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

### DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,  
September 18, 2025.

I hereby appoint the Honorable GABE EVANS 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.

### HONORING THE LIFE OF KENNETH JOHN BERMUDEZ, 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 Kenneth John Bermudez, Jr., of North Rockland, who passed away earlier this year at just 15 years old from hypoplastic coronary artery disease.

As known to those who knew him best, Kenny J. was an extraordinary young man. At Fieldstone Secondary School, he was an honor roll and prin-

cipal's list student. He was also a devoted member of the Haverstraw Fire Department, proudly serving as a junior firefighter.

For someone so young, Kenny's commitment to community and service spoke volumes about his character.

Kenny's family and friends remember the joy he carried with him, the bond he shared with his mother and brothers, and the light of his faith that touched everyone around him.

This week, the community will dedicate a memorial bench at Fieldstone to honor his memory, ensuring that generations of North Rockland students will know the story of a classmate who lived with such heart and purpose.

On behalf of New York's 17th District, I extend my deepest condolences to the Bermudez family. Kenny's spirit, service, and example will live on in North Rockland.

#### HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF LARRY BRISSING

Mr. LAWLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Larry Brissing, a lifelong North Rockland resident who passed away on September 13 surrounded by his loving family.

Born in Tomkins Cove in 1949, Larry spent his early days helping at Snuffy's Restaurant, the family business, before going on to build one of his own. After years as a heavy equipment operator, he founded L.R.B. Excavating and later served the people of Stony Point with distinction as superintendent of highways for 19 years.

Larry's commitment was recognized when the town named the street leading to its highway department in his honor.

Beyond his work, Larry was deeply devoted to his faith, his community, and, above all, his family. A devoted husband to his late wife, Ewa, a proud father of four, and a loving grandfather of seven, Larry lived a life defined by service, kindness, and love.

May his memory be a blessing and his legacy continue to inspire North Rockland for generations to come.

#### HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF JOANNE M. ROSAMOND

Mr. LAWLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Joanne M. Rosamond, of Bedford Hills, who passed away on September 6.

For over 50 years, Joanne dedicated herself to her family, her community, and the people of Westchester County. She served as confidential secretary to the town supervisor of North Castle and gave countless hours of her time to civic, political, and charitable organizations.

Whether as chairwoman of the women's advisory committee to the Westchester County Board of Legislators, president of the Bedford Hills Women's Club for 14 years, or as a leader in the Westchester County Federation of Women's Clubs, Joanne was a tireless advocate for others.

Joanne's work earned her recognition from the Westchester County legislature and the New York State Senate and Assembly, but her true legacy is the love she gave her family: her husband, George; their children, George Jr. and Dori; and her grandchildren, Eliza, Daniel, Zuzanna, Scarlet, and Phonze.

Joanne's life of service and devotion will not be forgotten.

I will miss you, my friend.

#### WELCOMING HIS ALL-HOLINESS ECUMENICAL PATRIARCH BARTHOLOMEW I OF CONSTANTINOPLE

Mr. LAWLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to welcome to the United States His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew I of Constantinople, the spiritual leader of more than 300 million Orthodox Christians worldwide, including my wife, and the head of the second largest Christian church in the world.

He comes to our country at a historic moment, having been awarded the distinguished Templeton Prize, joining

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the ranks of past recipients such as Mother Teresa, the Dalai Lama, and Archbishop Desmond Tutu.

For decades, Patriarch Bartholomew has been a bridge builder between faiths and a global voice for environmental stewardship and human dignity. His visit is a moment of pride for Greek Orthodox Christians across America, including many of my constituents in New York's 17th District.

On behalf of this Congress, I extend a warm welcome and safe return home to His All-Holiness and offer gratitude for his life of service and his witness to faith, peace, and reconciliation.

RECOGNIZING FIREFIGHTER KENNY BECK

Mr. LAWLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize firefighter Kenny Beck, who has retired after 25 years of dedicated service to the Lake Mohegan Fire District.

Kenny spent his entire career on shift three, beginning at headquarters and later serving at Station 2 in Jefferson Valley.

Over those years, he became known not just for his reliability on calls, but for the way he has mentored other firefighters, passing along lessons that will outlast his time in uniform.

Kenny was there for his community in its most difficult moments, including his service during the attacks of September 11. His commitment to helping others continues beyond the firehouse through his work with the My Brother Vinny organization, supporting veterans and families in need.

Kenny's retirement marks the end of a remarkable career that will leave an impact on the fire service for years to come.

ICE AND DHS LOST CREDIBILITY

(Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, as we begin Hispanic Heritage Month, I want to honor the millions of Latinos and Latinas who make this country strong. We celebrate our culture and sacrifices.

This year, it comes with urgency because we are under attack. Last week, the Department of Homeland Security attacked me on X, insisting they deport only criminals. If you walk the streets of my district, Mr. Speaker, you see the truth, and it looks nothing like their tweets.

Last Friday, in Franklin Park, a suburb in my district, Silverio Villegas-Gonzalez left his home like any other day. He was a restaurant worker, and he enjoyed cooking. He was a devoted father. He never came home. ICE agents stopped him, and within minutes of dropping his kids off at school, he was shot and killed in broad daylight that morning.

First, they said that he drove at officers. Videos show otherwise. Then, they said that he dragged an officer. We have yet to see the evidence. They said that the officer feared for his life,

but neighbors' videos capture gunshots and then a car coasting. Silverio was already incapacitated before crashing into a semitrailer.

Those same videos show officers, including the one supposedly seriously injured, smashing the window, dragging Silverio's lifeless body out, slamming him onto the pavement, and handcuffing him as he bled out.

Silverio didn't make it. DHS' story doesn't add up.

A man is dead. A family is shattered, and the agency responsible keeps hiding behind masked thugs and unmarked cars. I use that term because that is how so many agents are acting, either voluntarily or not.

ICE and DHS have no credibility, and neither do their stories. They have lost it.

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Reports indicate that officers involved were not wearing body cameras. This is not law enforcement. This is becoming an American gestapo.

Silverio's tragedy is not alone. It affects families every day now. That same day, in Little Village, ICE arrested William Gimenez, a day laborer, as he walked into a barber shop with his wife. William was a lead plaintiff in a lawsuit against Home Depot and local police for abuse. ICE retaliated.

We all saw the Cicero case: children were left crying on the side of an industrial road after the parents were taken away by ICE. That is state-sanctioned cruelty against children, the President's specialty.

DHS insists they target criminal immigrants, yet in Elgin, in the dead of night, ICE staged a reckless raid with helicopters and armored trucks parading detainees for cameras. Secretary Noem showed up for 5 seconds of fame and rushed to declare: Mission accomplished.

The reality is two U.S. citizens were detained. They were not criminals; not even immigrants.

To quote the President: They don't know what they are doing.

What we see are workers punished, children traumatized, U.S. citizens abducted in their sleep, and a father, Silverio Villegas-Gonzalez, shot dead. There are hundreds, if not thousands, of cases like this.

We celebrate Hispanic heritage, but we also issue a warning. Today it is Latinos and other immigrants under attack. Tomorrow it will be others. Once institutions are built to target and control, they don't surrender power, they expand it.

Like the military-industrial complex, they find new enemies and new missions, new excuses to keep the money flowing and the machinery of fear alive.

That is why we will not look away. This is bigger than one community and bigger than one city. It is about the kind of country we are becoming.

Chicago will not be intimidated, and I will not stop demanding truth and

dignity for Silverio, William, or the children in Cicero, and for every family who deserves to live free from state terror.

TRIBUTE TO CHARLIE KIRK

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

Mr. LANGWORTHY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart to honor the life of Charlie Kirk, a husband, a father, a follower of Jesus Christ, and a proud American who devoted himself and his life to awakening civic courage in a new generation.

Charlie's faith was central to who he was. He did not shy away from declaring it, nor did he compromise it for the sake of convenience or applause. He was a proud believer in Jesus Christ. We take comfort knowing that today, he is with the Lord.

Charlie celebrated the Judeo-Christian values on which this Nation was founded: faith, family, freedom, responsibility. He reminded us that without those values, America would lose the very foundation of its strength.

Charlie built his life's work around inspiring others, especially young people, to embrace their responsibilities as American citizens. He told them to get involved, learn your history, speak your mind, and stand firm in your beliefs. He taught America's college students that you could stand up for your values, even if you dared to be a conservative on a liberal campus where your beliefs were vilified.

He told them to flex their First Amendment rights, to debate honestly, and to speak boldly, even if professors and campus culture declared them wrong for rejecting socialist or Marxist teachings. Charlie knew America was the greatest country in the history of the world, and he gave students the backbone to defend that truth.

He made complex issues clear, and he welcomed debate because he trusted the American people to recognize truth when they heard it. He insisted that free speech was not a partisan slogan but the lifeblood of our free society.

Mr. Speaker, it is impossible to ignore the cruel fact that Charlie's life was cut short by a coward who murdered him in cold blood. But let me be clear: That act of violence did not silence Charlie's voice. It amplified it. Millions and millions of Americans and countless more around the world now know what Charlie stood for, what he worked for, and ultimately what he died for. His legacy is not diminished by his death; it is magnified. The ideas he championed and the courage he displayed are now reaching more hearts and minds than they ever have before.

Beyond the public stage, Charlie held the most important roles any of us can claim, that of being a husband and a father. He loved his family very dearly, and he drew strength from his faith. He reminded us that the real work in America doesn't happen in the halls of

power but at the family dinner table, in our houses of worship, in our neighborhoods, and at the ballot box.

Charlie's life is measured in the legacy he leaves. Look at the students who registered to vote because he asked them to. Look at the young leaders who chose to serve their communities because he told them they were needed. Look at the millions who felt less alone because he was brave enough to raise his voice. They had impact. That is real impact. That is a life well lived and a mission faithfully pursued.

To Charlie's wife, Erika, to his beautiful children, and to his family: My and my family's deepest condolences and prayers are with you. May you be sustained by the prayers of a very grateful nation for Charlie's life, and may you take comfort in knowing that Charlie's voice echoes louder than ever.

