 2 measures that make nearly \$400,000,000 available for implementation of the initiatives under the Elder Justice Act of 2009 (subtitle H of title VI of Public Law 111-148; 124 Stat. 783), the largest funding stream related to such initiatives in the history of the Act; and

Whereas Congress, in passing the Elder Justice Act of 2009 (subtitle H of title VI of Public Law 111-148; 124 Stat. 783), the Older Americans Act of 1965 (42 U.S.C. 3001 et seq.), the Elder Abuse Prevention and Prosecution Act (34 U.S.C. 21701 et seq.), the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (Public Law 117-2;

135 Stat. 4), and the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021 (Public Law 116-260; 134 Stat. 1182), recognized the importance of protecting older people of the United States against abuse and exploitation: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates June 15, 2025, as “World Elder Abuse Awareness Day” and the month of June 2025 as “Elder Abuse Awareness Month”;

(2) recognizes—

(A) judges, lawyers, adult protective services professionals, law enforcement officers, social workers, health care providers, advocates for victims, and other professionals and agencies for their efforts to advance awareness of elder abuse;

(B) the important work of the Elder Justice Coordinating Council, which has continued through the previous 3 Presidential administrations and involves 15 different Federal agencies;

(C) the essential work done by adult protective services personnel, who regularly come to the assistance of victims, investigate reports of abuse, and actively prevent future victimization of older people in the United States, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic as the social isolation of elderly individuals, due to stay-at-home orders, only increased the risk of abuse and neglect; and

(D) the importance of supporting State long-term care ombudsman programs, which help prevent elder abuse and neglect in nursing homes and other long-term care facilities, where infection prevention and control deficiencies pose persistent challenges;

(3) applauds the work of the Elder Justice Coalition and its members, whose efforts to increase public awareness of elder abuse have the potential to increase the identification and reporting of this crime by the public, professionals, and victims, and can act as a catalyst to promote issue-based education and long-term prevention; and

(4) encourages—

(A) members of the public and professionals who work with older adults to act as catalysts to promote awareness and long-term prevention of elder abuse—

(i) by reaching out to local adult protective services agencies, State long-term care ombudsman programs, and the National Center on Elder Abuse; and

(ii) by learning to recognize, detect, report, and respond to elder abuse;

(B) private individuals and public agencies in the United States to continue work together at the Federal, State, and local levels to combat abuse, neglect, exploitation, crime, and violence against vulnerable adults, including vulnerable older adults, particularly in light of limited resources for vital protective services; and

(C) those Federal agencies with responsibility for preventing elder abuse to fully exercise such responsibilities to protect older adults, whether such older adults are living in the community or in long-term care facilities.

ferred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. RES. 301

Whereas, on June 14, 2025, a gunman entered the home of Minnesota State Senator John Hoffman and shot and critically injured him and his wife, Yvette Hoffman;

Whereas the gunman then entered the home of Minnesota State House Speaker Emerita Melissa Hortman and assassinated her and her husband, Mark Hortman;

Whereas the gunman had documents that listed dozens of lawmakers targeted for assassination;

Whereas the law enforcement officers of Brooklyn Park and Champlin saved additional lives by intervening with their bravery and rapid response to the attack;

Whereas Speaker Emerita Hortman was a formidable public servant who served her community and the people of Minnesota with deep devotion, compassion, and strength;

Whereas acts of political violence have no place in the United States and represent a grave threat;

Whereas swift condemnation of political violence by elected officials is necessary to preserve and protect the democracy of the United States;

Whereas, when these violent acts expose division, the people of the United States must persevere in the pursuit of democratic principles, resolving their differences through debate and civil discourse; and

Whereas political violence not only attacks the life and liberty of the representatives of the people of the United States, it also attacks the right of the people to be represented: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate, in this moment of tragic loss—

(1) strongly condemns and denounces the attacks on Minnesota State legislators in Brooklyn Park and Champlin, Minnesota on June 14, 2025;

(2) honors the life of Speaker Emerita Melissa Hortman for her devotion to public service and her tireless efforts to serve the people of Minnesota and the life of her husband, Mark Hortman;

(3) honors Senator John Hoffman and his wife, Yvette Hoffman, who were shot and critically injured, and wishes for their full and speedy recovery;

(4) honors the courageous law enforcement officers who saved additional lives with their rapid response to the attack and successfully apprehended and charged the suspected perpetrator on June 15, 2025;

(5) calls on all community leaders and elected officials to publicly and unequivocally denounce acts of political violence; and

(6) calls on all people of the United States to unite in this moment of pain and tragedy and reaffirm the commitment of the people of the United States to a safe, civil, and peaceful democracy in which violent rhetoric and acts are not tolerated.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 2356. Mr. CRUZ submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the joint resolution S.J. Res. 59, to direct the removal of United States Armed Forces from hostilities against the Islamic Republic of Iran that have not been authorized by Congress; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 2356. Mr. CRUZ submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by

SENATE RESOLUTION 301—CONDEMNING THE ATTACKS ON MINNESOTA LAWMAKERS IN BROOKLYN PARK AND CHAMPLIN, MINNESOTA AND CALLING FOR UNITY AND THE REJECTION OF POLITICAL VIOLENCE IN MINNESOTA AND ACROSS THE UNITED STATES

Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself, Ms. SMITH, Mr. THUNE, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. GRASSLEY, and Ms. BALDWIN) submitted the following resolution; which was re-

him to the joint resolution S.J. Res. 59, to direct the removal of United States Armed Forces from hostilities against the Islamic Republic of Iran that have not been authorized by Congress; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations; as follows:

On page 2, between lines 14 and 15, insert the following:

(5) Members of the United States Armed Forces and intelligence community, and all those involved in the planning and successful execution of Operation Midnight Hammer on June 21, 2025, including President Donald J. Trump, should be commended for their efforts in a successful mission.

On page 2, line 15, strike “(5)” and insert “(6)”.

On page 2, line 21, strike “(6)” and insert “(7)”.

AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I have four 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:

COMMITTEES ON ARMED SERVICES

The Committee on Armed Services is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, June 24, 2025, at 9:30 a.m., to consider nominations in open session.

COMMITTEES ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, June 24, 2025, at 10:15 a.m., to conduct a hearing.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

The Committee on the Judiciary is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, June 24, 2025, at 2:30 p.m., to conduct a hearing.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON DIGITAL ASSETS

The Subcommittee on Digital Assets of the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs is authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Tuesday, June 24, 2025, at 3 p.m., to conduct a hearing in open session.

PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. CASSIDY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the following interns in my office be granted floor privileges until June 25, 2025: Ava O'Neal and Alan Lam.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the following summer associates in my office be granted floor privileges until June 25, 2025: Parker Zito, Cole Carmouche, Camille Morrison, and Curtis Laurent.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. MERKLEY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent to grant floor privileges to my interns on their shadow

days as follows: Vincent Sheoships for June 24, 2025; and Emma Singleton for July 24, 2025.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

RESOLUTIONS SUBMITTED TODAY

Mr. BARRASSO. 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. 298, S. Res. 299, and S. Res. 300.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolutions en bloc.

Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolutions be agreed to, the preambles be agreed to, and that the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table, all en bloc.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolutions were agreed to.

The preambles were agreed to.

(The resolutions, with their preambles, are printed in today's RECORD under “Submitted Resolutions.”)

ORDERS FOR WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25, 2025

Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stands in recess until 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 25; that following the prayer and the pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the time for the two leaders be reserved for their use later in the day, and the Senate proceed to executive session and resume consideration of Calendar No. 140, Paul Dabbar, and the Senate vote on confirmation at 4:15 p.m.; and that following disposition of the Dabbar nomination, the Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture on Calendar No. 93, Kenneth Kies; and if cloture is invoked on the Kies nomination, the Senate vote on confirmation at a time to be determined by the majority leader, in consultation with the Democratic leader, on Thursday June 26; finally, if any nominations are confirmed during Wednesday's session of the Senate, the motions to reconsider be considered made and laid upon the table and the President be immediately notified of the Senate's action.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ORDER FOR ADJOURNMENT

Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask that it stand in recess under the previous order, following the remarks of Senator MERKLEY.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senator from Oregon.

ONE BIG BEAUTIFUL BILL

Mr. MERKLEY. Mr. President, I have come to the floor to talk about debt, and more precisely, how the Republican party has been driving massive increases in debt over the last couple decades, both in two ways. The first way is by particular legislative acts, primarily tax bills that have created enormous debt; and the second is by steadily eroding the framework for budgeting and controlling our difference between our revenues and our expenditures that was created in 1974.

If we want to think about the big factors that have been driving up deficits and, therefore, debt, well, the big factors in recent history—war in Afghanistan, massive; war in Iraq, massive; the Bush tax cuts of 2001 and 2003; the Trump tax cuts of 2017—these were huge factors in vastly reducing revenue, primarily by giving enormous giveaways to the very richest Americans.

Well, that is not all the Republican party has been up to in terms of driving massive increases in deficit and debt. They have also been hard at work destroying the infrastructure that all hundred Senators agreed to back in 1974 to get a handle on debt.

Now let's return to the deficits of 1971, 1972, 1973. Those deficits were, on average, \$20 billion—\$20 billion compared to \$2 trillion now. And yet that \$20 billion in deficit, average deficit, over those 3 years was enough to have the Members of the Senate and the Members of the House say: We have to get this under control. If we don't get this under control, we are going to undermine the ability of our work to provide a good foundation for families to thrive in the future through good, strong programs for housing and healthcare and education, good strong programs to create good-paying jobs, and good programs for the security of the United States of America. We are going to undermine all of that—the future for the next generation—if we run up these deficits.

So they created that 1974 act. That 1974 act had a couple of different visions. One was a regular budgeting process. That regular budgeting process was laid out—this is the way that you can, at the front end of each fiscal year or preparing for each fiscal year, you can lay out a vision for how much you are going to spend and how much revenue you are going to create. Those expenditures will be laid out committee by committee, and then we will hold people to it, and we can basically do what a family does—have control over our income and our outgo, our revenue and our expenditures, and therefore control over deficits. That was the vision.

That bill also created something completely separate from that, and that was called reconciliation. Reconciliation is a special fast-track, filibuster-free path—for one reason it was created; all 100 Senators agreed—to reduce the deficit.

You can think of Robert Byrd, who was the fiercest defender of the filibuster—that is the 60 votes required to close debate. Yet even he said: Yes, I am fine setting aside that power that gives strength and leverage to the minority for the purpose of reducing the deficit—that one purpose. That was in 1974.

Now let's fast-forward to 1996, 22 years later. You have a Republican House and a Republican Senate. It is the back end of the Gingrich revolution, the election that occurred in 1994 and the people serving from 1995 to 1997. There were several interesting things that happened in that year, in 1996. One was that Congress said: Let's give the President a line-item veto so that programs can be struck down by the President of the United States.

The Supreme Court said: Not so fast. The Constitution is very clear. It gives the power of the purse to Congress, not to the President of the United States. If you want to give the power to decide what is spent to the President, well then you have to do a constitutional amendment.

Well, that was the end of the line-item veto.

Then the next thing that was turned to was, let's do a balanced budget amendment. Well, a balanced budget amendment requires two-thirds of each Chamber of those duly elected to say yes to the bill, and then it has to be sent out as a constitutional amendment to be confirmed by two-thirds of the States. That is a big undertaking.

In the Senate, it was 1 vote short of having the 67 votes it needed to be passed. Well, that was a very frustrating situation to be in, one vote short. Then the leaders of the House and Senate—the Republican leaders of the House and Senate said: Well, you know, we have this other objective. We want to do a tax bill that will give vast sums of the U.S. Treasury to the very richest Americans, and we know Democrats won't stand for that, so we can't do it through regular order. Let's take that special reconciliation process created in 1974 only for deficit reduction and let's repurpose it to do deficit increases.

But there is a problem there. The whole history was quite clear. You had 22 years of precedent to back up the playing language. So what has to be done? Well, the leader of the Senate, Robert Dole, brought in a new Parliamentarian, Robert Dove, who then created a ruling saying that despite the bill—what it says—and despite the 22 years of precedence, this fast-track can be used to do tax breaks and increase the deficit.

Well, that was a core pillar of the 1974 bill—a fast track only for deficit reduction, a filibuster-free path only for deficit reduction. My Republican colleagues tore it down. They didn't use it immediately because President Clinton, a Democrat, was in the Oval Office. As it turned out, a deal was worked out on other issues, so they

didn't do that tax bill until Bush came in 2001. Then they used that power created in 1996.

The reason I am going through this is to convey that my colleagues who have talked about fiscal responsibility have been misleading America because while they talk about fiscal responsibility in practice, they have been running up massive deficits and debt for the people of this country—through the war in Afghanistan, through the war in Iraq, through the 2001 tax bill that Bush put forward, through his 2003 tax bill, through the Trump 2017 tax bill—and they have been destroying the discipline for the special reconciliation process that was designed only for deficit reduction.

But that nuclear event of 1996 in which black became white and white became black, the total betrayal of those Senators who voted—100 of them—for a special filibuster-free process only for deficit reduction—the total betrayal of them. But two things survived. One was that there would be no ability to use reconciliation for deficit creation—increases outside of the 10-year window. The third was continuing to use honest numbers—the Joint Committee on Taxation for revenue and the Congressional Budget Office for expenditures.

In fact, CBO was created by that 1974 bill so nonpartisan entities would give us honest numbers so we would quit lying to ourselves every time there was a bill about what it cost, quit lying to ourselves about what a tax provision change would mean. We would be honest with ourselves.

You know, it is like a family doing their budget. If they say “Well, we are only going to go out to dinner once a month to save money,” but the reality is that they know they are going to go out to dinner 10 times a month, they are just deceiving themselves. They are putting something in their budget that isn't real.

The idea was integrity—integrity with ourselves, integrity with the American people.

But this brings us to this moment right now on the reconciliation bill because those two pillars of fiscal responsibility that survived the 1996 nuclear action by my Republican colleagues, the two pillars that survived—one, no increase in deficits after 10 years and, second, using honest numbers—those are under complete assault right now, and it is through something that is called by my Republican colleagues a current policy baseline.

Let me explain what this means. Normally, you have a bill, and there is a provision in the bill, and that provision says “Do this,” and it goes to the Joint Committee on Taxation.

They say: It is a revenue measure. Here is how much money that it will raise as compared to not having that provision in the bill.

Not having that provision in the bill is current law. Putting the provision in the bill is the vision that is being

costed out for honest decision making. So here is a provision. How much will it cost? Here is a change in a program. How much will that cost? That is the normal process. That is the normal process of integrity in any budgeting process. We are going to make a change in what we are doing. How much will it cost?

But along comes the decision by my colleague—whom I work with so well on so many things, but on this, I profoundly disagree with him, the chair of the Budget Committee—and he says: Let's stop doing that process where there is a provision in the bill that changes the law and therefore we will estimate how much it costs. Instead, he says, we will simply pretend that a provision in the bill that ended a tax break and now the provision continues that tax break and therefore it costs money—we will pretend that, all along, we knew that it would go on forever, and therefore it costs nothing.

Well, this is the type of smoke and mirrors that the entire 1974 act was designed to stop. Let's stop pretending. Let's stop trying to camouflage what things cost when we make decisions, when we pass laws here. Let's be honest with ourselves. Let's be honest with the American people.

This strategy—how is this to be accomplished? Well, my colleague the chair of the Budget Committee looks to a provision—section 312—in the law.

Let's talk about Section 312. Section 312 is a provision not in Section 313, which is for reconciliation. Section 312 is completely separate, and it has never been used in reconciliation. It was designed to resolve small technical changes.

Let's look at the record of 312. Again, this provision says the chair—actually, it says the Budget Committee, not the chair—the Budget Committee has authority to resolve some technical problems that occur in the process of normal budget bills—not reconciliation; normal budget bills.

Here are the times it has been used, this provision from 312. It has always been used in a bipartisan way, always with consultation, support from Democrats and Republicans, to resolve a technical issue.

For the first time, my colleague the chair of the Budget Committee is saying: We will use it in a partisan fashion where there is no agreement worked out on how to solve a technical issue. We are going to do something that is pure partisan because we want to hide the cost of this reconciliation bill.

A second point is that section 312 has never been used in a broad fashion. It has always been about a narrow provision—again, not in a reconciliation bill. It has been used routinely to enforce spending allocations by committee. It has been used for the Crime Victims Fund. It has been used for the Power Marketing Administration. It has been used to prevent double counting of a dairy program. It made some

adjustments to the Fiscal Responsibility Act. It was always done in a bipartisan way on a very narrow issue.

Then there is now, where it is no longer a narrow issue; it is about the entire cost of the bill. Section 312 has been used to resolve ambiguities—again, each and every time, resolve an ambiguity in a bipartisan way on a narrow issue—except now, it is not about resolving ambiguity; it is about lying to the American people about what the bill costs.

Has it ever been used in reconciliation before? No, because it is not part of the two sections that control the reconciliation process—310 and 313. It is not part of that at all. It has never been used in reconciliation, not once, not ever, because it is not part of the law that guides reconciliation.

Finally, I want to emphasize that because it has been about narrow issues, the amount of money involved has been related to those more narrow provisions. Yes, they sound large when they are in the millions—even once, on the adjustments to the Fiscal Responsibility Act, about \$3 billion, \$2.8 billion—but now we are talking not about a couple of billions, we are talking about more than \$3 trillion. Wow, that is something.

In every possible way, 312 power giving the Budget Committee the ability to resolve small technical issues outside of reconciliation doesn't fit with using it now to create a magical baseline to, well, obfuscate what things cost.

Now, the cost of this bill, the provisions in this bill, as compared to not having the provisions in the bill, is a cost of about \$3 trillion over 10 years. I think the most recent estimate is \$32 trillionish—\$37 trillion, and that is over 30 years.

Here, we have the effort to tell the world that no, no, no, don't worry. It is only a couple hundred billion, the cost.

I was struck this morning by the estimate that came from the Joint Committee on Taxation which laid out that the revenue portion debt of this bill will now reduce revenue over a 10-year period by over \$4 trillion while my colleagues are telling the world: No. No. It will only reduce it by less than \$1 trillion.

Let's stop that type of destruction of the budgeting process. It is not just—not just—that we are lying to ourselves and to the American people about the cost of this bill, we are also destroying that boundary that survived in 1996, that said there will be no deficits in any single title, in any single year

after the budget window. The budget window is a 10-year period.

This morning, I read back through section 313. And right in section 313, it lays it out again: No deficit creation in any title, in any year after the budget window.

So I am coming to the floor to say to my colleagues: Do not corrupt the very instruments we created in a bipartisan fashion to control the deficit. Do not use a fake baseline to lie to the American public about the cost of the provisions in this bill. Do not breach the boundary in which you are now going to create deficits beyond a 10-year period.

The reason we had that estimate of \$37 trillion over 30 years is because now the measures in the bill continue on that create deficits as far as the eye can see, and CBO said we could only estimate it out 30 years. So that is the number: roughly, \$3 trillion over 10 years but \$37 trillion over 30 years.

CBO also told us, the Congressional Budget Office—that nonpartisan keeper of integrity in budget discussions—if our estimate of the interest rate is 1 percent off, it will cost about another \$24 trillion on top of this. So what are we talking about then? We are talking about over \$60 trillion over 30 years.

How does that compare to what we have now? Well, we are actually in the midthirties right now in terms of our Federal debt. We are now over 100 percent of debt to GDP. I had thought, as I got into this discussion, that we were at the 100 percent mark and that our amount of national debt had reached the amount of our gross domestic product. But when I rechecked it, no, we are over it. We are beyond it.

How are we going to be responsible architects of our national journey if we are going to keep pretending that things don't cost in the bills that we pass, if we don't use honest numbers, if we destroy the framework created in 1974 that said no deficits after 10 years? That is not the right course.

We, the Democratic side of the aisle, will keep raising this issue because this bill should never go through this body on a false premise, on a fake cost estimate.

Why is that so important in reconciliation? Because the budget resolution lays out how much revenue change can be tolerated and how much spending can be done by the various committees. So if you don't have honest numbers, you have a completely phony process.

So let's come together and rebuild the bipartisan consensus that we are

going to have a stronger framework, a stronger budgeting framework for the national enterprise.

As we build up this massive additional part of debt through wars and through tax bills that deliver the national Treasury to the richest Americans, as we do that, we are undermining the future of our country.

Please, to my Republican colleagues, do not come to this floor and talk about fiscal responsibility. If you can't walk the walk, don't talk the talk. It is that important. It is that important.

I am going to conclude by noting that even without this breaching of the boundaries regarding deficits that run as far as I can see, even without the process of lying to ourselves about what this would cost, even without that, this is a terrible bill.

This bill is families lose, and billionaires win, as simple as that: cutting nutrition programs, which means an estimated 4 million children will go hungry; tax breaks for the richest Americans, tax breaks for billionaires; and 16 million people losing healthcare. Why? To fund tax breaks for billionaires. That is just wrong.

There is a better plan. It should be a bipartisan plan, where we seek to have families thrive and billionaires pay their fair share. That is a vision we should all be able to get behind.

So let's take this terrible bill, this bill that creates a debt as far as the eye can see, this bill that creates an estimated \$37 trillion in additional debt or even more than \$60 trillion, if the interest rate predictions are off by 1 percent over 30 years—let's take this bill, and let's put a stake through its heart and start over and instead have that vision of a bill crafted along the lines of families thrive and billionaires pay their fair share.

RECESS UNTIL 3:30 P.M.
TOMORROW

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senate stands in recess until 3:30 p.m. tomorrow.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 7:08 p.m., recessed until Wednesday, June 25, 2025, at 3:30 p.m.

CONFIRMATION

Executive nomination confirmed by the Senate June 24, 2025:

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

DANIEL ZIMMERMAN, OF NORTH CAROLINA, TO BE AN ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE.

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF BERNARD J. MCCULLOUGH

HON. JONATHAN L. JACKSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 24, 2025

Mr. JACKSON of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Bernard J. McCullough, better known as “Bernie Mac” by his fans. Born on the south side of Chicago on October 5, 1957, Bernie would go on to become a singular comedic talent who spent his entire career in show business, bringing laughter and joy to his audiences.

To his fans and a world that adored him, he was comedian Bernie Mac. But his real name was Bernard Jeffery McCullough born October 5, 1957 as the second child of Mary McCullough and Jeffery Harrison, who had already made their life transition. Bernard, or “Bernie”, as he was affectionately named, grew up in the gang-ridden Englewood Community of Chicago. Always a leader and not a follower, he gained the respect of most of the gang members without ever joining. He was forever the clown and always known for making people laugh. He accepted Jesus Christ at a young age and attended Burning Bush Missionary Baptist Church.

His big break came in 1990 when he won first place with a remarkable performance in the Miller Lite Comedy Search. From that point, his popularity spread, and he garnered attention prompting Russell Simmons to give him a spot on his groundbreaking show *Def Comedy Jam*. Bernard’s first stage appearance was so well received that he was invited back to perform a second time. From that moment on, the Mac Man was a phenomenon. He would soon go on tour as the opening act for Chaka Khan, Barry White, the Whispers and many other performers.

Bernie made his film debut with the release of *Mo’ Money* in 1992. His breakthrough performance, however, came in his role as Pastor Cleaver in Ice Cube’s hit movie, *Friday* (1995).

Bernie Mac’s comedy was raw, honest, and fearless. His stand-up often revolved around his personal experiences, delivered with his signature raspy voice and bold stage presence. He gained widespread recognition as one of the four comedians in the 2000 standup film *The Original Kings of Comedy*, where his set stole the show with its hilarious takes on family and discipline. The Bernie Mac Show, his self-titled sitcom, was a groundbreaking hit, blending humor with heartfelt moments as he played a fictionalized version of himself raising his sister’s kids. The show earned multiple awards and cemented his place in TV history. Bernie transitioned seamlessly into acting, appearing in films like *Ocean’s Eleven*, *Mr. 3000*, and *Guess Who*. His charisma made him stand out in every role he took on.

Even after his passing in 2008, Bernie Mac remains a beloved figure in comedy. His fearless approach and unique comedic style con-

tinued to influence comedians today, impacting hundreds of lives still. Bernie launched The Bernie Mac Foundation in Chicago, Illinois in 2005 as Founder and Chairman of the Board to bring awareness to sarcoidosis and build a bridge between awareness and a cure. He dedicated his mission to informing the community on the impact of sarcoidosis to patients and transform the opinions of treatment. Bernie used his celebrity to support the Bernie Mac Sarcoidosis Translational Advanced Research (STAR) Center at the University of Illinois Health Sciences System to provide patients with outstanding care. He was also passionate about patients receiving evaluations in a timely, compassionate and courteous manner for all forms of sarcoidosis.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in honoring the life and legacy of Bernard J. McCullough.

CONGRATULATING THE MANHEIM CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL BOYS’ VOLLEYBALL STATE CHAMPIONS

HON. LLOYD SMUCKER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 24, 2025

Mr. SMUCKER. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to congratulate the Manheim Central High School boys’ volleyball team on winning the PIAA Class 2A State championship on Saturday, June 14, 2025.

The Manheim Central Barons cruised through the regular season, the District Three championship, and state playoffs to end up exactly where they had been the previous year: in the PIAA Class 2A championship match against the same opponent. Manheim Central came up just short with a silver medal in last year’s championship match against Meadville but avenged their past loss this season. The Barons played with determination and delivered a commanding 3–1 victory over their previously undefeated rivals on June 14 to capture the gold.