Charlie Kirk's life is a call to action. Let us honor him not with despair but with dedication, dedication to faith, to freedom, and dedication to the enduring promise of this great Nation. His courage lives on, his message lives on, and his fight for America will always live on.

May God bless Charlie Kirk's memory. May God comfort his family, and may God bless the United States of America.

#### REMEMBERING CONTRACT DAY

(Ms. PLASKETT of the Virgin Islands was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Ms. PLASKETT. Mr. Speaker, I rise with deep pride and reverence to honor Contract Day, recognized annually in the Virgin Islands on October 1. This day is one of the most defining in our history, and it honors and also celebrates four women, queens, who led the St. Croix Labor Rebellion of 1878, also known as Fireburn.

After slaves in the Danish West Indies organized, fought, and received their freedom from chattel slavery in 1848, a new type of slavery was formed to regulate the conditions of the now free workers.

The law stipulated a day wage and confined workers to one plantation each year, changeable only on Contract Day, October 1. These contracts offered no true liberty, forcing families into conditions that mirrored the impression of bondage.

Former slaves worked on the same plantations as before with little to no improvement in their living conditions, healthcare, education, even their very movement.

With rumors of improved conditions proving false, on October 1, 1878, the frustration and anger from the past 30 years of unfair treatment and harsh labor practices after obtaining freedom ignited a rebellion in Frederiksted, St. Croix. Our people declared enough is enough. Out of their courage came one of the most powerful labor uprisings in the Caribbean, one that continues to shape our identity and our fight for justice today.

At the center were four extraordinary women who we now revere as the Queens: Axeline "Agnes" Elizabeth Salomon, Mathilda Mcbean, Susanna Abrahamson, and Mary Thomas. These women, ordinary in their beginnings but extraordinary in their courage, stood as leaders and demanded all plantations improve wages and the repeal of the Labor Act of 1849 that kept workers in serf-like conditions. They gave voice to the pain and determination of an entire people.

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The rebellion, the Fireburn, was not without tremendous cost: Fifty lives were lost. Many were injured. Countless homes and buildings were destroyed. Many of the protesters were killed by the Danish Government.

From that protest came reforms that dismantled the labor system. The rights of laborers could no longer be ignored.

The queens have left us a legacy of courage, reminding us that progress is rarely given. It is only through demand. They remind us that the dignity of work, personal freedom, and the pursuit of a better life are not privileges but speak to the very yearning of every human being.

We are now in a time when voices are being silenced by our own government. Those in the public sphere are fearful for themselves, their families, and their constituents. They are afraid to speak up and afraid to speak the truth.

People are afraid of losing resources and government funds. They are afraid of being targeted not just by online thugs but by their own government.

Mr. Speaker, I want to talk to my people: Virgin Islanders, I am proud to be a Virgin Islander and that my family, my father's and my mother's ancestors, were there on St. Croix during that Fireburn and also during our amazing self-emancipation of 1848. The knowledge of the fact that, for centuries, my deepest roots—or, as we say, my navel string—are in the soil of what is now the Virgin Islands. It is what gives me voice and power.

It is not only those queens, but it is the young boy determined to be a marine biologist, the little girl who writes and dreams of being a poet. They are our history and our future.

Contract Day should give us courage. In the times that we are in, we may be limited and afraid, but we must use our voice to demand more.

#### BEATING HEART OF DEMOCRACY IS FREEDOM OF SPEECH

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

Mr. MCCLINTOCK. Mr. Speaker, freedom of speech is the beating heart of a democracy. It is the entire reason that this building exists, so that we can talk out our differences.

Free societies do not fear free speech, even when that speech is hateful or

malignant or stupid. Free societies recognize that the only way to separate fact from fiction, love from hate, truth from lies, wisdom from folly, or good from evil is to put them side by side and to trust the people to know the difference.

No central authority must ever be given the power to take this vital freedom away from the people or to punish anyone solely for expressing their opinions.

We have based our entire form of government on the assumption that, when exposed to all sides and all viewpoints, more than half of the people are going to get it right more than half of the time. This assumption has served us well through the centuries.

The left rejects this premise. For many years, leftists have told us that speech is violence and can be answered with violence. This justifies their shouting down opponents and disrupting peaceful assemblies.

We have repeatedly watched leftist mobs burn our cities, loot shopkeepers, and assault people on the streets while leftist politicians egged them on.

We see the growing physical attacks on law enforcement. The left used the FBI to suppress debate on critical issues ranging from COVID lockdowns to Biden family influence peddling to climate hysteria. It has called for government commissions to regulate it. In Europe, leftist governments now criminalize it.

Mr. Speaker, I raise these points because a Member of this House recently made some truly vile and despicable remarks about Charlie Kirk after his brutal assassination. Her words should be loudly and universally condemned.

Last night, on the House floor, a resolution of censure was brought against her in the name of Charlie Kirk to formally punish her for her hateful rhetoric, but what did Charlie Kirk say about hate speech?

He said this 5 years ago: "My position is that even hate speech should be completely and totally allowed in our country. The most disgusting speech should absolutely be protected. . . . The ACLU used to hold this viewpoint. The American Civil Liberties Union, they sued so that legitimate Nazis could march through downtown Skokie. . . . Why would the ACLU do this? Because, they said, as soon as you use the word 'hate,' that is a very subjective term because then, all of a sudden, it is in the eyes or it is in the implementation of whomever has the power. So here is my belief: The more speech, the better."

That was Charlie Kirk.

We must never allow the left to become our teachers. If we ever do, we will lose our country. There will be no moral high ground, no changing of minds, and no rebirth of faith and freedom that we so desperately need.

Free societies do not fear words and thoughts, even those that are hateful, ugly, evil, or obscene, because the same freedom that protects these darkest

impulses of our nature also protects the right of men and women of good will to confront them, expose them, and reject them. The only true way to expose them as wrong is to do exactly what Charlie Kirk did until his last breath and with his last breath.

When the left calls us Nazis, fascists, and murderers, this might be hateful and hurtful, but it is speech, nonetheless. It should be criticized in the strongest possible terms as irresponsible, inflammatory, outrageous, revolting, and wrong. It should be ridiculed and shamed.

Businesses have every right to protect their reputation, and schools have every right to protect their children, but we should defend their right to say what they will and trust that the vast majority of Americans will see it for what it is.

There are only two ways to resolve our differences: There is reason, and there is force. The American Founders gave us a Republic governed by reason and illuminated by freedom of speech.

That is the civilization that Charlie Kirk lived for and died for. He devoted his life and ultimately gave his life to restore, strengthen, and perpetuate a free society based on discourse and reason.

What a tragedy it would be if, in our outrage and grief, we were to throw it all away.

#### HONORING APRIL VERRETT

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

Mrs. RAMIREZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor President April Verrett, a fighter for working people and a fierce advocate for worker power. She is at the forefront of building a labor movement that unapologetically fights for all workers, no matter where they live and no matter what they do.

President Verrett is deeply committed to justice, solidarity, and democracy. She has made her life's work to end poverty-wage work in America.

Growing up on the South Side of Chicago, she was raised by her grandmother, a proud union steward for SEIU Local 46. Rooted in her values, April carries on her family's commitment to community and collective action.

In May 2024, April was elected president of SEIU International, making history as the first Black person to serve in this role. As SEIU International president, April brings vision, courage, and authenticity to fight for and lift up workers whose voices are often ignored.

April's belief that change is possible when we build worker solidarity across perceived differences has led to transformative work to hold employers and government accountable to ensure that they pay their fair share and protect workers' wages. She works endlessly to ensure access to unions for all.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of Illinois' Third Congressional District, it is my

honor to be able to commend President April Verrett today for blazing trails, leading with intersectional solidarity, and building worker power.

I thank April for her hard work.

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#### HONORING MARIA CORREA

Mrs. RAMIREZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Maria Correa, a constituent of the Illinois Third Congressional District, a "poderosa"; "powerful" Latina who remembers her roots, and a community leader in the fight for immigrant rights.

A resident of West Chicago, Maria's work in the community connects residents with vital resources such as food, housing, and medical support. She is a trusted source of information and counsel, ensuring her neighbors have access to their elected officials and government resources. She organizes and equips her community to engage civically, from helping people to register to vote to promoting participation in the census.

Maria makes sure each person she comes into contact with knows that they are seen, that they are loved, and they are valued, and that their voice is heard and recognized. Her dedication, courage, and compassion remind us what true leadership is, rooted in service and action.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of Illinois' Third Congressional District, I am proud to commend Maria Correa for all she does to build power in her community, especially with her Latino neighbors, and for fighting for a more welcoming and just society.

I congratulate Maria.

#### HONORING MARIA DEL CARMEN CASIMIRO

Mrs. RAMIREZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Maria del Carmen Casimiro, who exemplifies the entrepreneurial spirit and the strength and resilience of immigrant communities.

Since 1993, Maria's small business in Illinois' Third Congressional District has been an anchor for Latino families in the changing communities of Logan Square and Avondale. In the face of gentrification, her commitment to keep her culture alive through the sale of traditional Mexican foods and home goods is, in itself, commendable.

For decades, Maria and her family have brought more than just food to our homes. They have brought cultural pride and a sense of belonging to our community. Maria reminds us that small businesses can make big contributions to strengthen us and unite us.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of Illinois' mighty Third Congressional District, I am proud to commend Maria del Carmen Casimiro for her decades building community, sustaining cultural identities, and feeding the soul of our neighborhood.

"Gracias y felicitaciones"; "thank you and congratulations" to Maria.

#### RECOGNIZING THE FUNKY BUFFALO COFFEE HOUSE AND TRADING COMPANY

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

Mr. ALFORD. Mr. Speaker, I highlight a special place in Camdenton, Missouri, in the Fourth Congressional District of Missouri: The Funky Buffalo Coffee House and Trading Company, a weird name, but a great place. It is our September Small Business of the Month.