Contributing to the Barons’ state championship was their cast of talent, which included six District Three 2A all-stars. This included senior setter and leader Dylan Musser, who was named as the Pennsylvania Volleyball Coaches Association’s “Mr. Volleyball of Pennsylvania”—among other accolades—and was instrumental in their championship with 43 assists. Also integral to their success was veteran coach Craig Dietrich, who was awarded District Three coach of the year.

I include in the RECORD the following individuals contributed to the Manheim Central Barons’ 2025 boys’ volleyball championship:

Players: Reagan Miller, Cole Arter, Dylan Musser, William Meyers, Daniel Becker, Colin Rohrer, Weston Longenecker, Christopher Neiles, Caleb Groff, Gavin Longenecker, Wyatt Buckwalter, Ryder Buckwalter, Bryan Fahnstock, Asher Ulrich, Landon Mattiace, Jay Hollinger

Coaches: Craig Dietrich, Katrina Thomas, Brandon Musser, Kevin Groff

As Manheim Central boys’ volleyball team crowns a fantastic season with a gold medal, I sincerely congratulate each player and coach that made their success possible. The Barons have earned their place as state champions, and I look forward to seeing what these players accomplish next.

REMEMBERING FRED SMITH

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 24, 2025

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in solemn tribute to Frederick W. Smith, the founder of FedEx and a visionary business and civic leader who revolutionized global commerce. Mr. Smith passed away on Saturday at the age of 80. Mr. Smith took an idea for express package delivery that he wrote about in a 1965 college term paper and turned it into a multinational corporation worth billions, employing more than 500,000 people at 2,000 locations worldwide. Mr. Smith’s father, James Frederick Smith, the founder of the Toddle House restaurant chain and the Dixie Greyhound bus line, died when he was 4 and he and his brother, Richard, were raised by their mother. Mr. Smith attended Yale University, where he was a fraternity brother of future president George W. Bush. He later served as a Marine officer and platoon leader in Vietnam, where he received the Silver Star, the Bronze Star and two Purple Hearts. Mr. Smith founded Federal Express in 1971 in Little Rock, Arkansas, and moved it to his hometown of Memphis in 1973, where it grew exponentially through acquisitions. A visionary leader who never forgot his roots, Mr. Smith became a dedicated civic booster, helping bring the NBA’s Grizzlies to Memphis where they play at the FedEx Forum and supporting the FedEx-St. Jude Championship charity golf tournament since 2009. Mr. Smith was a relentlessly loyal supporter of the University of Memphis, from the FedEx Institute of Technology to the athletic programs and his personal commitment to refurbishing Liberty Stadium, the home of the football Tigers. He was also a strong supporter of the Memphis Zoo, bringing pandas from China aboard a FedEx plane, and supporting the Teton Trek exhibit which displays nature photography taken by his late daughter, Woodland Smith Rice, who passed in 2005. Mr. Smith was a legendary business leader who often testified before Congress as a representative of the Business Roundtable.

I extend my profound condolences to Mr. Smith’s wife, Diane Davis Smith, and nine children: Laurie, Stacey, Richard, Kathleen, Molly, Arthur, Rachel, Samantha and Buchanan; his brother, Richard Gary Smith; and grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and his first wife, Linda Grisham, as well as friends and the extended FedEx community around the world. His drive, intellect, wise counsel

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and integrity made him one of the greatest businessmen of his generation. He led a remarkable life, and he will be greatly missed.

CELEBRATING THE 74TH BIRTHDAY OF ERIC L. THOMPSON, SR.

HON. JONATHAN L. JACKSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 24, 2025

Mr. JACKSON of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 74th birthday of Eric L. Thompson, Sr. Born on April 3, 1951 in Chicago, Illinois, Eric has been a lifelong resident of Chicago and a beloved member of our community.

As a young man, Eric was inspired by the civil rights advocacy of his parents, who frequently worked with my father, Reverend Jesse L. Jackson, Sr. to advance civil rights through Operation Rainbow PUSH.

Eric attended Augustana College and later went on to start his own businesses, T&T Food Service, and Eridor Food Service, Inc., named in honor of his sons, Eric and Dorian. Through his hard work and keen business skills, Eric has grown his businesses into the preeminent food service providers in the Chicago area.

In addition to being an accomplished businessman, Eric is also known for his friendly spirit and kindness. To know Eric is to know a friend. As Eric looks back on 74 wonderful years, I hope he is able to rest on his laurels and enjoy celebrating his accomplishments with his family and friends. I wish him many more years of good health.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in celebrating this momentous occasion.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BRENDAN F. BOYLE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 24, 2025

Mr. BOYLE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, on June 23, 2025, due to unforeseen and severe travel delays during my trip to Washington, D.C., on Amtrak, I was unable to vote during Roll Call votes No. 172, No. 173, and No. 174 on the floor of the House of Representatives.

Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call votes No. 172, No. 173, and No. 174.

CELEBRATING 25 YEARS OF NATIONAL CAPACD, EMPOWERING LEADERS, MOBILIZING COMMUNITIES

HON. GRACE MENG

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 24, 2025

Ms. MENG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the founding of the National Coalition for Asian Pacific American Community Development, or National CAPACD. In 2000, 16 local civil rights leaders

came together to form National CAPACD, harnessing the transformative power of a dynamic coalition of Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander (AANHPI) community-based organizations. Today, National CAPACD represents and supports more than 160 community-based organizations working in low-income AANHPI communities.

National CAPACD has been a steadfast partner to the Congressional Asian Pacific American Caucus since its founding. Through convenings, administering subgrants, and supporting small businesses, National CAPACD has been fearless champions in advancing community development and establishing thriving neighborhoods for AANHPI communities. In 2024, National CAPACD served over 300 small businesses and over 4,000 constituents.

I applaud the leaders, advocates, and allies from across the country who have made this milestone anniversary of empowerment and community-led change possible. On this important milestone, we celebrate the transformative impact National CAPACD has made and will continue to make within AANHPI communities.

HONORING MR. DONALD WAYNE HANSEN

HON. SUHAS SUBRAMANYAM

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 24, 2025

Mr. SUBRAMANYAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an extraordinary member of our community, Brigadier General Donald Wayne Hansen, U.S. Army (Retired), on the occasion of his 92nd birthday, celebrated on June 4, 2025. This milestone marks a lifetime of extraordinary military service, leadership, and dedication to our Nation.

General Hansen's nearly three-decade career began after graduating from the University of Colorado in 1956 and commissioning as a Second Lieutenant in the U.S. Army Judge Advocate General's Corps. During the Vietnam War, he served as Assistant Staff Judge Advocate for the 1st Infantry Division, the legendary "Big Red One," and later as Staff Judge Advocate for the United States Army Support Command in Saigon.

His service continued in Europe with the 3rd Armored Division and in senior legal roles across the Army, including Chief of the Criminal Law Division, Commander of the U.S. Army Legal Services Agency, and Chief Judge of the U.S. Army Court of Military Review. In 1985, he was appointed Assistant Judge Advocate General of the U.S. Army, capping a distinguished career characterized by integrity, valor, and commitment to military justice.

Among his memorable acts of bravery was his inspection of a collapsed tunnel in Vietnam's Iron Triangle, which demonstrated courage under uncertainty.

I celebrate not only General Hansen's 92nd birthday but also his enduring legacy of patriotism and exemplary service that continues to inspire our Nation.

HONORING ZAIRE TOBAR OF DYETT HIGH SCHOOL

HON. JONATHAN L. JACKSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 24, 2025

Mr. JACKSON of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate an extraordinary achievement by a remarkable young man from my district, Zaire Tobar, a vital member of the Walter H. Dyett High School for the Arts boys' basketball team, the Eagles. This team achieved a historic victory, winning the 2024–2025 Illinois High School Association (IHSA) Class 2A State Championship with a decisive 52–41 win over Althoff Catholic High School on March 15, 2025.

This championship is more than just a win on the court. It is a profound testament to the resilience, determination, and unity of the Dyett High School community and the vibrant Bronzeville neighborhood. A decade ago, Dyett faced the threat of closure, but through powerful community advocacy and unwavering commitment, its doors remained open. Today, the Eagles' triumph, in which Zaire Tobar played a crucial role, symbolizes the incredible potential that flourishes when a community invests in its youth and its institutions.

Zaire Tobar, along with his teammates, demonstrated exceptional skill, discipline, and teamwork throughout their season, navigating challenges and competing at the highest level. His hard work and dedication were integral to the team's success, culminating in this well-deserved championship that brings immense pride and joy to his school, family, and the entire community.

I also extend my deepest gratitude to Head Coach Jamaal Gill, whose visionary leadership and guidance steered the team to this historic victory, and to Assistant Coaches Kimani Harris, Pierre Adams, and Nathan Townsen, Jr., whose mentorship was vital to the players' development.

Mr. Speaker, Zaire Tobar's contribution to the Dyett Eagles' journey from near closure to state champions is an inspiring narrative for us all. It underscores the critical importance of supporting our public schools and investing in programs that empower young people to achieve their fullest potential. I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Zaire Tobar and the entire Dyett High School boys' basketball team on their momentous achievement and in honoring them for the inspiration they provide to communities across our Nation.

RECOGNIZING OFFICER JOHN CHANDLER

HON. BETH VAN DUYNE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 24, 2025

Ms. VAN DUYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and commend Officer John Chandler for his 20 years of dedicated service to the Grapevine Police Department and to our North Texas community.

A native Texan, Officer Chandler graduated from L.D. Bell High School in Hurst, Texas, and continued his education at the University

of Texas at Arlington. He began his law enforcement career in January 2005, joining the Grapevine Police Department. Throughout his career, Officer Chandler held various roles including Patrol Officer, Field Training Officer, Firearms Instructor, and Mental Health Officer. In each of these positions, he not only upheld the highest standards of law enforcement but also served as a mentor and leader to his fellow officers. His work as a Mental Health Officer demonstrated his compassion and dedication to serving vulnerable members of the community.

He has accumulated over 2,500 hours of advanced law enforcement training and has earned multiple certifications and commendations, reflecting his pursuit of excellence and his readiness to rise to every challenge. His legacy is not only marked by years of faithful service but also by the lives he impacted, the officers he trained and mentored, and the trust he built with the community.

Officer Chandler's service to law enforcement and his community has left a lasting impact. As he enters his next chapter, I extend my best wishes to him for a well-deserved retirement.

CELEBRATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATAVIA DEPOT MUSEUM

HON. BILL FOSTER

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 24, 2025

Mr. FOSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Batavia Depot Museum, a prominent landmark and vibrant cultural institution that celebrates the town's history and community. Since its opening, the Batavia Depot Museum has served as a repository of local history, preserving and sharing the stories that have shaped the community for over a century.

Founded in 1975 by the Batavia Historical Society, the museum occupies the former Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Depot, a building that itself is a testament to the city's rich history as a transportation hub.

Over the past five decades, the museum has grown into a focal point for residents and visitors alike. With over 4,000 visitors annually, the museum offers exhibits that showcase the rich heritage of Batavia, many of which were donated by the residents themselves. These artifacts help tell the story of Batavia's development, its railroad history, and the contributions of those who shaped the city into what it is today.

In addition to its historical exhibits, the Batavia Depot Museum has become an educational center, providing programs that engage young minds in the exploration of history, science, and culture. Whether hosting school field trips, community events, or seasonal celebrations, the museum plays an important role in fostering a deep sense of pride and connection to the past for Batavia's residents.

As we commemorate this incredible milestone, it is important to recognize the dedicated staff, volunteers, historians, and local leaders who have worked tirelessly to ensure the museum's success and its continued relevance in the community. Their stewardship of

Batavia's legacy—through exhibits like the Gunzenhauser Gazebo, the Coffin Bank, and the Gustafson Research Center—ensures that future generations will continue to learn from and appreciate the city's rich history.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to have the Batavia Depot Museum in my district, and I invite my colleagues to join me in recognizing them on their 50th anniversary and expressing gratitude to Kate Garrett, the current museum director, along with the many families, businesses, and organizations that have contributed to its growth and development. May it continue to be a beacon of history and collective community pride for many years to come.

HONORING MOOR'S BREWING COMPANY OF CHICAGO

HON. JONATHAN L. JACKSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 24, 2025

Mr. JACKSON of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the outstanding achievement of Moor's Brewing Company of Chicago, founded in the heart of our vibrant 1st Congressional District. I extend my sincerest congratulations to their team on their recent prestigious win at the Samuel Adams Brewing the American Dream Brewer Experienceship competition.

Founded in 2021 by Damon Patton, Jamhal Johnson, and Anthony Bell, Moor's Brewing Company has quickly established itself as a leading craft brewery. Since its launch, it has expanded its reach into over 500 retailers nationwide, a remarkable feat that underscores its rapid success and growing influence in the brewing industry. This accomplishment is a testament to Moor's Brewing Company's dedication to craftsmanship, innovation, and community spirit. Their success not only brings honor to their establishment but also highlights the thriving entrepreneurial spirit and rich brewing tradition present in Chicago.