Now, this just isn't an ordinary coffee shop. It is where community happens, families gather, students study, friendships are built, and real conversations are had like we used to do back in the day.

We had the opportunity to stop by there and have some of their great coffee and see firsthand during one of our townhall tour stops in August. Yes, we actually did townhall tours. I know a lot of you are surprised by that. We got out there and listened to people.

From seasonal fall specialty coffees to strawberry lemonade smoothies, the Funky Buffalo is always offering new drink recipes.

The Funky Buffalo is run by Kendra. She is a wife, a mom of three, and now a bold small business owner. She and her husband, Chris, have poured their hearts into this place creating not just a business but a blessing for our district.

Their family is directly affected by "22 a day," the number of veterans who take their own lives each and every day. Uncle Ry, Kendra's husband's younger brother, was just 26 when he lost his battle to post-traumatic stress on U.S. soil. Ryan was a son, a brother, a best friend, and an uncle.

This is why 100 percent of their shop's net proceeds of coffee, awareness bracelets, and awareness shirts are donated to suicide prevention programs and other veteran organizations.

Mr. Speaker, I am more than proud to recognize the Funky Buffalo as our small business of the month, and I thank them for investing in people, investing in our community, our district, and in the American Dream.

#### SEPTEMBER VETERAN OF THE MONTH: DALE KARST

Mr. ALFORD. Mr. Speaker, today, I am honored to recognize our September Veteran of the Month: Mr. Dale Karst.

Dale proudly served in the United States Air Force, entering service on September 16, 1966. After basic training, he was stationed at Whiteman Air Force Base with the Air Police Squadron before deploying to Vietnam with the 377th Combat Defense Unit.

He was stationed at Tan Son Nhut during the Tet Offensive, one of the most dangerous moments of that war. When he returned home, Dale was stationed at Grand Forks Air Force Base in North Dakota.

Dale told me his most cherished memory of service was returning from

Vietnam to meet his newborn child and embracing his wife again, a moment he wasn't sure he would ever see.

Today, Dale and his wife, Patty, enjoy time with their grandchildren and working on projects together. He reminds us of three things we must always honor: God, family, and country.

Dale's got some health challenges right now, and I had the opportunity of visiting him at our VA Hospital in Kansas City a few weeks ago. Although, he is going through these challenges, he has a big smile on his face.

I will tell Dale that we are praying for him. We are going to make sure he gets through this and that he gets the best healthcare possible through the VA system.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in thanking Mr. Dale Karst, a true American hero, for his courage, his sacrifice, and his enduring love for the United States of America. I want Dale to know we love him.

#### GENOCIDE IN GAZA

(Ms. TLAIB of Michigan was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, as some of my colleagues continue to try to attempt to bully and silence me, I will remind all of them that I grew up in Detroit. The more you try to shut us up, the louder we get.

Mr. Speaker, as we speak right now, the Israeli Government is moving to exterminate Palestinians. The U.S.-backed and funded genocide in Gaza is reaching new levels of horror every single day that we do not take action to stop it.

There is no more denying it, Mr. Speaker. The International Association of Genocide Scholars, hundreds of the world's leading experts on genocide, has determined that the Israeli Government is committing genocide.

Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD a link to the International Association of Genocide Scholars Resolution on Gaza. <https://genocidescholars.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/08/IAGS-Resolution-on-Gaza-FINAL.pdf>.

Mr. Speaker, this week, the United Nations Independent International Commission of Inquiry has concluded that the Government of Israel is committing genocide in Gaza.

It calls on all countries to take immediate concrete actions to prevent and punish genocide, to stop sending weapons to the Israeli Government, and to bring individuals forward, again, to hold them accountable and to seek justice for the genocide.

Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD a link to the U.N.'s Independent International Commission of Inquiry report on the crime of genocide in Gaza if my colleagues would like to read it. <https://www.ohchr.org/sites/default/files/documents/hrbodies/hrcouncil/sessions-regular/session60/advance-version/a-hrc-60-crp-3.pdf>.

Mr. Speaker, these new determinations only confirm what Palestinians,

eyewitnesses, journalists, and researchers have been saying for nearly 2 years: This is a genocide.

Journalists have been murdered in unprecedented numbers in human history, so there is no one left to show the world what is being done. There is forced starvation, Mr. Speaker, and destruction of entire cities. They are luring starving and desperate people to fake food distribution sites in order to kill them. They call them the killing fields. Multiple generations of families, entire blood lines, are wiped out. Newborns are left decomposing in the NICU as hospitals, doctors, and ambulances are systematically targeted and destroyed.

Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD a link to the official report of the names and ages of Palestinians confirmed and killed in Gaza. <https://data.techforpalestine.org/list/>.

Mr. Speaker, look at this. I want the American people to see this. The first 21 pages are all infants who did not live long enough to see their first birthday.

There have been over 60,000 human lives confirmed dead so far. Children's smiles are extinguished every single day by bombs that say "Made in the United States of America."

Experts say, and we all know this, that the death toll is likely tens of thousands higher with countless bodies still trapped under the rubble.

This must end.

As we speak, the Israeli military is moving to wipe what remains of Gaza city off the map. Gaza is the largest city in Palestine, a vibrant city of 1 million people that has existed for thousands of years, and it is being erased before our eyes.

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Mr. Speaker, this is not only the Israeli Government's genocide. This is our government's genocide. Our government provides the bombs, the diplomatic cover, and the complete and total impunity to kill, bulldoze, and exterminate.

Some of my colleagues cruelly cheer these war crimes on, while others quietly express their concerns while voting to send more bombs anyway, but the American people know the truth about this genocide. They know what their own eyes are seeing, and they are rising up to say: No more. No more bombs, no more weapons, no more genocide.

This will not stop until we act in this body. It is not too late to save lives. For humanity's sake, we must act now.

#### WELCOMING DETROIT TO CBC WEEK

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, I take a moment to welcome all of my Black neighbors throughout the 12th Congressional District to the people's House for Congressional Black Caucus' Annual Legislative Conference Week.

Our city, the city of Detroit, the most beautiful, Blackest city, where I was born and raised, has strong roots with the Congressional Black Caucus. For me, it is no coincidence that the

very first chair of the Congressional Black Caucus, Representative Charles Diggs, was born and raised also in Detroit, carrying forward our city's legacy of resilience and movements and so much, again, fights against oppression here and across the world.

It was also another son of Detroit, my predecessor and founder of the Congressional Black Caucus, Congressman John Conyers, who stood with Dr. King and later became the driving force behind making Dr. King's birthday a national holiday.

I am so incredibly proud to welcome all of my neighbors, residents, and elected officials to the Nation's Capital. Welcome to Congressional Black Caucus Week.

#### CONGRATULATING LIEUTENANT GENERAL ROBERT A. RASCH, JR.

(Mr. STRONG of Alabama was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. STRONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Lieutenant General Robert A. Rasch, Jr., as he concludes 36 years of exceptional and faithful service to the United States of America.

Throughout his tenure, General Rasch has embodied the spirit of a soldier, inspiring those who have served with and under his leadership.

Born in Germany, where his father was stationed with Army Special Forces, General Rasch's connection to the military began early in life. He graduated from the University of Georgia and followed his father's footsteps, joining the Army as a second lieutenant in 1989.

His military journey also led him to his wife, Shawndell Mann, a fellow soldier he met while in Alaska. Together, they have two accomplished children: Darby, an emergency physician, and Michael, who continues the family legacy as an infantry captain. Their family continues to grow with the expected arrival of their first grandchild in October.

Throughout his career, General Rasch served in various capacities, including key roles within the acquisition and systems automation corps. He led as the project manager for the Army's Integrated Battle Command System and later as the military deputy to the commanding general of the Army Aviation and Missile Command.

In 2017, he earned his first star as a deputy program executive officer at PEO Missiles and Space. His second star came in 2019 when he took over the PEO role. He is credited as a primary driver for the modernization and integration of fires within the Army.

He earned his third and final star in 2022, becoming the director of the Army's Rapid Capability and Critical Technologies Office, more affectionately known as RCCTO.

In this role, he has overseen the rapid prototyping and fielding of several key

programs, including the mid-range capability program, Army directed energy systems, and the long-range hypersonic weapon as a first-of-its-kind capability.

General Rasch served in both Desert Storm and the global war on terrorism. Over his 36 years of service, he has earned numerous awards, including the Army's Distinguished Service Medal, the Legion of Merit, and the Combat Infantryman Badge. He is also a Ranger-qualified soldier, holding the prestigious Ranger Tab.

General Rasch's leadership and mentorship will be missed by many, especially those at Redstone Arsenal in Alabama's Fifth Congressional District. Those who served with him describe him as exactly the kind of leader that soldiers trust and are willing to follow into battle. This Nation is grateful for his service and is better because of it. We salute General Robert A. Rasch, Jr.

#### U.S. SPACE COMMAND HEADQUARTERS

Mr. STRONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak on an issue of historic importance for our Nation's security and for the people of north Alabama: the decision to base the United States Space Command headquarters at Redstone Arsenal in Huntsville, Alabama.

For more than 60 years, our community has been at the heart of the American space story. North Alabama has been at the forefront of innovation, from the rockets that carried our astronauts to the Moon, to the systems that now protect our homeland and our warfighters. We have earned the nickname "The Rocket City" because innovation and national defense are in our DNA.

Space Command is charged with ensuring America's superiority in the most demanding, contested domain of the future. To protect the United States, we need a headquarters located where talent, research, and mission readiness intersect. With the support of President Trump, it has been decided that Huntsville is that place.

Redstone Arsenal is a hub for missile defense, with unmatched infrastructure and mission synergy. Our workforce brings together military expertise, leading civilian aerospace professionals, and a pipeline of scientists and engineers. This is not just about geography. It is about capability, efficiency, and effectiveness.

This decision is not about partisan politics. It is about national security. It is about ensuring that our brave men and women in uniform have every advantage. We must be the most lethal force this world has ever seen.

Huntsville offers facilities and partnerships needed for immediate mission success and long-term capability to grow and sustain the Command well into the future. North Alabama demonstrates that patriotism, technical excellence, and innovation exist together. North Alabama is ready. America will be stronger because of it. Our time is now.

#### HONORING IAN KALVINSKAS

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

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart but also with a sense of hope. I want to tell you about a remarkable young man named Ian Kalvinskas.

Ian was one of my interns this summer. A Pasadena native, he loved soccer and carried a curiosity about the world that was as boundless as his spirit.

As a UCLA student with a deep passion for public service, he dreamed of pursuing a career in foreign policy and one day working for the United Nations.

At just 15, though, Ian was diagnosed with liver cancer. He underwent a transplant at UCLA, and for more than 4 years, it seemed that he had beaten the disease, but in November 2024, his cancer returned. Ian knew his time was short, yet he refused to let that define him. Instead, he came to Capitol Hill because he told us: "I want to make a difference."

Even while battling illness, Ian focused on helping pediatric patients get fair consideration on the transplant waiting list.

Sadly, Ian's internship was cut short. He passed away in June at the age of 20, surrounded by his family in the shadow of the Capitol he so admired.

His doctor, Sue McDiarmid, one of the premier transplant physicians in the world, told me his personal courage was remarkable and an inspiration to her and all who knew him.

His final days were not defined by his illness. They were defined by his courage and idealism, by his determination to use the time he had left to help others.

In honor of Ian's life, I am proud to introduce the Ian Kalvinskas Pediatric Liver Cancer Early Detection and Screening Act. This bill would advance the very work that Ian hoped to pursue. It would direct the Department of Health and Human Services, with input from the CDC, Centers for Disease Control, to strengthen education so parents and providers can spot the early signs of liver disease in children.

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It would require the Government Accountability Office to report on what we are doing now, how many children are lost each year while waiting for a liver transplant, and whether adding a simple newborn test could save lives.

Mr. Speaker, Ian's story is not an isolated one. Over 100,000 Americans every day are waiting for an organ transplant.

Back home in the San Joaquin Valley, Austin Salinas, a young boy, has spent his life battling hydronephrosis, a serious kidney condition that has meant countless surgeries and now the use of an ostomy bag. For more than 11 years, he has defied the odds with remarkable resilience.

Like Ian's, Austin's journey is more than endurance. It is about survival and the hope of a lifesaving transplant. It is about inspiration. It is about courage. These young people really want to live and have a full life.

Families like Ian's and Austin's shouldn't have to fight alone. They deserve a system that works for them and gives them every chance to live a full and healthy life.

This legislation, therefore, is about the gift of life and giving better opportunities for over 100,000 Americans awaiting an organ transplant every day.

I encourage my colleagues and their staff to take the time to read this bill and consider joining me.

By supporting this legislation, we ensure that Ian's fight and legacy will live on for the lives of children and their families that will be saved in the future.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Ian Kalvinskas and his son—a student and, now, through this legislation, a catalyst for change.

God bless Ian. May his memory continue to light a path forward for all of us.

#### HONORING VERONICA PITTS

(Ms. SEWELL of Alabama was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Ms. SEWELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate an extraordinary educator from my hometown of Selma, Alabama, Ms. Veronica Pitts, of Selma High School, for being named the National Civics Teacher of the Year by the Bill of Rights Institute.

Each year, only one teacher in the Nation is selected to receive this prestigious honor, and I am thrilled that, this year, the teacher hails from Alabama's Seventh Congressional District.

Ms. Pitts exemplifies the very best of what it means to be an educator and a public servant. With a deep passion for education and tireless commitment to her students, she has dedicated her career to teaching not just government and economics but the importance of civic engagement and community leadership.

Through her engaging lessons, Ms. Pitts has helped her students understand that democracy is not a spectator sport. It requires informed, empowered, and active participants. Her classroom is a place where students don't just learn about the government. They learn about their role in shaping it.

As the daughter of two lifelong educators who worked at Selma High School for over 36 years, I know firsthand the transformational power of good education, especially good education in Selma. I have seen what our students can do and achieve with the help of amazing teachers and wonderful role models.

Teachers like Ms. Pitts do more than prepare young people for tests. They

prepare them for life. They nurture curiosity, instill core values, and light the spark of leadership that will carry students far beyond the school walls.

Located less than 2 miles up the road from the historic Edmund Pettus Bridge, it is only befitting that from Selma High School would emerge a teacher who is building the next generation of civic leaders, activists, and change agents.

After all, it was the people of Alabama's Seventh Congressional District that brought us the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Voting Rights Act of 1965. These were ordinary Americans who dared to make this Nation live up to its highest ideals of equality and justice for all.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of Alabama's Seventh Congressional District, I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Veronica Pitts. We are all so proud of her, and we are grateful for the work that she does each and every day to create opportunities for our students to thrive.

#### FUNDING CUTS TO SCIENCE

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

Mr. PETERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today because we face a critical moment for American leadership.

Amid mounting pressure to compete with China in energy, biotechnology, and AI dominance, any smart country would invest in itself and invest in the future. Unfortunately, this administration seems committed to doing the exact opposite.

Funding cuts to the National Institutes of Health and the National Science Foundation have kneecapped the world-class research ecosystem that has made America great in the 20th century.

The politicization of science hurts the health and well-being of hard-working American citizens, and it compromises our ability as a nation to compete with other nations.

During August, I held a townhall with hundreds of my constituents who are researchers and graduate students in science, technology, engineering, and math. During the townhall, I discussed the dangers of this administration's agenda for public health, national security, and global competitiveness, and they asked that I tell you some of their stories.

One researcher studies ocean and Earth sciences at San Diego's prestigious Scripps Institution of Oceanography. Her research focuses on addressing the threats that toxic algal blooms pose to public health, fisheries, and coastal recreation.

With cuts to NASA, NOAA, and the National Science Foundation, she has seen labs at Scripps shut down and watched her coworkers lose their jobs.

Another scientist whose research focuses on ensuring energy security has felt the consequences of this adminis-

tration's policy. She has had her research censored by an administration that is indifferent to and may be hostile to scientific research. She has watched critical datasets and research tools disappear from government websites overnight. As she so aptly put it: "I have sacrificed so much of my livelihood for the betterment of our planet, only to see it all burn down in less than half a year."

Myiesha, a researcher at UCSD, overcame her own traumatic brain injuries and chronic illnesses so she could study the effects of infectious diseases on vulnerable patients. Now, Myiesha faces a new challenge: overcoming an administration that has cut her authorized research, cut her working hours almost in half, and cut her income significantly.

Mari is a Ph.D. candidate studying biomedical sciences at UCSD. She researches the neuroscience behind drug addiction so we can fight the opioid crisis. Just as her field gained momentum—overdose deaths declined in 2024 for the first time in over two decades—her lab was threatened with funding cuts. Mari has watched her lifesaving research be halted and had two of her own fellowship applications withdrawn because of the administration's actions.

Eugene is a Ph.D. candidate at Scripps. He is researching how to repurpose bacteria to stop certain cancer-causing proteins. The lab next door to Eugene's was doing a \$129 million trial on monkeys, working to develop an HIV vaccine. After the Trump administration canceled the lab's grant, the monkeys were killed needlessly, funding already spent was wasted, and patients will now have to wait even longer before we find an HIV vaccine.

Maya, a UCSD grad, cofounded Brain-Storm Therapeutics, a biotech startup researching treatments for brain diseases like Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, and epilepsy. Maya has seen the grants that support startups like hers cut. This threatens the transformational science that she and her colleagues are working on.

The final story I will tell, and maybe the most emblematic of the issue, is that of Dr. Ardem Patapoutian. He is a world-renowned researcher who won the Nobel Prize for his work on researching the sense of touch.

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Mr. Speaker, I think we can all agree that is the kind of talent we strive to encourage in this country.

When his research funding was delayed by the Trump administration, Dr. Patapoutian received a call from China within 2 days. They offered him his pick of whatever research institution he wanted in China, guaranteeing his funding for the next 20 years.

Although his funding is still delayed, Dr. Patapoutian chose to stay here because of the world-class research ecosystem in the United States that is currently being eroded and under attack.

These stories show the risks we take when we cut funding that supports critical scientific advancement. China is far outpacing us in the research and development space. If we are going to keep up, we have to put up. If those of us in this body are truly serious about putting America first, this is simply not the way.

It is encouraging that, despite the administration's attempt to politicize science, a bipartisan bloc of the Senate Appropriations Committee has chosen to modestly increase scientific research funding rather than cut it. I am very thankful for that. I hope we will do the same here in the House.

Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the commitment to investing in America's future. We in the House should do the same. We need to invest in science and not undercut it.

#### HONORING FRANK JOHN SMITH

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

Mr. HARIDOPOLOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Frank John Smith. Frank served 4 years in the United States Air Force as Airman Second Class, specializing in communications and navigation reports.

His service took him from Japan to Ripley, Tennessee. He and his small team successfully maintained multiple remote communication stations. For his dedication, Frank was awarded the Good Conduct Medal.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of Florida's Space Coast and Treasure Coast, I thank Frank John Smith for his faithful service to our Nation. His commitment reflects the best of Brevard County and the United States Air Force.

#### RECOGNIZING SPACE COAST HONOR FLIGHT

Mr. HARIDOPOLOS. Mr. Speaker, earlier this month, our office was honored to take part in Space Coast Honor Flight send-off. Veterans from across the Space Coast traveled to Washington and were recognized for their faithful service.

I am proud that five members of our district team joined those families and supporters at the Melbourne Orlando International Airport to send off our heroes. These veterans represent each branch of our Armed Services, and their courage and sacrifice are a powerful testament to the freedoms we enjoy today.

Mr. Speaker, I thank the Honor Flight organization and volunteers whose work ensures these patriots receive the honorable recognition they deserve. As the son of a veteran and parent of a son who serves in the United States Air Force, on behalf of the Space and Treasure Coast, I thank the veterans and the Active members of our service for their incredible sacrifice.