Furthermore, it is important to acknowledge Moor's Brewing Company's deep commitment to civic engagement and community upliftment. Their partnership with the Care Moor Foundation for Civic Engagement exemplifies their dedication to giving back and fostering positive change within our communities. It is truly inspiring to see a business not only excel in its craft but also actively contribute to the social fabric of our district. In fact the timing of this recognition is particularly poignant, as we also acknowledge the significance of June 18, 2025, which marks the Emancipation Ball. This event serves as a powerful reminder of our ongoing journey towards justice and equality, and the role that businesses and community organizations play in driving progress.

Moor's Brewing Company stands as a beacon of excellence, and their recent recognition by Samuel Adams is a well-deserved acknowledgement of their hard work, passion, and commitment to producing exceptional beer. They are a true asset to our local economy and a source of immense pride for the entire Chicagoland area.

I ask my colleagues to join me in commending Moor's Brewing Company for this significant achievement and wishing them continued success, both in brewing and in their vital community endeavors.

NEWSLETTER FROM CONGRESSMAN CHUCK EDWARDS

HON. CHUCK EDWARDS

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 24, 2025

Mr. EDWARDS. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following newsletter to give an update to my constituents on the reconciliation bill and restoring law and order.

DEAR FRIEND,

As a member of the House Budget Committee, I've helped craft the most fiscally responsible reconciliation bill in U.S. history with \$1.7 trillion in savings, which garnered the support of the full House Republican conference.

The Senate is currently reviewing the bill, and I'm urging Senate leadership to make sure that any changes to the bill: Do not increase the deficit relative to current law.

Provide real savings—no gimmicks or tricks. Any additional tax cuts must be matched dollar-for-dollar by enforceable spending reductions.

Balance tax relief and spending restraint for sustainable growth.

Our unified government cannot squander this unique opportunity to change the trajectory of our nation by restoring fiscal discipline.

From my seats on the House Budget and Appropriations Committees, I will continue to push for policies that will reverse our national debt, make sure tax dollars work for the American people, and root out waste, fraud, and abuse.

RESTORING LAW AND ORDER

In an extreme example of spinning reality, some have alleged that the Los Angeles protests we've seen coverage of online and on TV have been "peaceful."

Let's set the record straight: Protestors were engaging in violence and vandalism—burning cars, attacking police officers, and burglarizing businesses. The previous administration's open-border policies and disregard for the law led us to the chaos and lawlessness we are seeing today, and it is President Trump's responsibility to restore law and order. That is why I fully support his decision to send Marines and National Guard troops to LA.

Unfortunately, we will continue to pay for the consequences of open borders for decades to come; but to address these issues, I'm cosponsoring the following bills:

STOP ANARCHISTS FROM ENDANGERING (SAFE) CITIES ACT

Codifies President Trump's executive order restricting federal funding for jurisdictions deemed to be "anarchist jurisdictions" by cutting federal funding for any state or local jurisdictions the Department of Justice identifies to be permitting "anarchy, violence, or destruction."

RETURNING ILLEGALS OVER TURMOIL (RIOT) ACT

Makes any illegal immigrant, DACA recipient, or lawful permanent resident who is arrested and convicted of assaulting a police officer or member of the military and/or vandalism or destruction of public property during a declared emergency deportable and permanently inadmissible.

MOBILIZING AGAINST SANCTUARY CITIES ACT

Revokes federal funding from state and local jurisdictions that fail to honor ICE detainers or ignore communications from ICE.

We must put Americans first by ensuring the safety of our citizens and the security of our Nation. In Congress, I will continue to push for legislation to do so.

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With my warmest regards,

CHUCK EDWARDS,
Member of Congress.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ANDY BARR

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 24, 2025

Mr. BARR. Mr. Speaker, my flight to DCA was delayed and American Airlines lost my checked bag. There was then heavy traffic from DCA prior to these votes. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 172; YEA on Roll Call No. 173; and YEA on Roll Call No. 174.

RECOGNIZING MASTER SERGEANT
GERALD TIMMINS FOR HIS
SERVICE WITH THE U.S. MARINE
CORPS AS A MEMBER OF THE
MEDEVAC CREWS DURING THE
VIETNAM WAR

HON. JACK BERGMAN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 24, 2025

Mr. BERGMAN. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Master Sergeant (MSgt) Gerald Timmins for his valiant service with the U.S. Marine Corps as a member of the Medevac crews during the Vietnam War. This recognition is presented in correspondence with the Medevac crews of the Vietnam War Congressional Gold Medal Act, which honors the selfless and heroic individuals who served in these lifesaving missions.

MSgt Timmins' service exemplifies the unwavering dedication demonstrated by members of these Medevac crews to both their fellow servicemembers and their country. These crews—which include a pilot, crew chief, and medic—courageously operated helicopter air ambulances and are credited with saving more than 900,000 lives throughout the Vietnam War.

Serving at the Marble Mountain Air Facility with Marine Aircraft Group 16 (MAG-16) aboard CH-34 helicopters, MSgt Timmins participated in numerous recovery missions, often under intense enemy fire. His role in rescuing wounded soldiers from active combat zones required extraordinary courage and was vital to saving countless lives. His service reflects the bravery and sacrifice of the many Medevac crew members who risked everything to bring others to safety.

In his military service, MSgt Timmins was recognized with two citations for his courage and devotion to duty under hazardous conditions—an enduring testament to his exceptional service.

Mr. Speaker, let us all join in recognizing MSgt Gerald Timmins for his extraordinary courage as a member of the Medevac crews during the Vietnam War, and thank him for his steadfast commitment to his fellow servicemembers, community, and country.

HONORING ARAMIS BROWN, JR. OF
DYETT HIGH SCHOOL

HON. JONATHAN L. JACKSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 24, 2025

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Aramis Brown, Jr., along with his teammates, demonstrated exceptional skill, discipline, and teamwork throughout their season, navigating challenges and competing at the highest level. His hard work and dedication were integral to the team's success, culminating in this well-deserved championship that brings immense pride and joy to his school, family, and the entire community.

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Aramis Brown, Jr.'s contribution to the Dyett Eagles' journey from near closure to state champions is an inspiring narrative for us all. It underscores the critical importance of supporting our public schools and investing in programs that empower young people to achieve their fullest potential.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Aramis Brown, Jr. and the entire Dyett High School boys' basketball team on their momentous achievement and in honoring them for the inspiration they provide to communities across our Nation.

HONORING COACH JOHN CHAPLIN

HON. MICHAEL BAUMGARTNER

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 24, 2025

Mr. BAUMGARTNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a giant—not just in Cougar Country, not just in American athletics, but in the world of track and field. His name is John Chaplin.

Born in Los Angeles, educated at WSU, an Army veteran, a professor in geography, and a coach in the truest, oldest, most honorable sense of the word. From 1968 to 1994, Chaplin transformed WSU from a modest program into a global track and field powerhouse.

Under his leadership, the Cougars captured 19 Top-4 NCAA trophies, won 218 All-American honors, and crowned 17 individual NCAA champions. His dual-meet record—202 wins to just 15 losses. Nine undefeated seasons. Six national dual meet titles. He coached Olympic gold medalists, world record holders, and world champions—and he did it not in Los Angeles or Austin, but in Pullman, Washington, on the rolling hills of the Palouse.

Chaplin's recruits came from Spokane, Seattle and from all corners of the globe—young men chasing opportunity, education, and excellence. Henry Rono, Julius Korir, Bernard Lagat—these weren't just track stars. They were ambassadors of what college sports can be: meritocratic, international, and transformational.

But Chaplin was more than a coach. He was a statesman of the sport. He served as U.S. Olympic Head Coach in Sydney in 2000, where his athletes won six gold medals. He chaired the USA Track & Field Men's Committee, refereed NCAA and international championships, advised federations from Russia to Senegal, and lectured on coaching from Argentina to China. He brought honor to his profession and to Washington State.

Mr. Speaker, I must tell you this: The very program he built is being hollowed out. Just last week, WSU announced the elimination of field events and a dramatic reduction in sprints and hurdles. Of the forty-five Cougar Olympians, twenty of them came in field events. The legacy of Chaplin, and the athletes he coached, is being boxed in by a system that no longer rewards broad-based opportunity.

Yes, these cuts come in the shadow of the House v. NCAA settlement. A legal sledgehammer that forces schools like WSU into an unsustainable economic model that drains the lifeblood from Olympic sports. Chaplin's world record holders? His All-Americans? In today's system, they're expendable.

We can fix this. We must. Not with more lawsuits, not with blank checks for the Power Four—but with federal reform that restores equity, sustains opportunity, and honors the values that John Chaplin stood for.

If we lose the spirit of Cougar Track, we're not just losing a program. We're losing a piece of what college sports was meant to be.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MORTON
(MORT) ROSENBERG

HON. TED LIEU

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 24, 2025

Mr. LIEU. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to offer sincere condolences to the family, friends, and colleagues of Morton (Mort) Rosenberg, who passed away last month.

Mort stands out as one of our strongest and most astute advocates for congressional prerogatives under the Constitution. It is no understatement that every Member of this body—on both sides of the aisle—owes a debt of gratitude to Mort for his tireless and non-partisan work over his many decades of service, both for the Congressional Research Service (CRS) and after his retirement. I am personally indebted to Mort for his seminal scholarship on Congress's power of inherent contempt, which informed my legislative work on the subject, as reflected in H. Res. 136, which I introduced in the 118th Congress to amend House Rules with respect to the enforcement of committee subpoenas to executive branch officials.

Mort was born in Brooklyn, New York, in 1935, graduated from New York University and Harvard Law School, and completed his Ph.D. at Johns Hopkins University. From 1972 to 2008, Mort worked at CRS as a Specialist in American Public Law in the American Law Division. During his career at CRS, he was detailed as legal counsel to a special investigative committee and served as a legal advisor to the House General Counsel. Following retirement, Mort worked with the Constitution Project, Good Government Now, the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board, and the law firm of Barnett Sivon & Natter. Mort's areas of expertise included constitutional law, administrative law, congressional practice and procedure, and labor law. Some of his most important work focused on the scope of congressional oversight and investigative prerogatives, and the validity of claims of executive and common-law privileges.

During and following his career at CRS, Mort authored and contributed to dozens of significant memoranda, reports, academic articles, testimony, papers, and advocacy pieces. In addition, Mort contributed to federal court litigation, assisting with Supreme Court oral argument preparation in *Free Enterprise Fund v. PCAOB* (2010), and authoring an amicus brief in *NLRB v. SW General* (2017), which was cited five times in the majority opinion. He also submitted amicus briefs in congressional oversight cases, including *McGahn v. House Judiciary Committee* (2020). In 2005, Mort received the 2004–2005 Mary C. Lawton Award for Outstanding Public Service from the American Bar Association's Section of Administrative Law and Regulatory Practice.

In my view, Mort's most important legacy stems from his groundbreaking work on Congress's inherent contempt authority and his proposals for revitalizing its enforcement power as follows:

Congress's Contempt Power: Law, History, Practice, and Procedure (CRS Report RL34097, co-authored with Todd B. Tatelman, 2007)

Testimony before the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform on the

Department of Justice's obligation to respond to congressional subpoenas (2011)

Testimony before the House Energy and Commerce Committee on the challenges Congress faces when the executive branch refuses to recognize contempt citations (2016)

Reasserting Congress's Investigative Authority (R Street Policy Study No. 103, R Street Institute, July 2017)

Summary of Proposed Inherent Contempt Rule (Good Government Now, co-authored with William J. Murphy, July 2018)

Why Congress Can Impose Fines for Contempt (Good Government Now, co-authored with William J. Murphy, August 5, 2018)

Understanding and Confronting the Current Executive Challenges to Effective Congressional Investigative Oversight (Good Government Now, July 4, 2018)

Can a Revised Inherent Contempt Procedure Strengthen Enforcement of House Subpoenas to the Executive Branch? (Good Government Now, Statement for Panel Discussion, October 19, 2018)

The Road to Effective Enforcement of House Committee Subpoenas ("Point of Order," April 27, 2019)

Proposed Inherent Contempt Procedure Rule for the House (Good Government Now, 2019)

Above and beyond his impressive body of legal scholarship, Mort was a generous mentor, teacher, and advisor to CRS and congressional staff. In the words of his former CRS colleague (and current Deputy General Counsel of the House Office of General Counsel), Todd Tatelman: Mort was everything you could want in a mentor and teacher. He was a master storyteller, with a steel-trap memory. He would regale anyone who would listen with endless tales of congressional history, recalling meetings, hearings, briefings, and memoranda he wrote on incredibly esoteric subjects with such detail that you had to listen to.

Mort leaves behind an unmatched legacy of family, friends, and colleagues. While Members of Congress may no longer be able to call upon him to testify, write a report, or file an amicus brief on our behalf, we will continue to benefit from his scholarship and wisdom for generations to come.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY
OF VERNIS JACKSON

HON. CHRIS PAPPAS

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 24, 2025

Mr. PAPPAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Mrs. Vernis Marie Miller Jackson of Portsmouth, New Hampshire—a pioneering educator, visionary community leader, and lifelong champion for civil rights, culture, and historical preservation.