#### RECOGNIZING CHANDLER BRAID

Mr. HARIDOPOLOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Chandler Braid,

founder of Youth Republicans of Brevard, and many members of our community who came together in a recent vigil honoring the late Charlie Kirk.

Their gathering reflects the values Charlie Kirk lived by: faith, patriotism, and a commitment to developing the next generation of American leaders. Over 500 community members from across many different towns gathered for this vigil.

Charles Kirk will always be remembered as someone who challenged young people to be engaged as citizens and never shy away from standing for their beliefs. The vigil in Brevard County was just one example of many across the globe, showing that his influence will continue to inspire.

Mr. Speaker, I thank the Youth Republicans of Brevard, led by Chandler Braid and her amazing leadership. They show that our best days are still ahead. We will always remember Charlie's incredible legacy, patriotism, and love of our country.

#### ENSURING FUNDING FOR COMMUNITIES

(Ms. MCCOLLUM of Minnesota was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, Republicans say they have a mandate. President Trump has told his party, don't even bother working with Democrats. Congressional Republicans wanted to go it alone when they passed President Trump's One Big Beautiful Bill Act.

The American people are now finding out it is really a pretty big, ugly mess, especially when it comes to their healthcare and their everyday lives.

Republicans made devastating healthcare cuts to Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program. They made \$990 billion worth of cuts. We are now just 2 weeks away from a government shutdown.

Speaker JOHNSON is, once again, refusing to work across the aisle with Democrats. Democrats want to prevent exploding health insurance premiums. They have already started to show up in some people's mail. That is because the Affordable Care Act subsidies are about to expire. Oh, that was part of President Trump's One Big Beautiful Bill Act.

Mr. Speaker, I want to ensure that the funding Congress passes is actually delivered to the people in our communities, and I don't want it to be illegally cut or withheld by the Trump administration. We are seeing cuts in CDC, NIH, and the Department of Education. We all know what happened to the State Department and USAID. It was basically just stamped out from existence.

If House Republican leadership wants to go it alone on Federal funding to keep our government open, well, that is their prerogative. They shouldn't expect my vote.

#### CALLING FOR EMPATHY IN THE FACE OF TRAGEDY

(Ms. ANSARI of Arizona was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Ms. ANSARI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call for empathy in the wake of fear-driven hate. Fear has become the air we breathe in America.

Parents breathe it as they drop their kids at school, wondering if today will be the day they get a call that no parent should ever get. Teachers breathe it, walking into classrooms, rehearsing how they might shield their students.

Immigrant families breathe it in their own neighborhoods where ICE raids at schools and festivals turn everyday life into a source of terror. Transgender Americans breathe it just stepping outside, never knowing if they will be targeted for simply existing as themselves.

Journalists and everyday Americans breathe it for simply exercising their free speech rights. Elected leaders, including myself, breathe it after watching colleagues and public figures gunned down in front of their families.

This is the America we are living in right now, and this is not okay. We don't need to agree with someone's politics to say that their murder is a tragedy. The assassination of Charles Kirk, the murders of Minnesota House Speaker Melissa Hortman and her husband, and the countless children lost to school shootings, are not partisan issues. These are human tragedies.

Violence against any American is violence against us all. Yet what did we hear in the immediate aftermath? We didn't have space for grace or respect for families left behind. We heard Fox News hosts declare this is a war.

Mr. Speaker, that is not what America needs right now. That instinct to weaponize tragedy betrays our humanity because political disagreements, even vast ideological differences, never justify violence.

The assassination of Charlie Kirk is a reminder of the imminent threat that having so many guns in our society poses to all of us, not just to our immediate safety, but to our freedom and our democracy. Violence cannot heal division. History teaches us that it only deepens it.

Somewhere along the way we have lost our empathy. We started debating which families deserve protection, which communities deserve safety, and which children deserve dignity. That is not who we are supposed to be.

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Empathy is not weakness. Empathy is strength, and empathy is action. It is action against the epidemic of loneliness that leaves millions disconnected and vulnerable, a crisis that fuels despair and radicalization.

We need to invest in connection in this country: in schools, in civic spaces, in mental health services, and in communities where people can see one another as human beings again.

Empathy is action against the viciousness of unchecked social media. Cruelty isn't an accident of these platforms. It is their business model.

When algorithms reward division and hate, that hate doesn't stay online. It shows up in our streets, in our schools, and in our politics.

Congress cannot keep looking away while Big Tech profits from tearing our communities apart. Empathy is action against gun violence, the fear that stalks every one of us. It stalks every school, every community, and every public gathering.

Enough with the excuses. Enough is enough.

Children's lives are worth more than the profits of gun manufacturers. We need commonsense gun safety laws, and we need funding for mental health care.

We cannot weaponize tragedy to silence dissent. When hate and fear are unleashed, then nobody is safe. Today it may be immigrants; tomorrow, transgender Americans; last week, a conservative political leader. Hate corrodes the bonds of belonging for all of us.

I am asking my colleagues: Resist the temptation to harden your hearts. Choose empathy instead. Choose courage over cruelty. Choose action over indifference.

That is because our strength as a nation will never be measured by how viciously we fight one another, but how deeply we care for one another. Let this moment of grief be a call to empathy, to decency, and to action.

#### A LETTER FROM SURVIVORS OF JEFFREY EPSTEIN AND GHISLAINE MAXWELL

(Ms. MORRISON of Minnesota was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Ms. MORRISON. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to read a letter from more than 20 survivors of Jeffrey Epstein and Ghislaine Maxwell. I implore my colleagues and all Americans to listen to their words.

Dear Members of the Republican Women's Caucus:

We write to you today with urgency, respect, and hope. Strong American women are serving in the House of Representatives, and survivors of Jeffrey Epstein and Ghislaine Maxwell's abuse need you to stand with them.

It is difficult to articulate the appreciation that we have for each member of the Democratic Women's Caucus who took the time to meet with us on September 3, 2025. Because of the intrepid leadership of Chairwoman TERRESA LEGER FERNANDEZ and the Congresswomen who gathered together to support us, we left the Capitol with dignity and resolve. We are likewise eternally grateful to Congresswomen MARJORIE TAYLOR GREENE, LAUREN BOEBERT, and NANCY MACE, as well as to Congressman THOMAS MASSIE and RO KHANNA, for taking bold steps to help us in our quest for justice. While we are at a loss for how supporting survivors or transparency could ever be seen as a "hostile act," what you are doing is not only right, it is necessary. This is not a partisan issue. It is a human issue.

Jeffrey Epstein abused hundreds of women. The United States Government itself held evidence that he had sexually abused 40 children. Some of us are those children. Any other American man would have been imprisoned for life, yet Epstein was not. Instead, he was shielded by a nonprosecution agreement that blatantly violated the rights of children, and he was set free to continue abusing women in this country for another 9 years before his death.

Our government conspired with him and, in doing so, failed to protect hundreds of girls who would never have been harmed had our government simply done its job.

Those children are now grown women. We stand together in pain and resilience, and we are asking for your help. We have a right to feel safe in this country. We have a right to know why a serial sexual predator was treated with more humanity than we have ever experienced from our own government.

You now have the chance to be on the right side of history. Unlike past administrations, you are uniquely positioned to tell us that our voices matter and that we have finally been heard. Some of us live in your districts. We look to you to represent us. We deserve for you to represent us.

We implore you to stop protecting those who enabled Epstein's crimes and instead stand firm in protecting the women and children he harmed. Stand up against abuse of power. Take action to end the silence and speculation surrounding this criminal. There should be equal protection under the laws in the United States of America. This is one country, not two. The rich and powerful should answer for their crimes the same way that everyone else does. And when they don't, we deserve to know why.

Ghislaine Maxwell was tried by a jury of her peers for the crimes that she committed, and she was convicted. That is how the American justice system works. The idea of a pardon is beyond the comprehension of the victims who mustered the courage to testify against her and should be beyond the comprehension of the American people. No one should live above the law. Ghislaine Maxwell is certainly no exception.

You may be wondering how you can help us in this fight. At least we hope that you are. As American women, please hear our voices, for yourselves, for your daughters, for women, and for the future of our country.

First, we ask that you vote in favor of the Epstein transparency act and that you help us ensure with its passing that the identities of survivors are protected and the identities of the perpetrators or enablers are not. Remind us that America is the country that we thought it was when we were little girls, before we were let down repeatedly by our own government.

Second, start with H.R. 9444 and rewrite the Crime Victims' Rights Act, as codified in 18 United States Code section 3771 to protect future generations of Americans.

Third, extend the same opportunity that the Democratic Women's Caucus did and invite us to meet with you so that we can try to convince you that we matter. We will come back to Washington. We will tell you why we matter. We will tell you why this matters.

We are not a "hoax." We are mothers, daughters, sisters, friends, and wives. We are America. We have sought justice for decades to no avail. We have been denied the basic rights that should be afforded to every American citizen time and time again. The fact that it took this long for anyone to care about us is a true American tragedy. Please stand with us, help us uncover the truth, and give us the respect and justice that we deserve. We deserve to put this chapter behind us. Americans deserve to move forward

knowing that they have rights in this country that will be enforced even in the face of power; in fact, especially in the face of power.

With hope and resolve.

Signed by more than 20 survivors of Jeffrey Epstein and Ghislaine Maxwell.

#### CHARLIE KIRK

(Ms. PETTERSEN of Colorado was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Ms. PETTERSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today following the horrific events of last week in my community and the rise of political violence nationally.

Last week I was sitting in my office in a meeting when the phone lit up. Charlie Kirk had been shot at an event in Utah. Seconds later, my phone lit up again. There was an active shooter at Evergreen High School, which is not far away from my house.

Our schools are supposed to be our safest places, and, unfortunately, that is far from a reality in the United States. What happened in Evergreen High School is every parent's worst nightmare. I felt shocked and horrified as I waited minute by minute not knowing how many lives might be taken.

I couldn't help but think: What if that had been my kids' school?

My heart breaks for the two students who continue to fight for their lives in the hospital, the parents who are at their bedside not knowing if they will ever come home again, and for the kids and the educators who will carry this trauma forever.

Throughout the day, as I went back and forth thinking about the two tragedies, the one in Evergreen and the assassination of Charlie Kirk, I couldn't stop thinking about his two kids who will have to grow up not having their dad and his wife, Erika, who lost her husband and partner.

Charlie Kirk was exercising one of the most foundational pieces of our democracy: engaging in free speech and debating his political views in a public space without being threatened or silenced, and he was targeted because of this.

Before this assassination, in April, Governor Josh Shapiro's house was set on fire, endangering his entire family. Just 2 months after that, two Democratic lawmakers, Melissa Hortman and John Hoffman, were gunned down in their homes. Tragically, Melissa died alongside her husband, Mark.

Nobody should be killed for their views. This is not how we settle our differences. I can't help but feel that we have lost our way as a country.

The radicalization and easy access to firearms has been a lethal combination that doesn't just impact one party, one State, or one community. This impacts all of us, and any one of us and our families or someone we love could be affected.

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Donald Trump doesn't take this moment to unite us as a country. Instead,

he has chosen to fan the flames. He refuses to bring us together to unequivocally denounce all of the political violence that we have faced. Instead, he has weaponized this moment and this tragedy to go after people who disagree with him.

Right now, so many of us are questioning who we are as a country and wondering how we got here. I know that we are so much better than this, and I have to have hope that our country can find its way again. We must build the future that our kids deserve, where we are safe at school, the movie theater, the grocery store, where we can go to a political rally without worrying about getting shot, and where we can disagree with the President and the political party in charge without being targeted.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues, if they continue to reel from the death of Charlie Kirk, the shooting in Evergreen, and the killing of Melissa Hortman and her husband, are you going to stand by while someone's father, someone's son, and someone simply exercising their right as an American continue to get gunned down while our kids get shot in classrooms?

We face a choice at this moment, and I personally ask you to join me in actually doing something about it. Let's choose a future where we keep guns out of the hands of people who are a danger to themselves or others, working together on bipartisan solutions that are overwhelmingly supported by both parties and by our voters in our districts.

Let's choose a future where our kids come home safe from school and where we don't continue to lose countless innocent lives.

When is it enough?

#### RECESS

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

Accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 21 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. MESSMER) at noon.

#### PRAYER

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

As we draw near to You, O God, may we do so with sincere hearts, with minds free of distractions, and with souls willing to receive Your guidance.

And when, in our personal inventory of our worthiness to stand here before You, we discover our consciences are tainted by guilt, cleanse us of all unrighteousness. When our character has

proven to have betrayed us, wipe the slate clean of our sins and inspire us to live lives of integrity.

Then, having been purified by Your mercy, absolved by Your pardon, may we claim the full assurance that faith in You provides. In the face of all that happens around us, let us grasp firmly Your promises and keep moving toward the good work You would have us do.

When everything inside and around us draws battle lines, preventing us from seeking reconciliation and understanding, inspire us to bridge the divide and reach out to one another, even, and especially, to those with whom we disagree, and find a way to meet together and encourage one another as we share in the journey ahead of us this day and the days to come.

We offer ourselves and our prayers, claiming the certainty found in Your sovereign name.

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 Pennsylvania (Mr. DELUZIO) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. DELUZIO 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.

#### RECOGNIZING DERRICK VAN ORDEN

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

Mr. NEHLS. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to honor a good friend and colleague, Representative DERRICK VAN ORDEN, a former Navy SEAL, combat medic, and fellow Wisconsinite.

While traveling in Iowa, Mr. VAN ORDEN's combat training kicked in to help save an 11-year-old boy. He and his wife, Sara, were on Interstate 35 outside of Osceola when they heard a large boom. A minivan had collided with a semitruck attempting to reenter the interstate. They immediately turned around and rushed to the scene.

Upon arrival, Mr. VAN ORDEN found a young boy with severe injuries. The

young boy's calf was completely ripped apart, and he had an arterial bleed on his right wrist.

Without hesitation, Mr. VAN ORDEN pulled from his suitcase two pairs of socks, which he fashioned into makeshift tourniquets to stop the bleeding in the boy's arm and leg.

With the assistance of two other people who were at the scene, Mr. VAN ORDEN was able to cut seatbelts, a windshield wiper, and a piece of metal to make makeshift tourniquets to stop the bleeding of the young boy until the ambulance arrived.

Without the swift actions of Mr. VAN ORDEN, along with those also on the scene, the young boy probably would have died.

May the actions of Mr. VAN ORDEN and the folks who assisted in saving the young boy inspire all Americans to lend a helping hand to those in need. You truly never know how far an act of kindness, big or small, can go.

Mr. Speaker, DERRICK, Representative VAN ORDEN, is with us here. He should have a cape. He is Superman. I applaud DERRICK. Well done.

#### RECOGNIZING STEVEN COLUCCI

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

Mr. DELUZIO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the career and honorable public service of Indiana Township Police Chief Steven Colucci, who retired after 29 years on the force this summer.

Chief Colucci first put on a badge in 1996 as a part-time patrolman. He rose through the ranks of detective, sergeant, lieutenant, and eventually earned the top job as chief, where he served for over 3 years.

Chief Colucci was a mentor to many. His legacy includes training a good chunk of the current force, including the new chief, Marc Myers.

I had a chance to work directly with Chief Colucci last year in an effort to upgrade a 130-year-old railroad tunnel in the community that was falling apart and was a real public safety risk. We worked together to push the railroad to make the repairs, and I got a chance to see firsthand his dedication to his community's safety.

Chief Colucci is a true public servant. Indiana Township and western Pennsylvania were lucky to have his decades of service.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Chief Steven Colucci on his well-deserved retirement. I wish him the best in his next chapter and thank him for his service.

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#### SUPPORTING WORKING FAMILIES TAX CUTS

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

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MESSMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the massive benefits that my constituents in Indiana and all Americans will reap thanks to the passage of the working families tax cuts.

I am so pleased we are able to put hardworking taxpayer dollars back into the pockets of deserving Americans. Mr. Speaker, because of this important legislation, the critical savings they will now receive can be poured back into the economy to fuel it and get our country's fiscal health back on track.

At home in Indiana's Eighth Congressional District, more than 80,000 Hoosier families have been protected from losing half of the child tax credits. Thanks to the death tax exemption, Hoosier farmers can pass their family-owned farms down to their children without losing most of it to the IRS.

Mr. Speaker, I look forward to more opportunities to deliver tax relief and eliminate waste and fraud for my constituents so they can survive and continue raising their families in the greatest country in the world. May God bless Indiana, and may God bless America.

#### RECOGNIZING THE ONE-YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF HURRICANE HELENE

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

Ms. ROSS. Mr. Speaker, next week we will recognize the 1-year anniversary since Hurricane Helene plowed a path of destruction across western North Carolina.

In August, I had the chance to visit and hear directly from several affected communities. Time and time again, I heard the same thing. They need more Federal support, and they need it faster.

We are lucky to have the steady leadership of Governor Stein guiding the recovery effort, but the Federal Government needs to do its part, too.

Unfortunately, the Trump administration continues to slow down the Federal relief process. That is why I am calling on the President to slash the red tape that is holding back critical assistance that was appropriated last year for our State.

Mr. Speaker, Congress also has a critical role to play. We need to replenish the disaster relief fund and immediately pass Governor Stein's request for additional Helene recovery funding. We can't abandon western North Carolina.

#### NATIONAL PRISONER OF WAR/MISSING IN ACTION RECOGNITION DAY

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

Mr. BEAN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, some of our Nation's heroes never made it home. Others returned bearing the scars of captivity, both visible and unseen. Behind every prisoner of war and missing soldier is a story of sacrifice, of family left waiting, and a nation with a solemn duty to remember.

Today, I rise in honor of National Prisoner of War/Missing in Action Recognition Day to remember the more than 500,000 POWs who endured the horrors of enemy captivity. We also honor the tens of thousands still missing in action.

These patriots and their loved ones deserve more than a single day of remembrance. They deserve a permanent place of honor. That is why I have introduced legislation to designate the POW/MIA Memorial Museum at Cecil Field in northeast Florida, just outside of Jacksonville, as a national landmark.

Mr. Speaker, on this day, with grateful hearts, we, the people, reaffirm our promise to account for every missing hero. May we never forget.

#### EDESIA NUTRITION

(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 for the 42nd time to call on the Trump administration to restore lifesaving food aid for starving children. Edesia Nutrition, an organization in my district, manufactures Plumpy'Nut, a nutritional supplement that helps starving children get back to health.

Their production has been largely shut down since the Trump administration froze the program in January. I have been speaking out on this floor for months, calling on that program to be restored.

We have had an interesting challenge that we have been trying to figure out which is: When do we declare victory? I think that every day I come up here might be my last. Time after time, the Trump administration has said they will restore the program. They put in purchase orders. They put out RFPs. They have tweeted. They have posted. They have testified this program will be restarted. Yet, thousands of boxes remain stuck in a warehouse in Rhode Island, instead of getting to the children who need it.

Mr. Speaker, I will continue to speak on this floor every day until those boxes move because promises and intentions are not enough to save the lives of starving children.

#### GEORGIAN DREAM PARTY SABOTAGED TRUMP

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

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, it is revealing that the cor-

rupt Georgian Dream party of the Republic of Georgia canceled a proposed Trump Tower project in Batumi, which Donald Trump had personally announced in 2012.

Elections were rigged in Georgia last October. The illegitimate Georgian Dream party Putinist conspirator, Ivanishvili, has ridiculed Trump as a trickster. It is clear the illegitimate Georgian Dream party sabotaged President Donald Trump, while it has given its port on the Black Sea to the Chinese Communist Party.