Born in Waycross, Georgia, Vernis' father, Bishop Clinton Miller, and mother, Lottie Butler Miller Randall, immediately moved their baby daughter to Savannah, Georgia, where she would grow up, attending Florence Street Elementary School and Savannah State College before receiving her degree from the University of New Hampshire.

In 1963, Vernis and her husband, Emerald, a sergeant in the United States Air Force, relocated with their two young daughters from Savannah to Pease Air Force Base in Newington, New Hampshire, later moving to Portsmouth, where she would remain for the

rest of her life. For 35 of those years, Mrs. Jackson served as a beloved teacher in the Portsmouth School Department, where her dedication to young people left an indelible mark on generations of students. Yet her contributions to our community extended far beyond the classroom.

Vernis served on a task force for the Equity in Mathematics Education Leadership Institute, sharing the program citywide with students and parents. She helped charter an African American women's organization, named Kwanza, which provided scholarships for local students. She was also a charter member of The Greater Springfield, Massachusetts Chapter of The Links, Inc., a national women's organization, where she achieved Platinum status. Mrs. Jackson was a member of the Jonquil Garden Club, a lifetime member of the NAACP, the National Education Association, the New Hampshire Retired Teachers Association, the Crossroads Bridge Club, Friends of Portsmouth Library, and the Portsmouth College Women's Club. Vernis was a member of the Portsmouth Athenaeum and served a three-year term at the Currier Museum of Art and Seacoast Leadership Group. Vernis and her beloved husband, Emerald, also served together for 21 years on the board of the Salvation Army.

In 2000, she co-founded the Seacoast African American Cultural Center (SAACC), an institution dedicated to celebrating and preserving the contributions of African Americans in the Seacoast region and beyond. Under her leadership as president and later president emerita, the SAACC blossomed into a vital cultural hub, curating exhibitions, hosting performances and lectures, offering scholarships, and bringing generations together through history and art.

Perhaps one of her most enduring legacies is her work at the Portsmouth African Burying Ground Memorial Park. After the discovery of the burial site in 2003, Mrs. Jackson became chair of the African Burying Ground Committee, guiding a multi-year effort to honor those interred in what is now recognized as New England's only known African burying ground dating back to the 1700s. Thanks to her leadership, the memorial park was completed and formally dedicated in 2015—a sacred space that invites reflection, remembrance, and justice.

Mrs. Jackson continued her decades-long fight for equity, education, and civil rights, and her tireless work earned her recognition across the state, including as a "Local Hero" by New Hampshire Magazine, where she was praised for bridging generations and inspiring others through action and service. She has been recognized as a Paul Harris Fellow, a Granite-Stater of the month, and has been presented with both the Martin Luther King, Jr., "Living the Dream Award," and the "Spirit of the Prince Hall" award. She was also a recipient of the City of Portsmouth Mayor's Award for her 11 years of service on the African Burying Grounds Committee.

Vernis Marie Miller Jackson passed away in February 2025 at the age of 92. Though she is no longer with us, her legacy lives on through the institutions she built, the lives she shaped, and the history she preserved for future generations.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Vernis Jackson for her extraordinary life of service and leadership. May we carry forward

her example of dignity, compassion, and commitment to justice.

HONORING LOIS JEAN BUCKMAN

HON. JONATHAN L. JACKSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 24, 2025

Mr. JACKSON of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Ms. Lois Jean Buckman—a pioneering telecommunications executive, beloved community leader, and lifelong advocate for mentorship, education, and empowerment.

Born on March 9, 1947, in Detroit, Michigan, Ms. Buckman was the daughter of visionary entrepreneurs who helped anchor and uplift their community for over 70 years. Her parents were proprietors of local businesses and neighborhood properties—investments that weren't just about business, but about building opportunity, community, and legacy.

At the age of 19, Lois moved to Los Angeles, California, to begin a new chapter. She would go on to build an extraordinary 37-year career at GTE, later Verizon, beginning as the first African American woman hired as a cashier and rising to the position of regional director, overseeing operations across four states. She broke barriers utilizing an indomitable resolve and never forgot to lift others as she climbed. Her boldness—including proudly wearing traditional African attire to celebrate Black History Month in a space unaccustomed to such pride—left a legacy of education and empowerment in the workplace.

Outside of corporate life, Ms. Buckman dedicated herself to community uplift. She served on the board of the Consortium of Information and Telecommunications Executives (CITE), helping to raise over 1.4 million dollars in scholarships for underserved students.

As a co-founder of Sisters Involved in Linking Knowledge (SILK), she helped create a powerful platform for youth and women in high-risk environments. SILK facilitated everything from STEM workshops and college panels to teen leadership conferences and volunteer programs that cultivated self-worth and future success. She also supported Sisters Involved in Nurturing (SATIN), an initiative focused on life skills and self-image development for young women transitioning into adulthood.

Ms. Buckman further served as president of The Regalettes for over 16 years. Founded in 1958, this organization has been rooted in service to the greater Los Angeles community for more than six decades. Under her leadership, The Regalettes awarded over 850,000 dollars in scholarships, hosted annual toy drives, and celebrated individuals who dedicated their lives to service and social impact.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me to celebrate Lois Jean Buckman as a woman of substance, vision and action. She has opened doors that were never meant to be closed again. Her courage, grace, and commitment to lifting others reflect the highest ideals of public service and private leadership.

RECOGNIZING THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF HELEN DRAMER JARRELL

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 24, 2025

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the birthday of Helen Dramer Jarrell. Helen will turn 100 years old on July 3rd.

Helen Dramer Jarrell was born the eighth child of the nine children Ida Mae and Walter Hubert Waldrop on July 3, 1925. Helen had two sisters and six brothers.

On January 16, 1943, Helen married Efton Harrison. They were blessed with a baby girl, Helen Diane, on November 20, 1943. In 1945, Helen and Efton divorced, and she raised Diane on her own. On June 10, 1948, Helen remarried after meeting Jim Jarrell at work at the cotton mill. They were married for 55 years until Jim passed away in 2003.

Helen has always had a servant's heart. She cared for her mother until her passing and worked for many years at the Mary Brandon Nursing Home in Oxford, Alabama, as a nurse's aide. Helen has two grandchildren, six great-grandchildren and eight great-great grandchildren. After retiring from the nursing home, Helen helped raise her great-grandchildren and later helped at the Senior Center until she retired at 90 years old.

On March 13, 2011, her daughter passed away. In December, she moved into the Oxford House Apartments. She has made many friends in the past 14 years. She enjoys playing dominoes and exercising. Helen is a woman of faith and loves her family deeply.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing Helen on this milestone and wishing her a very happy 100th birthday.

HONORING SUSAN NEWHART ELLIOTT FOR HER SERVICE TO THE UNIVERSITY OF DAYTON SCHOOL OF LAW

HON. MICHAEL R. TURNER

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 24, 2025

Mr. TURNER of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I want to honor a distinguished scholar from my Congressional district who is retiring after 31 years of service at the University of Dayton School of Law.

Susan Newhart Elliott has served as a professor at the School of Law since 1994, is Director of the Zimmerman Law Library, and also serves as the University of Dayton Law Review faculty advisor. Susan earned her law degree from the University of Dayton in 1987, and was the law review's Managing Editor while she was a student. She has taught numerous classes in addition to serving as an Assistant Dean.

Susan also holds a Bachelor's and a Master's degree from Miami University, as well as a Master's in Library and Information Science from Kent State University.

After receiving her law degree, Susan clerked for Judge Walter Rice of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Ohio for

two years before joining the law firm Coolidge, Wall, Womsley & Lombard, where she concentrated in complex litigation. She has also been an English instructor at Miami University, Xavier University, and Wright State University.

As director of the Zimmerman Law Library, Susan has worked tirelessly to make certain that the library supports the school's mission of providing the highest quality of service to the law faculty and its students. This includes overseeing services to all library patrons, making sure the necessary books and electronic resources are available and accessible, and providing reference service seven days a week with a librarian who holds a Master's in library science and a law degree.

Susan has helped train the minds of the law school's best and brightest students. Graduates have gone on to lead successful lives serving their communities as attorneys, judicial clerks, members of distinguished law firms, legal counsel in state and federal agencies, and on my Congressional staff. Her work has been critical to the law school's growing reputation, as the University of Dayton School of Law is tied for third among Ohio's nine law schools according to the most recent U.S. News & World Report rankings.

For nearly 20 years, Susan has served as a reader for the Dayton Literary Peace Prize, evaluating nonfiction books submitted for consideration by the judges for the award. Inspired by the 1995 Dayton Peace Accords that ended the Bosnian War, the Dayton Literary Peace Prize is the only literary award in the United States that recognizes authors who utilize the power of the written word to promote peace.

In recognition of Susan's longstanding service and contributions to the legal profession, an endowment was created in her name to recruit legal scholars to write for the University of Dayton Law Review, as well as to support the law review in perpetuity.

Susan Newhart Elliott exemplifies all of the best qualities of a teacher, a scholar, and a public servant. She is a credit to her profession, and is loved and admired by her students, her colleagues, and her friends. I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking this truly outstanding citizen for her three decades of service to the University of Dayton School of Law. I wish her a happy, healthy, and productive retirement.

HONORING THE GOLDEN CELEBRATION FOR LOUELLA AVENT'S 85TH BIRTHDAY

HON. JONATHAN L. JACKSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 24, 2025

Mr. JACKSON of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an extraordinary woman, Ms. Louella Avent, as she celebrates her 85th birthday. Though her official birthday was May 13, 1940, we joyously mark this milestone with a celebration on Saturday, June 7, at the Rose Room.

Born in Oxford, Mississippi, Ms. Avent was raised by dedicated farmers. For the past 65 years, Chicago has been her cherished second home. A lifelong learner, she graduated high school and continued her education at Loop College, now Harold Washington College. Her commitment to education continues even now as she embraces "senior life."

Ms. Avent's professional life includes dedicated service to the City of Chicago and, most recently, as a greeter at Mark Realty. She's also certified by the Chicago Greater Food Depository and proudly identifies as a chef by trade.

Throughout her career, she has had the honor of meeting numerous political figures, a testament to her widespread connections and impact. For Ms. Avent, the proudest moments in her workplace have always revolved around "just being able to help people." Her guiding principle, "If I can help somebody along the way, then my living will not be in vain," perfectly encapsulates her loving and serving spirit.

Her dedication extends far beyond her professional roles. Ms. Avent is a profound woman of faith, having transitioned from Baptist to Pentecostal about 62 years ago. She emphasizes that serving the Lord is the core value guiding her life.

She is a true community worker, participant, and activist, known for organizing a multitude of events. Her leadership and keen ability to identify needs and act upon them are truly remarkable.

Ms. Avent has been a lifelong supporter of Operation PUSH, officially becoming a member in March 2025. Her commitment to civil rights and community empowerment is unwavering. Among her major milestones, she fondly recalls meeting the late Mayor Richard Daley, and the esteemed Rev. Jesse Jackson, Sr. and Mrs. Jacqueline Jackson.

Her journey through 85 years has been marked by both illnesses and losses, yet through it all, "the joy of the Lord has been her strength." She is incredibly proud of her dutiful son, Caesar, an MBA graduate, who she credits as a true blessing in her life.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in celebrating a remarkable individual whose life exemplifies resilience, service, and profound love for humanity.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE AND HONOR OF SEAMAN ANGELINA PETRA RESENDIZ

HON. VICENTE GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 24, 2025

Mr. VICENTE GONZALEZ of Texas. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise today to speak on the tragic and untimely passing of Seaman Angelina Petra Resendiz. I wish to honor her for her invaluable service to our great country.

Seaman Resendiz displayed the highest levels of duty and courage in the line of duty. Her service is representative of the many brave men and women who volunteer to serve their country.

This exemplary young woman enlisted in August 2023 as a culinary specialist in the United States Navy. During this time, she performed her duties admirably and to the best of her abilities.

Unfortunately, Seaman Resendiz was unable to finish her service to our country due to her tragic passing. Nobody should ever be targeted or harmed by their peers or superiors. We owe an enormous debt to our brave service members, and the least we, as Members

of Congress, can do is ensure that they are protected regardless of gender, ethnicity, or where they are stationed.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of a grateful Nation, I wish to honor Seaman Resendiz for her service and sacrifice. She was taken from us too soon and I stand in solidarity with her family and so many others in their pursuit of justice.

STENNIS CENTER FOR PUBLIC SERVICE WINTER 2024 PUBLIC SERVICE REVIEW

HON. ROBERT C. "BOBBY" SCOTT

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 24, 2025

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to encourage my colleagues and all Americans to read the recently published Winter 2024 edition of Public Service Review.

The Review is a quarterly publication of the Stennis Center for Public Service. The Stennis Center is a federal, bipartisan legislative branch agency established by the United States Congress to promote public service and strengthen the highest ideals of public service in America. Established in 1988 in honor of the late Senator John C. Stennis of Mississippi, the Stennis Center provides a variety of public service programs and development opportunities for young people, leaders in local, state, and federal government, and congressional staff. In addition to its Starkville, Mississippi, headquarters, the Center also has a Washington, D.C. office on Capitol Hill. I am proud that several members of my staff, including my Chief of Staff, my Staff Director on the Committee on Education and Workforce, and my Education Policy Director on the committee have served as Stennis Congressional Staff Fellows in the 115th, 117th, and 119th Congresses respectfully.

The Winter 2024 edition of Public Service Review comes at a pivotal moment as we are in the early months of a new Congress and a new administration. In this time of transition, elevating the importance of public service is critical. The contributors to this edition, including senior public servants and participants in the Stennis Program for Congressional Interns, reflect on what it means to serve and to lead with purpose, integrity, and heart.

I am proud that this edition includes an interview conducted by Meziah Scott, a graduate of Virginia State University, of Michael Maul, Director of the Department of Planning and Budget for the Commonwealth of Virginia. Their conversation centers on adaptability and collaboration in the public sector, with Director Maul emphasizing the vital role of mentorship in building a stronger future for government leadership.

This edition includes other student led interviews by Cameron Mayers from the University of Mississippi School of Law, Adam Royko from Cleveland State University, Zahra Wakilzada from Georgetown University, Sydney Aalbers from Texas Tech University, Skylar Kil from Tulane University, Vivian Tarbert from Smith College, TaylorAnn Wooley from Black Hills State University, Javier Kowalchuk from the University of Florida, and Trinity Wilson from Alcorn State University.

Each of these students should be proud of the work they contributed to the Winter 2024

edition of Public Service Review. Their interviews of individuals who have devoted their lives to public service reflects the heart of this publication and the work of the Stennis Center—the belief that public service is enriched by diversity of thought, background, and experience.

Mr. Speaker, again, I encourage my colleagues and all Americans to read the latest edition of Public Service Review. The Winter 2024 edition and previous editions can be accessed online by visiting www.stennis.gov.

HONORING GUN VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

HON. DANNY K. DAVIS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 24, 2025

Mr. DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, June is Gun Violence Awareness Month, a time to raise awareness about gun violence and its devastating impact on our citizens and Nation. It is a time to honor the lives of those tragically taken due to gun violence, to recognize that gun violence inflicts trauma and tragedy on individuals, families, and communities, and to advance effective gun violence prevention efforts.

In 2023, there were nearly 47,000 firearm-related deaths, which is approximately 128 people dying due to firearms every day. In 2024, more than 500 mass shootings occurred—more than one a day. Gun violence is the leading cause of death of children and teens. Yet the Trump Administration pushes action after action to make Americans more likely to suffer gun violence.

President Trump effectively legalized machine guns, rescinded millions of dollars in grants for gun violence reduction, eliminated gun violence data, and revoked the zero-tolerance policy that was a powerful tool for combatting gun trafficking and straw purchases. Further, the Republican budget bill would eliminate the gun silencer tax on the purchase or transfer of silencers and eliminate silence registrations. The Trump Administration and Congressional Republicans seek to undo decades of progress reducing gun violence. It is imperative that we continue to fight for the right for our youth to live in a society where they do not have to worry constantly about gun violence.

Illinois and the City of Chicago have made great progress in implementing programs that reduce gun violence. Three years ago, Illinois created the Office of Firearm Violence Prevention which is responsible for awarding grants to organizations rooted in helping reduce gun violence, including the Chicago-based Peacekeepers Program. The Peacekeepers Program currently serves around 30 communities. In the communities that the Peacekeepers served, there was a 31 percent reduction in gun violence in 2023 and 2024 compared to the previous two years. Illinois and the City of Chicago can implement strict gun regulations and fund programs that reduce gun violence, but if neighboring states like Indiana and Wisconsin keep weak restrictions in place, then almost anyone can cross those state borders and acquire a gun.

We must do more. We must limit the number of guns that exist in our country. We must

ban assault weapons and enact strong background checks with no loopholes. We must repeal immunity for firearm manufacturers so individuals can bring civil actions to hold these companies responsible for their role in the gun violence epidemic. We must provide funding for programs with demonstrated success in reducing gun violence.

During my time in Congress, I have worked diligently to pass legislation that will effectively regulate firearms and reduce gun violence. I lead the Ammo Identification Act and the Gun Violence Prevention and Safe Communities Act. These bills aim to reduce gun violence by requiring serial numbers to be engraved on ammunition to improve and creating guaranteed funding for gun violence prevention programs by increasing the excise tax on firearms and ammunition.

Gun violence is a public health crisis, and our federal government must lead the effort to enact effective gun violence prevention legislation.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF MALIK TODD MURRAY

HON. JONATHAN L. JACKSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 24, 2025

Mr. JACKSON of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the remarkable life and profound contributions of Malik Todd Murray, a man who embodied the spirit of lifelong learning, athletic excellence, financial acumen, activism, mentorship and generous philanthropy rooted in faith. His life, marked by exceptional dignity, humility, and class, serves as an inspiration to us all.

Born in Chicago on September 16, 1974, Malik was the firstborn son of Cook County Circuit Court Judge Leonard Murray and the late Linda Diane Gray Murray. His mother, Linda, dedicated her career to education, serving as an assistant principal at Hyde Park Academy following a distinguished tenure as an award-winning history, sociology and psychology teacher.

Growing up in Chicago's South Shore community, Malik's early education at St. Philip Neri Elementary School saw him excel both as an altar boy and a straight-A student.

His passion for basketball ignited at the South Shore YMCA Youth Basketball Program under the guidance of his father, his first coach.

This early dedication paved the way for his admission to St. Ignatius College Prep where he graduated as the salutatorian of his class.

At St. Ignatius College Prep, Malik's athletic talent shone brightly. In 1992, his leadership propelled the boys' basketball team to its first Regional Championship in two decades. That same year, he was named at the Chicago All Area Team, Chicago Catholic League Player of the Year, three-time Chicago Sun-Times Player of the Week and Chicago Tribune Athlete of the Week.

His commitment to excellence in both academics and athletics earned him a four-year basketball scholarship to DePaul University, where he played under Coach Joey Meyer. Malik secured an internship at the Chicago Mercantile Exchange, and then graduated from DePaul's Driehaus College of Business.

Malik spent 8 years at Bank One Brokerage and ultimately lead the European shift for international exchange traded products. Malik went on to further his education through obtaining an MBA in finance from DePaul's Kellstadt Graduate School of Business in 2004.

In December of 2004, Malik transitioned to Ariel Investments, where his talent and dedication led to a distinguished career culminating in his role as Senior Vice President, Head of Business Development, Institutional Marketing.

Throughout his career, Malik demonstrated a deep commitment to community engagement, serving on the boards of the Chicagoland Chamber of Commerce, DePaul University and St. Ignatius College Prep, where he established scholarships and funds to promote diversity and inclusion. He also held leadership positions with the National Association of Securities Professionals (NASP) and contributed to the Ariel Community Academy school board.

His legacy of excellence and generosity will continue to inspire future generations.

At the young age of 50, Malik Todd Murray passed on April 19, 2025. He was preceded in death by his mother, Linda Diane Gray Murray. He is survived by his longtime partner, Elizabeth; his father, Leonard; his sisters, Kai and Nubia (Brian) Davis; his brother, Kamau (Jennifer), and a wide circle of friends and family.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing Malik Todd Murray as a testament to the power of hard work, integrity, and a deep commitment to serving others.

RECOGNIZING DEPARTING STAFF MEMBER BENJAMIN HONG STARR

HON. MARK TAKANO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 24, 2025

Mr. TAKANO. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize the incredible contributions of one of the most dedicated staffers in Congress, Benjamin Hong Starr.

Ben first came to my office as a Victory Institute fellow, before joining my staff officially as a staff assistant. Ben not only excelled in, but innovated upon, this position—implementing strategies and policies that continue to this day. From making constituents feel at home to battling the rats in the House Office Building basement, Ben proved there was no challenge he could not face.

Ben's unique abilities, professionalism, and dedication are apparent to all who across paths him. Throughout the nearly four years Ben was in my office he continued to exceed expectations in every role he was assigned. As a part of my legislative staff, he continuously found new ways to address the needs of California's 39th district. From spearheading efforts to improve air quality to advancing consumer protections, Ben consistently demonstrated the same zealous ingenuity that made even the most complex issues seem solvable.

As Ben moves into his new role with the Congressional Progressive Caucus, I could not be prouder of the impact he has already made on behalf of the Inland Empire. I, and

every person whose life Ben has touched, will be watching as he continues helping to create a better world.

I congratulate Ben and thank him for his service.

HONORING STEVE MARANS, MSW, PHD, ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT

HON. ROSA L. DeLAURO

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 24, 2025

Ms. DeLAURO. Mr. Speaker, it is with my profound gratitude and deep admiration that I rise today to pay tribute to my good friend, Dr. Steven Marans, as he celebrates his retirement from a distinguished career in psychiatry including more than four decades of extraordinary leadership and service at the Yale Child Study Center and in the field of child trauma.

We know that trauma affects the human mind in a multitude of ways and there is no predicting how one might process a traumatic event—the number of different reactions as numerous as there are individuals. This is particularly true for children, all too often too young to fully understand the violence, stress, or trauma they may be experiencing. There are few, not only in this country but in this world, that understand that better than Dr. Steven Marans.

Some of my first real interactions and discussions with Dr. Marans came when he founded the Child Development-Community Policing Program. This pioneering effort was based on the collaboration of mental health and law enforcement professionals in responding to children and families exposed to violence and trauma. He found a better way to help children and their families in their darkest hours. It is a program that I was proud to secure federal funding for and one that has since been replicated in communities both here in the United States and abroad. Dr. Marans went on to become the Director of the Yale Child Study Center as well as the co-founder of the Child and Family Traumatic Stress Intervention, an evidence-based, early intervention that has been disseminated nationally and internationally, improving outcomes for countless children and families.

Over the course of our careers, I have often sought his counsel, turning to him for advice and as a resource when our communities and our Nation faced traumatic events. From the attacks on 9/11 to the Sandy Hook shooting; from the impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic to the forced separation of families, Dr. Marans has only ever been a phone call away, and he has never not answered the call. I am not the only policymaker or community leader to have benefitted from his expertise and knowledge. Indeed, in addition to all of his work, Dr. Marans has also dedicated countless hours as a professor, a mentor, and advocate, educating not only new generations of mental health professionals, but also those in government, the private sector and academia. I, like so many others, consider myself fortunate to have been able to learn from him, and even more so that I can call him a friend.

Dr. Marans has dedicated his professional career and much of his personal life to researching and developing innovative approaches to interventions and treatments that

best meet the needs of children. His work has impacted the lives of countless souls and he has been an invaluable resource to communities across this country and throughout the globe. His work has changed the way we as psychiatrists, as communities, as policy and decision makers, and as a society, view and address child trauma. It is a remarkable legacy that leaves an indelible mark.

Today, as he marks the end of his career at the Yale Child Study Center, I extend my deepest thanks and heartfelt appreciation to Dr. Steven Marans for his many years of friendship and support as well as my very best wishes in whatever pursuits he takes on. I have no doubt that he will continue to make a difference.

HONORING PASTOR ALTON
BRIDGES FOR 25 YEARS OF PAS-
TORAL SERVICE

HON. JONATHAN L. JACKSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 24, 2025

Mr. JACKSON of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the remarkable dedication and 25 years of pastoral service of Pastor Alton Bridges of Park Manor M.B. Church, located at 8328 S. Green St., Chicago, Illinois.

Born in Chicago on July 23, 1964, Pastor Bridges is a true native of our great city. He received his foundational education at Chicago Vocational School before earning a Bachelor of Arts in Electrical Engineering from DeVry Institute of Technology.

Pastor Bridges has been an integral part of the church community his entire life, ultimately answering a call to ministry.

Before his pastoral journey, he held a supervisory position at a company then known as Eleck Tech.

For a quarter of a century, Pastor Bridges has faithfully served his congregation and the wider community. His commitment extends far beyond the walls of his church. Annually, he provides crucial food services to the greater Auburn-Gresham, South Shore, and Ashburn Wright communities. He actively partners with local grammar schools, assisting families in need by garnering donations to provide them with clothing, funding, and food.

In 2020, Pastor Bridges initiated a "Garden of Church," offering fresh vegetation to anyone in need—a testament to his innovative approach to community support. He actively collaborates with neighborhood stakeholders and is a vital part of the "1st Ladies of Initiatives."

His generosity also reaches beyond Chicago, as he consistently donates to national relief efforts, exemplified by his fundraising for families impacted by the California fires. Furthermore, he makes annual donations to support college-bound students, investing in the next generation.

Pastor Bridges is a devoted family man, supported by his wife, Phyllis Bridges, and their children, Symone, Markeeta, and Phillip.