America supports the freedom-loving Georgian people and rejects the current Georgian Dream regime. The United States House of Representatives voted 349-42 for fair elections in Georgia. The tyrannical regime is ruthlessly arresting political opposition. President Salome Zourabichvili, who is the legitimate President, is courageous as a champion for the people of Georgia.

In conclusion, God bless our troops as the global war on terrorism continues. Trump is reinstating peace through strength, revealing war criminal Putin lies, insulting and mocking Trump, as Putin invaded Poland last week with 19 drones and 100 miles, reminiscent of Stalin joining Hitler invading Poland on September 17, 1939, 86 years ago this week to kill 69,000 Poles in 5 weeks.

#### SICKLE CELL AWARENESS MONTH

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

Mr. FIGURES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge that September is Sickle Cell Awareness Month. It is a time to recognize the challenges faced by those living with this debilitating genetic disease.

This disease is one that disproportionately affects Black people who make up 90 percent of those diagnosed with this terrible condition. One person is a young man that I had the opportunity to meet down in Mobile, Alabama, my hometown. He is a 5-year-old gentleman named Dakota Williams. He a student at Council Traditional School of which I am a proud alum myself.

The only known cure for sickle cell is a bone marrow or stem cell transplant. It is risky, and it is often inaccessible, especially in certain communities. That is why urgent investment in research, treatment, and equitable care is critical.

That is why we need to pass the Sickle Cell Disease Comprehensive Care Act, introduced by my Republican colleague out of Florida, Representative NEAL DUNN. I am a proud cosponsor, and I thank him for his leadership on this issue.

We need this so we can better understand and improve how we track and understand care for patients like Dakota and so we can better identify where resources and support are most needed.

Mr. Speaker, this month and every month, we must stand with those living with sickle cell disease and fight for a future where they have hope and health.

#### MAKING HOMELESSNESS A NATIONAL PRIORITY

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

Mr. SUBRAMANYAM. Mr. Speaker, America is the richest country in the world. Yet, we have 700,000 homeless people including tens of thousands of veterans. Getting Americans housing and mental health services needs to be a national priority.

It is alarming to hear that instead of solving the problem there are some rightwing media commentators who want to execute mentally ill homeless people. I think the words they said were to just kill them. This was followed by a lackluster apology. It makes me think that maybe they meant it.

I don't think this is the position of the rightwing or the Republican Party. What this administration is doing is banning encampments with no long-term strategy and cutting funding for community services to those individuals.

Out of sight and out of mind is not a solution to homelessness. We cannot sweep homelessness and the homelessness crisis under the rug. We have been talking about violent rhetoric recently. Let's apply that to homeless people, as well.

Since these comments, there were two mass shootings at Minnesota homeless encampments. Our words do matter. We need to come together to solve the homelessness crisis in our country and not incite violence against them.

Mr. Speaker, let's work together in a bipartisan way instead of continuing that kind of rhetoric.

#### RECESS

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

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 18 minutes p.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. ROGERS of Alabama) at 12 o'clock and 45 minutes p.m.

#### PROMOTING CROSS-BORDER ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE ACT

Mr. GUTHRIE. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to House Resolution 707, I call up

the bill (H.R. 3062) to establish a more uniform, transparent, and modern process to authorize the construction, connection, operation, and maintenance of international border-crossing facilities for the import and export of oil and natural gas and the transmission of electricity, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 707, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Energy and Commerce, printed in the bill, is adopted and the bill, as amended, is considered read.

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

H.R. 3062

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

**SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

This Act may be cited as the “Promoting Cross-border Energy Infrastructure Act”.

**SEC. 2. STRENGTHENING NORTH AMERICAN ENERGY SECURITY.**

**(a) AUTHORIZATION OF CERTAIN ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS AT AN INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY OF THE UNITED STATES.—**

(1) AUTHORIZATION.—Except as provided in paragraph (3) and subsection (e), no person may construct, connect, operate, or maintain a border-crossing facility for the import or export of oil or natural gas, or the transmission of electricity, across an international border of the United States without obtaining a certificate of crossing for the border-crossing facility under this subsection.

**(2) CERTIFICATE OF CROSSING.—**

(A) REQUIREMENT.—Not later than 120 days after final action is taken, by the relevant official or agency identified under subparagraph (B), under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.) with respect to a border-crossing facility for which a person requests a certificate of crossing under this subsection, the relevant official or agency, in consultation with appropriate Federal agencies, shall issue a certificate of crossing for the border-crossing facility unless the relevant official or agency finds that the construction, connection, operation, or maintenance of the border-crossing facility is not in the public interest of the United States.

(B) RELEVANT OFFICIAL OR AGENCY.—The relevant official or agency referred to in subparagraph (A) is—

(i) the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission with respect to border-crossing facilities consisting of oil or natural gas pipelines; and

(ii) the Secretary of Energy with respect to border-crossing facilities consisting of electric transmission facilities.

(C) ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENT FOR ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION FACILITIES.—In the case of a request for a certificate of crossing for a border-crossing facility consisting of an electric transmission facility, the Secretary of Energy shall require, as a condition of issuing the certificate of crossing under subparagraph (A), that the border-crossing facility be constructed, connected, operated, or maintained consistent with all applicable policies and standards of—

(i) the Electric Reliability Organization and the applicable regional entity; and

(ii) any Regional Transmission Organization or Independent System Operator with operational or functional control over the border-crossing facility.

(3) EXCLUSIONS.—This subsection shall not apply to any construction, connection, operation, or maintenance of a border-crossing facil-

ity for the import or export of oil or natural gas, or the transmission of electricity—

(A) if the border-crossing facility is operating for such import, export, or transmission as of the date of enactment of this Act;

(B) if a Presidential permit (or similar permit) for the construction, connection, operation, or maintenance has been issued pursuant to any provision of law or Executive order; or

(C) if an application for a Presidential permit (or similar permit) for the construction, connection, operation, or maintenance is pending on the date of enactment of this Act, until the earlier of—

(i) the date on which such application is denied; or

(ii) two years after the date of enactment of this Act, if such a permit has not been issued by such date of enactment.

**(4) EFFECT OF OTHER LAWS.—**

(A) APPLICATION TO PROJECTS.—Nothing in this subsection or subsection (e) shall affect the application of any other Federal statute to a project for which a certificate of crossing for a border-crossing facility is requested under this subsection.

(B) NATURAL GAS ACT.—Nothing in this subsection or subsection (e) shall affect the requirement to obtain approval or authorization under sections 3 and 7 of the Natural Gas Act for the siting, construction, or operation of any facility to import or export natural gas.

(C) OIL PIPELINES.—Nothing in this subsection or subsection (e) shall affect the authority of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission with respect to oil pipelines under section 60502 of title 49, United States Code.

(b) IMPORTATION OR EXPORTATION OF NATURAL GAS TO CANADA AND MEXICO.—Section 3(c) of the Natural Gas Act (15 U.S.C. 717b(c)) is amended by adding at the end the following: “In the case of an application for the importation of natural gas from, or the exportation of natural gas to, Canada or Mexico, the Commission shall grant the application not later than 30 days after the date on which the Commission receives the complete application.”.

**(c) TRANSMISSION OF ELECTRIC ENERGY TO CANADA AND MEXICO.—**

(1) REPEAL OF REQUIREMENT TO SECURE ORDER.—Section 202(e) of the Federal Power Act (16 U.S.C. 824a(e)) is repealed.

**(2) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—**

(A) STATE REGULATIONS.—Section 202(f) of the Federal Power Act (16 U.S.C. 824a(f)) is amended by striking “*insofar as such State regulation does not conflict with the exercise of the Commission’s powers under or relating to subsection 202(e)*”.

(B) SEASONAL DIVERSITY ELECTRICITY EXCHANGE.—Section 602(b) of the Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act of 1978 (16 U.S.C. 824a-4(b)) is amended by striking “*the Commission has conducted hearings and made the findings required under section 202(e) of the Federal Power Act*” and all that follows through the period at the end and inserting “*the Secretary has conducted hearings and finds that the proposed transmission facilities would not impair the sufficiency of electric supply within the United States or would not impede or tend to impede the coordination in the public interest of facilities subject to the jurisdiction of the Secretary*”.

(d) NO PRESIDENTIAL PERMIT REQUIRED.—No Presidential permit (or similar permit) shall be required pursuant to any provision of law or Executive order for the construction, connection, operation, or maintenance of an oil or natural gas pipeline or electric transmission facility, or any border-crossing facility thereof.

(e) MODIFICATIONS TO EXISTING PROJECTS.—No certificate of crossing under subsection (a), or Presidential permit (or similar permit), shall be required for a modification to—

(1) an oil or natural gas pipeline or electric transmission facility that is operating for the import or export of oil or natural gas or the

transmission of electricity as of the date of enactment of this Act;

(2) an oil or natural gas pipeline or electric transmission facility for which a Presidential permit (or similar permit) has been issued pursuant to any provision of law or Executive order; or

(3) a border-crossing facility for which a certificate of crossing has previously been issued under subsection (a).

(f) PROHIBITION ON REVOCATION OF PRESIDENTIAL PERMITS.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the President may not revoke a Presidential permit (or similar permit) issued pursuant to Executive Order No. 13337 (3 U.S.C. 301 note), Executive Order No. 11423 (3 U.S.C. 301 note), Executive Order No. 12038 (42 U.S.C. 7151 note), Executive Order No. 10485 (15 U.S.C. 717b note), or any other Executive order for the construction, connection, operation, or maintenance of an oil or natural gas pipeline or electric transmission facility, or any border-crossing facility thereof, unless such revocation is authorized by an Act of Congress.

(g) EFFECTIVE DATE; RULEMAKING DEADLINES.—

(1) EFFECTIVE DATE.—Subsections (a) through (e), and the amendments made by such subsections, shall take effect on the date that is 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act.