Pastor Alton Bridges's unwavering commitment to his faith, his congregation, and the well-being of the Chicago community is truly commendable. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring his 25 years of profound pastoral service and his enduring impact on the lives of countless individuals.

REMEMBERING BARBARA NEELY

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 24, 2025

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember Memphis' Interstate Bar-B-Que co-founder Barbara Neely who passed on June 16 at the age of 86. Mrs. Neely started the barbecue restaurant empire in 1979 with her husband, Jim, and was its public face, greeting customers from the front counter while her husband worked the pits in the kitchen. For 45 years, she would arrive at the restaurant at 5 a.m. every morning. The restaurant they founded became a Memphis institution and a tourist attraction, especially after Jim's nephew, Patrick, starred in the Food Network reality cooking show "Down Home with the Neelys," which ran from 2008 to 2014. Born Barbara Jean Frison, Barbara went to Manassas High School then relocated to New Orleans, where she met Jim, an Air Force veteran who left Memphis after high school. The first Interstate was founded the year they were married on Christmas Day, 1979, in Las Vegas. There are now Neely's restaurants at the original South Third Street location, on Winchester Road in Memphis, on Stateline Road in Southaven, Mississippi and a Memphis-style barbecue restaurant, Jay Bee's, in Gardena, California. Mrs. Neely put Memphis moist pit barbecue and chopped pork sandwiches on the map. I extend my condolences to her husband, Jim, her extended family, and her many devoted customers. Hers was a life well-lived.

CONGRATULATING DR. BETH
HALDEMAN ON HER RETIREMENT

HON. LLOYD SMUCKER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 24, 2025

Mr. SMUCKER. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to honor and congratulate Dr. Beth Haldeman on her retirement after 25 years with Cocalico School District.

Dr. Beth Haldeman's history with Cocalico School District, located in northern Lancaster County, began in 2000 as the reading specialist and principal at the former Schoeneck Elementary School. She served in a similar capacity when she became principal of Denver Elementary in 2002 and then principal at Reamstown Elementary in 2008. In 2019, Dr.

Haldeman joined the district administration as assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction. In this crucial and wide-ranging role, she oversaw state and local assessments, library services, professional development, special services, and academic supports.

Though she will be greatly missed by the Cocalico School District, Dr. Haldeman's experience and contributions to education will be utilized in her new role as the director of professional development for the Pennsylvania Principals Association, where she will be training future principals across Pennsylvania.

Dr. Beth Haldeman's contributions to the Cocalico School District have left a lasting impact on both the school district and Pennsylvania's 11th Congressional District, which has no shortage of selfless educators.

I thank Dr. Haldeman for her service and wish her all the best in her new career.

HONORING REVEREND DR. TELLIS
JEROME CHAPMAN

HON. JONATHAN L. JACKSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 24, 2025

Mr. JACKSON of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 40th Anniversary of Reverend Dr. Tellis Jerome Chapman, a truly dynamic individual and devoted Baptist Minister in the Greater Metropolitan Detroit area. I include in the RECORD the following Proclamation:

Whereas for 40 years, Reverend Dr. Tellis Jerome Chapman has been a faithful and dedicated servant of God serving as Pastor of Galilee Missionary Baptist Church, and is to be commended for his steadfast Christian leadership over the years;

Whereas, under the direction of the Holy Spirit, Reverend Tellis Jerome Chapman was installed as Pastor of Galilee Missionary Baptist Church in 1985 and throughout this time, has fervently embraced the visions of the dynamic trailblazers that preceded him as leaders of this great church over the past 80 plus years;

Whereas, his outreach is not limited to Galilee Missionary Baptist Church, but he also serves the community on a city, county, state, national and international level and is affectionately known as a "Preaching Machine";

Whereas, this dynamic and humble man has demonstrated excellence in his calling as a "Man of God" and for that reason, the 1st Congressional District of Illinois joins Galilee Missionary Baptist Church Parishioners in thanking him for all that he has done over the past 40 years, and look forward to his continued spiritual guidance for many years to come;

Resolved, that I, Jonathan Jackson, Representative of the 1st Congressional District in Illinois, hereby honor the 40th Pastoral Anniversary of Reverend Dr. Tellis Jerome Chapman, I ask that my colleagues stand today to celebrate the great achievement of 40 years of servitude.

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S3497–S3522

Measures Introduced: Thirteen bills and five resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 2146–2158, and S. Res. 297–301. **Pages S3515–16**

Measures Reported:

S. 414, to require covered digital advertising platforms to report their public service advertisements, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 119–32)

Measures Passed:

Congratulating the Oklahoma State University Men’s Golf Team: Senate agreed to S. Res. 298, congratulating the Oklahoma State University men’s golf team for winning the 2025 National Collegiate Athletic Association Division I Men’s Golf National Championship. **Page S3520**

National Sarcoma Awareness Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 299, expressing support for the designation of July 2025 as “National Sarcoma Awareness Month”. **Page S3520**

Elder Abuse Awareness Month and Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 300, designating June 15, 2025, as “World Elder Abuse Awareness Day” and the month of June 2025 as “Elder Abuse Awareness Month”. **Page S3520**

Dabbar Nomination—Cloture: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Paul Dabbar, of New York, to be Deputy Secretary of Commerce. **Pages S3499–S3512**

During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 56 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. EX. 324), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination. **Page S3512**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the nomination, post-cloture, at approximately 3:30 p.m., on Wednesday, June 25, 2025, and Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination at 4:15 p.m.; that following disposition of the nomination of Paul Dabbar, Senate vote on the motion to invoke cloture

on the nomination of Kenneth Kies, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, and if cloture is invoked on the nomination of Kenneth Kies, Senate vote on confirmation of the nomination at time to be determined by the Majority Leader, in consultation with the Democratic Leader, on Thursday, June 26, 2025. **Page S3520**

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By 61 yeas to 35 nays (Vote No. EX. 323), Daniel Zimmerman, of North Carolina, to be an Assistant Secretary of Defense. **Pages S3497–99, S3522**

Messages from the House: **Page S3514**

Measures Referred: **Pages S3514–15**

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Authorities for Committees to Meet: **Page S3520**

Privileges of the Floor: **Page S3520**

Record Votes: Two record vote was taken today. (Total—324) **Pages S3498–99, S3512**

Recess: Senate convened at 2:15 p.m. and recessed at 7:08 p.m., until 3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 25, 2025. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S3520.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed

budget estimates for fiscal year 2026 for the Department of Veterans Affairs, after receiving testimony from Douglas A. Collins, Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

APPROPRIATIONS: NAVY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Department of Defense concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2026 for the Navy, after receiving testimony from John C. Phelan, Secretary of the Navy, General Eric M. Smith, Commandant of the Marine Corps, and Admiral James W. Kilby, Acting Chief of Naval Operations, all of the Department of Defense.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Vice Admiral Charles B. Cooper II, USN, to be admiral and Commander, United States Central Command, and Lieutenant General Alexis G. Grynkeiwich, USAF, to be general and Commander, United States European Command and Supreme Allied Commander, Europe, both of the Department of Defense, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

DIGITAL ASSET MARKET STRUCTURE

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Digital Assets concluded a hearing to examine exploring bipartisan legislative frameworks for digital asset market structure, after receiving testimony from Sarah Hammer, University of Pennsylvania Law School Wharton School, Philadelphia; Gregory Xethalis, Multicoi Capital Manage-

ment, LLC, Austin, Texas; Ryan VanGrack, Coinbase Global, Inc., San Francisco, California; and Rostin Behnam, Georgetown University McDonough School of Business Psaros Center for Financial Markets and Policy, Washington, D.C.

PROTECTING AMERICA FROM CARTELS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine protecting America from the cartels, after receiving testimony from Matthew W. Allen, Special Agent in Charge, Drug Enforcement Administration, Los Angeles Field Division, and Jose Perez, Assistant Director, Criminal Investigative Division, Federal Bureau of Investigation, both of the Department of Justice; and Jason T. Stevens, Special Agent in Charge, Homeland Security Investigations, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Department of Homeland Security.

DEREGULATION AND COMPETITION

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy, and Consumer Rights concluded a hearing to examine deregulation and competition, focusing on regulatory burdens to unlocking innovation and spur new entry, after receiving testimony from Mark R. Meador, Commissioner, Federal Trade Commission; Roger Alford, Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Antitrust Division, Department of Justice; Doha Mekki, University of California Berkeley School of Law Center for Consumer Law and Economic Justice, Washington, D.C.; Bill Bullard, Ranchers-Cattlemen Action Legal Fund, United Stockgrowers of America, Billings, Montana; and Daniel Francis, New York University School of Law, New York, New York.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 30 public bills, H.R. 12, 4091–4119; and 6 resolutions, H. Res. 537–542 were introduced. **Pages H2920–22**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H2923–24**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Bacon to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H2891**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:59 a.m. and reconvened at 12 p.m. **Page H2897**

Privileged Resolution—Intent to Offer: Representative Green (TX) announced his intent to offer a privileged resolution. **Pages H2898–99**

Recess: The House recessed at 1:14 p.m. and reconvened at 1:25 p.m. **Page H2906**

Impeaching Donald J. Trump, President of the United States, for high crimes and misdemeanors: Representative Green (TX) offered a privileged resolution (H. Res. 537) impeaching Donald J. Trump, President of the United States, for high crimes and misdemeanors. The House agreed to the Scott motion to table the resolution by a yea-and-nay vote of 344 yeas to 79 nays, Roll No. 175. **Pages H2906–07**

Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2026, Special Interest Alien Reporting Act, Jeremy and Angel Seay and Sergeant Brandon Mendoza Protect Our Communities from DUIs Act, and Condemning the violent June 2025 riots in Los Angeles, California—Rule for Consideration: The House agreed to H. Res. 530, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3944) making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 275) to require the Secretary of Homeland Security to publish on a monthly basis the number of special interest aliens encountered attempting to unlawfully enter the United States; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 875) to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide that aliens who have been convicted of or who have committed an offense for driving while intoxicated or impaired are inadmissible and deportable; and providing for consideration of the resolution (H. Res. 516) condemning the violent June 2025 riots in Los Angeles, California, by a recorded vote of 217 yeas to 206 noes, Roll No. 177, after the previous question was ordered by a yea-and-nay vote of 219 yeas to 208 nays, Roll No. 176.

Pages H2900–05, H2907–08

Committee Ranking: The House agreed to H. Res. 538, ranking a Certain Member on a certain standing committee of the House of Representatives.

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Motion to Adjourn: The House rejected the Clarke (NY) motion to adjourn by a yea-and-nay vote of 191 yeas to 213 nays, Roll No. 178.

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Suspension—Proceedings Postponed: The House debated the following measure under suspension of the rules. Further proceedings were postponed.

Condemning the attacks on Minnesota lawmakers in Brooklyn Park and Champlin, Minnesota, and calling for unity and the rejection of political violence in Minnesota and across the United States: H. Res. 519, amended, condemning the attacks on Minnesota lawmakers in Brooklyn Park and Champlin, Minnesota, and calling for unity and the rejection of political violence in Minnesota and across the United States.

Pages H2909–13

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H2906–07, H2907–08, H2909, and H2909.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 4:27 p.m.

Committee Meetings

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURE

Committee on Appropriations: Full Committee held a markup on the Homeland Security Appropriations Bill FY 2026. The Homeland Security Appropriations Bill FY 2026 was ordered reported, as amended.

CHILD CARE AND THE AMERICAN WORKFORCE: REMOVING BARRIERS TO ECONOMIC GROWTH

Committee on Education and Workforce: Subcommittee on Early Childhood, Elementary, and Secondary Education held a hearing entitled “Child Care and the American Workforce: Removing Barriers to Economic Growth”. Testimony was heard from Todd D. Barton, Mayor, Crawfordsville, Indiana; and public witnesses.

THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES BUDGET

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing entitled “The Fiscal Year 2026 Department of Health and Human Services Budget”. Testimony was heard from Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services.

THE FEDERAL RESERVE’S SEMI-ANNUAL MONETARY POLICY REPORT

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “The Federal Reserve’s Semi-Annual Monetary Policy Report”. Testimony was heard from Jerome H. Powell, Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

MEMBER DAY

Committee on Financial Services: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Member Day”. Testimony was heard from Representatives Downing, Cleaver, Pou, McBride, and Sherman.

SERVING AND VOTING: OVERSIGHT OF THE FEDERAL VOTING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Committee on House Administration: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Serving and Voting: Oversight of the Federal Voting Assistance Program”. Testimony was heard from Liz Clark, Director, Defense Support Services Center, Department of Defense; and Scott Wiedmann, Deputy Director, Federal Voting Assistance Program, Department of Defense.

**FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY AND
OVERSIGHT OF THE FEDERAL COURTS**

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts, Intellectual Property, Artificial Intelligence, and the Internet held a hearing entitled “Fiscal Accountability and Oversight of the Federal Courts”. Testimony was heard from Michael Y. Scudder, Circuit Judge, Seventh Circuit, U.S. Court of Appeals, and Chair, Information Technology Committee, Judicial Conference of the United States; and Amy St. Eve, Circuit Judge, Seventh Circuit, U.S. Court of Appeals, and Chair, Budget Committee, Judicial Conference of the United States.

**RISING THREAT: AMERICA’S BATTLE
AGAINST ANTISEMITIC TERROR**

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Oversight held a hearing entitled “Rising Threat: America’s Battle Against Antisemitic Terror”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Water, Wildlife and Fisheries held a hearing on H.R. 1676, the “Make SWAPs Efficient Act of 2025”; H.R. 3538, the “Wildlife Confiscations Network Act of 2025”; H.R. 3857, the “Snow Water Supply Forecasting Reauthorization Act of 2025”; and H.R. 3858, the “Sport Fish Restoration, Recreational Boating Safety, and Wildlife Restoration Act of 2025”. Testimony was heard from Representatives Dingell and Hurd of Colorado; David Miko, Acting Deputy Director of Operations, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; Candice Hasenyager, Director, Division of Water Resources, Utah; and public witnesses.

**ENHANCING EDUCATIONAL OUTCOMES IN
INDIAN COUNTRY: POSTSECONDARY
EDUCATION AT THE BUREAU OF INDIAN
EDUCATION**

Committee on Natural Resources: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations; and Subcommittee on Higher Education and Workforce Development of the House Committee on Education and Workforce held a joint hearing entitled “Enhancing Educational Outcomes in Indian Country: Postsecondary Education at the Bureau of Indian Education”. Testimony was heard from Scott Davis, Senior Advisor to the Secretary, Exercising the Delegated Authority of the Assistant Secretary, Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior.

**LOCKING IN THE DEPARTMENT OF
GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY CUTS: ENDING
WASTE, FRAUD, AND ABUSE FOR GOOD**

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Delivering on Government Efficiency held a hearing entitled “Locking in the DOGE Cuts: Ending Waste, Fraud, and Abuse for Good”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**PREPARING FOR THE QUANTUM AGE:
WHEN CRYPTOGRAPHY BREAKS**

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Information Technology, and Government Innovation held a hearing entitled “Preparing for the Quantum Age: When Cryptography Breaks”. Testimony was heard from Marisol Cruz Cain, Director, Information Technology and Cybersecurity, Government Accountability Office; and public witnesses.

**THE ROUTE FORWARD FOR THE U.S.
POSTAL SERVICE: A VIEW FROM
STAKEHOLDERS**

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform: Subcommittee on Government Operations held a hearing entitled “The Route Forward for the U.S. Postal Service: A View from Stakeholders”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**SECURING AMERICA’S MINERAL FUTURE:
UNLOCKING THE ECONOMIC VALUE
BENEATH OUR FEET**

Committee on Small Business: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Securing America’s Mineral Future: Unlocking the Economic Value Beneath Our Feet”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**AMERICA BUILDS: THE ROLE OF
INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY IN RAIL
MODERNIZATION**

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials held a hearing entitled “America Builds: The Role of Innovation and Technology in Rail Modernization”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**STRENGTHENING THE TRANSITION
ASSISTANCE PROGRAM: EXPLORING
OUTCOMES TO IMPROVE THE TRANSITION
TO CIVILIAN LIFE**

Committee on Veterans’ Affairs: Full Committee held a hearing entitled “Strengthening the Transition Assistance Program: Exploring Outcomes to Improve the Transition to Civilian Life”. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

LEGISLATIVE MEASURES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs held a hearing on H.R. 3123, the "Ernest Peltz Accrued Veterans Benefits Act"; H.R. 3627, the "Justice for America's Veterans and Survivors Act of 2025"; H.R. 3833, the "Veterans' Caregiver Appeals Modernization Act of 2025"; H.R. 3834, the "Protecting Veterans Claim Options Act"; H.R. 3835, the "Veterans Appeals Efficiency Act of 2025"; H.R. 3854, the "Modernizing All Veterans and Survivors Claims Processing Act"; H.R. 3983, the "Veterans Claims Quality Improvement Act of 2025"; H.R. 3951, the "Rural Veterans' Improved Access to Benefits Act of 2025"; H.R. 659, the "Veterans Law Judge Experience Act"; H.R. 2055, the "Caring for Survivors Act"; H.R. 2701, the "Fallen Servicemembers Religious Heritage Act"; and H.R. 2721, the "Honoring our Heroes Act". Testimony was heard from Representatives Barrett, Brownley, Edwards, Hayes, Kennedy of New York, and Stefanik; Evan Deichert, Acting Deputy Vice Chairman, Veteran Law Judge, Board of Veterans Appeals, Department of Veterans Affairs; Colonel Tiffany M. Wagner, U.S. Air Force (Retired), Clerk of the Court, U.S. Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR WEDNESDAY, JUNE 25, 2025

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2026 for the Department of Justice, 10 a.m., SD-138.

Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the President's special message of June 3, 2025, 2:30 p.m., SD-106.

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Readiness and Management Support, to hold hearings to examine matters within the jurisdiction of the Assistant Secretaries for Energy, Installation, and Environment in support of the Fiscal Year 2026 National Defense Authorization Act, 2:30 p.m., SR-232A.

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: to hold hearings to examine the Semiannual Monetary Policy Report to the Congress, 10 a.m., SD-538.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: business meeting to consider S. 233, to amend the Office of National Drug Control Policy Reauthorization Act of 2006 to modify the authority of the Office of National

Drug Control Policy with respect to the World Anti-Doping Agency, S. 254, to amend the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 to protect the cultural practices and livelihoods of producers of Alaska Native handicrafts and marine mammal ivory products, S. 434, to establish the Commercial Space Activity Advisory Committee, S. 836, to amend the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act of 1998 to strengthen protections relating to the online collection, use, and disclosure of personal information of children and teens, S. 1872, to direct the Secretary of Commerce to conduct a study on the feasibility of manufacturing in the United States products for critical infrastructure sectors, and the nominations of Bryan Bedford, of Indiana, to be Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration, and routine lists in the Coast Guard, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Usha-Maria Turner, of Oklahoma, to be an Assistant Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, and David Wright, of South Carolina, to be a Member of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for the term of five years expiring June 30, 2030, 10 a.m., SD-562.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine the nomination of Susan Monarez, of Wisconsin, to be Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on the Judiciary: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Emil J. Bove III, of Pennsylvania, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit, Edward L. Artau, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of Florida, and Kyle Christopher Dudek, Jordan Emery Pratt, and Anne-Leigh Gaylord Moe, each to be a United States District Judge for the Middle District of Florida, 10:15 a.m., SH-216.

Subcommittee on Federal Courts, Oversight, Agency Action, and Federal Rights, to hold hearings to examine China and lawfare against American energy dominance, 2:30 p.m., SD-226.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: to hold hearings to examine correcting mismanagement of the veterans crisis line, 4 p.m., SR-418.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of John Dever, of Illinois, to be General Counsel, George Wesley Street, of Virginia, to be Director of the National Counterintelligence and Security Center, and Christopher Fox, of Virginia, to be Inspector General of the Intelligence Community, all of the Office of the Director of National Intelligence, Matthew Kozma, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary of Homeland Security for Intelligence and Analysis, and Peter Thomson, of Louisiana, to be Inspector General, Central Intelligence Agency, 3 p.m., SH-216.

Special Committee on Aging: to hold hearings to examine how sports medicine can improve health outcomes for seniors, 3:30 p.m., SD-G50.

House

Committee on the Budget, Full Committee, hearing entitled "Reversing the Curse: Rooting Out Waste and Fraud

and Restoring the Dignity of Work”, 10 a.m., 210 Cannon.

Committee on Education and Workforce, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 3453, the “Empower Charter School Educators to Lead Act”; H.R. 2516, the “Accreditation for College Excellence Act of 2025”; H.R. 4054, the “Accreditation Choice and Innovation Act”; H.R. 2528, the “Association Health Plans Act”; H.R. 2571, the “Self-Insurance Protection Act”; H.R. 2988, the “Protecting Prudent Investment of Retirement Savings Act”; H.R. 3170, the “Improving Access to Workers’ Compensation for Injured Federal Workers Act”, 10:15 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Energy and Commerce, Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade, hearing entitled “Looking Under the Hood: The State of NHTSA and Motor Vehicle Safety”, 10 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Committee on Financial Services, Subcommittee on Capital Markets, hearing entitled “Reassessing Sarbanes-Oxley: The Cost of Compliance in Today’s Capital Markets”, 10 a.m., 2128 Rayburn.

Committee on Foreign Affairs, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Spies, Lies, and Mismanagement: Examining the U.S. Agency for Global Media’s Downfall”, 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on Homeland Security, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 3965, the “PEARL Act”; legislation on the Tren de Aragua Border Security Threat Assessment Act; legislation on the Combatting International Drug Trafficking and Human Smuggling Partnership Act of 2025; legislation on the CBP Canine Home Kenneling Pilot Act; and legislation on the Enhancing Stakeholder Support and Outreach for Preparedness Grants Act, 10 a.m., 310 Cannon.

Committee on House Administration, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Oversight of the Architect of the Capitol: A Review of the Thirteenth Architect’s First Year”, 2 p.m., 1310 Longworth.

Full Committee, markup on A Resolution to Adopt Regulations Regarding Mandatory Completion of Training in Workplace Rights and Responsibilities, 2 p.m., 1310 Longworth.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on the Administrative State, Regulatory Reform, and Antitrust, hearing entitled “The Proxy Advisor Duopoly’s Anticompetitive Conduct”, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Immigration Integrity, Security, and Enforcement, hearing entitled “Restoring Integrity and Security to the Visa Process”, 2 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 131, the “Finish the Arkansas Valley Conduit Act”; H.R. 183, the “Law Enforcement Officer Recreation Pass Act”; H.R. 261, the “Undersea Cable Protection Act of 2025”; H.R. 410, the “Alaska Native Viet-

nam Era Veterans Land Allotment Extension Act of 2025”; H.R. 504, the “Miccosukee Reserved Area Amendments Act”; H.R. 655, the “The Dalles Watershed Development Act”; H.R. 725, the “Crow Revenue Act”; H.R. 1276, to remove restrictions from a parcel of land in Paducah, Kentucky; H.R. 1729, the “Bolts Ditch Act”; H.R. 1917, the “Great Lakes Mass Marking Program Act of 2025”; H.R. 2250, the “National Landslide Preparedness Act Reauthorization Act of 2025”; H.R. 2316, the “Wetlands Conservation and Access Improvement Act of 2025”; H.R. 2388, the “Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe Project Lands Restoration Act”; H.R. 2389, the “Quinalt Indian Nation Land Transfer Act”; H.R. 2556, the “CORE Act of 2025”; H.R. 2876, the “University of Utah Research Park Act”; H.R. 3168, the “National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program Reauthorization Act of 2025”; H.R. 3176, to amend the John D. Dingell, Jr. Conservation Management, and Recreation Act to reauthorize the National Volcano Early Warning and Monitoring System; H.R. 3179, to rename the Anahuac National Wildlife Refuge located in the State of Texas as the “Jocelyn Nungaray National Wildlife Refuge”; and H.R. 3937, the “Wabeno Economic Development Act”, 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, Subcommittee on Health Care and Financial Services, hearing entitled “Sacrificing Excellence for Ideology: The Real Cost of DEI”, 10 a.m., 2247 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military and Foreign Affairs, hearing entitled “The National Guard State Partnership Program: Strengthening U.S. Security, One Partnership at a Time”, 2 p.m., HVC–210 Capitol.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Full Committee, markup on H.R. 3898, the “Promoting Efficient Review for Modern Infrastructure Today Act”, 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Health, hearing entitled “Health at Your Fingertips: Harnessing the Power of Digital Health Data”, 9 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Social Security; and Subcommittee on Work and Welfare, joint hearing entitled “Hearing with the Commissioner of Social Security, Frank J. Bisignano”, 2 p.m., 1100 Longworth.

Select Committee on the Strategic Competition Between the United States and the Chinese Communist Party, Full Committee, hearing entitled “Algorithms and Authoritarians: Why U.S. AI Must Lead”, 9 a.m., HVC–210 Capitol.

Joint Meeting

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: to receive a briefing on advancing the Armenia-Azerbaijan peace deal, 2 p.m., 2212–RHOB.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

3:30 p.m., Wednesday, June 25

Senate Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Senate will continue consideration of the nomination of Paul Dabbar, of New York, to be Deputy Secretary of Commerce, with a vote on confirmation thereon at 4:15 p.m. Following which, Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Kenneth Kies, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Wednesday, June 25

House Chamber

Program for Wednesday: Consideration of H.R. 3944—Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2026. Consideration of H.R. 275—Special Interest Alien Reporting Act. Consideration of H.R. 875—Jeremy and Angel Seay and Sergeant Brandon Mendoza Protect Our Communities from DUIs Act. Consideration of H. Res. 516—Condemning the violent June 2025 riots in Los Angeles, California.

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