(2) RULEMAKING DEADLINES.—Each relevant official or agency described in subsection (a)(2)(B) shall—

(A) not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, publish in the Federal Register notice of a proposed rulemaking to carry out the applicable requirements of subsection (a); and

(B) not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this Act, publish in the Federal Register a final rule to carry out the applicable requirements of subsection (a).

(h) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

(1) BORDER-CROSSING FACILITY.—The term “border-crossing facility” means the portion of an oil or natural gas pipeline or electric transmission facility that is located within 1,000 feet of the international boundary of the United States, measured from the point at which the facility crosses such boundary into the United States.

(2) MODIFICATION.—The term “modification” includes a reversal of flow direction, change in ownership, change in flow volume, addition or removal of an interconnection, or an adjustment to maintain flow (such as a reduction or increase in the number of pump or compressor stations).

(3) NATURAL GAS.—The term “natural gas” has the meaning given that term in section 2 of the Natural Gas Act (15 U.S.C. 717a).

(4) OIL.—The term “oil” means petroleum or a petroleum product.

(5) ELECTRIC RELIABILITY ORGANIZATION; REGIONAL ENTITY.—The terms “Electric Reliability Organization” and “regional entity” have the meanings given those terms in section 215 of the Federal Power Act (16 U.S.C. 824o).

(6) INDEPENDENT SYSTEM OPERATOR; REGIONAL TRANSMISSION ORGANIZATION.—The terms “Independent System Operator” and “Regional Transmission Organization” have the meanings given those terms in section 3 of the Federal Power Act (16 U.S.C. 796).

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

The gentleman from Kentucky (Mr. GUTHRIE) and the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. PALLONE) each will control 30 minutes.

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

## GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. GUTHRIE. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on H.R. 3062.

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

There was no objection.

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

Mr. Speaker, North America has grown to be an energy superpower due to the robust trade of oil, gas, and electricity. As energy demand is projected to increase in staggering numbers over the coming years, the expansion of cross-border energy infrastructure throughout this integrated market will be important.

One challenge confronting the expansion of energy trade with Mexico and Canada is that Congress has not asserted authority to establish procedures for permitting cross-border infrastructure.

Cross-border infrastructure, especially oil and natural gas pipelines and electrical transmission lines, is essential to American communities across the Nation.

Instead of a clear statutory process, a myriad of executive orders over decades have provided the legal context for permitting procedures of cross-border energy infrastructure.

Under this permitting regime that has been cobbled together, the Secretary of State has the authority to issue Presidential permits for cross-border liquid pipelines; the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, or FERC, for cross-border natural gas pipelines; and the Department of Energy for cross-border electric transmission facilities.

Unfortunately, this regime has subjected infrastructure permitting processes to the political whims of an administration, as we saw for 12 of the last 16 years under Presidents Obama and Biden. This can severely curtail America's energy.

H.R. 3062, introduced by the gentlewoman from North Dakota (Mrs. FEDORCHAK), would remedy these permitting inconsistencies by establishing a uniform process for authorizing energy infrastructure construction that crosses U.S. boundaries. Instead of the complex existing process, projects would simply be required to receive a certificate of crossing from the relevant agency for the border-crossing segment.

Nothing in this legislation alters additional permitting requirements of other statutes, like the National Environmental Policy Act or Clean Water Act.

It is past time for Congress to assert its authority and establish a modern and transparent process for cross-border energy infrastructure.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Representative FEDORCHAK for her leadership. I urge my colleagues to support this legisla-

tion, and I reserve the balance of my time.

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

Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong opposition to this trio of pro-polluter bills that we are debating today. These bills just double down on the Trump administration's commitment to raising American electricity prices by discriminating against clean, cheap energy. They prove that Republicans have never been for an all-of-the-above energy strategy and that they don't care about fixing the insanely high cost of living that is crushing families across this country right now.

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The only thing Republicans care about is making their fossil fuel friends even richer.

All of this comes a few months after Republicans passed their big, ugly bill. That law will cause Americans' utility bills to go up by about nearly \$300 per year. That is on top of the nearly \$29 billion in electricity bill rate hikes that utilities have requested just since the start of President Trump's term. All this from a President who promised to cut Americans' electricity bills in half. That is just one of President Trump's broken promises.

President Trump and House Republicans also claim to care about China, particularly about beating China in the artificial intelligence race. That requires getting as much power on to the grid as quickly as possible, but the big, ugly bill will do the opposite. It will instead cause electricity capacity to decrease by more than 2½ times the size of the entire Midwestern electric grid, and Trump's law will render the United States unable to meet growing power demand or to compete with China.

All this doesn't factor in the enormous toll that Trump's tariffs will take on America's energy bills. A recent analysis found that Trump's tariffs will cost your average American family \$2,300 each year. That is \$2,300 that families need to pay rent, to buy groceries, and to afford clothes and school supplies for their kids. Trump decided to make everything more expensive, even the energy we buy.

The inconvenient truth that Republicans don't want to acknowledge is that clean energy can compete with fossil fuels. They don't like that. They are trying to put their thumb on the scale, and that is where this week's bills come into play.

The first bill we are discussing right now, H.R. 3062, the cross-border energy bill, was first proposed way back in 2013 to respond to the energy politics of the 2010s. It is simply irrelevant in this day and age. The Keystone Pipeline has been dead for 4 years. The Canadians are not interested in building energy infrastructure connecting our two nations thanks to Trump's tariffs, yet this bill would gut the Federal Government's ability to review the environmental impact of oil and gas pipelines that cross into Canada and Mexico.

Currently, the Federal Government reviews the entirety of a cross-border oil pipeline, but under this bill, the review would be limited to only 1,000 feet crossing the border. There would be virtually no Federal review for natural gas pipelines running from Texas to Mexico. This will make it easier to export American natural gas to liquid natural gas facilities in Mexico, which, again, will drive up utility prices here at home in the United States.

Finally, the bill creates a massive loophole allowing any existing cross-border facility to expand without any review whatsoever. A pipeline could be expanded by 10 times, dramatically increasing its environmental impact, and there would still be no review.

If Republicans want to get serious about permitting reform, they need to work with Democrats to advance policies that will fix the way we permit and plan our Nation's grid.

Later today, we are going to consider another bill, H.R. 3015, that would reestablish the National Coal Council, something that Energy Secretary Wright has already done. Instead of using floor time on anything important, like maybe trying to fix the affordability crisis that is strangling middle-class America, Republicans are wasting time passing a bill to do something that has already happened.

Then after that, the third bill, H.R. 1047, the GRID Power Act, would require the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to allow electric grid operators to prioritize connecting fossil fuel plants to the grid over connecting clean energy power plants to the grid.

Now, this is just another way Republicans are tipping the scales toward fossil fuels over wind and solar energy.

Taken together, Mr. Speaker, these three bills will only continue to raise America's energy bills and, in some cases, do so while also removing the guardrails that keep our communities safe and healthy.

Mr. Speaker, I strongly urge opposition to all three bills, including the one we are debating right now, and I reserve the balance of my time.

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

Mr. Speaker, before I introduce my next speaker, I will make clear that tariffs don't affect these products. USMCA-qualifying products, which is crude oil, natural gas, refined petroleum products, and biofuels, are tariff-free. Additionally, this legislation does not remove permitting requirements. All environmental and regulatory reviews of this infrastructure would continue. It is not accurate to say that we would go around any of the qualifying. The other side talks about us tipping the scales toward fossil fuel energy and dispatchable power, but theirs tips the scale toward wind and solar. I think we need all of the above, but when you say we are going to subsidize a more expensive power, that doesn't make power cheaper. Maybe in the short-term, but certainly not in the long run, and that is where we need to focus.

We do need to work together, as he said, to make sure we can do permit reform and produce the energy this country needs for AI and other things.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 5 minutes to the gentlewoman from North Dakota (Mrs. FEDORCHAK), my good friend and the sponsor of this bill and a viable member of the Energy and Commerce Committee.

Mrs. FEDORCHAK. Mr. Speaker, I thank Chairman GUTHRIE for his leadership on this issue, on all energy issues, and for the entire Energy and Commerce Committee. He provides the exact type of leadership we need at this time in our country.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of my bill, the Promoting Cross-Border Energy Infrastructure Act and in strong opposition to what my colleague from New Jersey just said about this bill, much of which is just simply not true.

Energy is the foundation of everything we do. It powers our homes, fuels our farms, and drives our economy. If we want to stay a global leader, we must build the pipelines and power lines that move energy from where it is produced to where it is needed. That is much more challenging than it needs to be under current law in our country. I know many of my colleagues across the aisle want to change that through permitting reform. My legislation begins to address that and is a step in the right direction.

This bill is about strengthening American energy security, protecting good-paying jobs, and restoring common sense to a process bogged down by bureaucratic delays and partisan politics.

For far too long, energy developers have faced an outdated and unpredictable permitting process that has delayed and even canceled critical infrastructure projects, costing taxpayers millions of dollars, and weakening American energy security.

Right now, if you want to build a pipeline or a power transmission line between the U.S. and Canada or the U.S. and Mexico, you are stuck navigating a patchwork of executive orders, undefined agency processes, and shifting political winds. That is no way to build long-term infrastructure in our country.

We need a cross-border permitting process that is transparent, predictable, and durable, a process that can't be undone with the stroke of a pen. The Keystone XL Pipeline should have been a wake-up call. It would have carried 800,000 barrels of oil each day from Canada to refineries in the Midwest and Texas. It would have meant real opportunity for North Dakota communities: more jobs, more tax revenue, and more energy produced for the entire Nation.

After a decade of delays, protests, and litigation, Keystone XL was finally approved in 2017 by President Trump, but on day one of the Biden administration, that permit was canceled. It wasn't canceled because the project

wasn't needed or because it wasn't safe, but to appease radical activists.

With that single decision, the Biden administration cost the U.S. more than \$3 billion in GDP and thousands of jobs, including many in my State of North Dakota.

This uncertainty has created a chilling effect on investment in the infrastructure we desperately need for American energy dominance.

That is why I introduced the Promoting Cross-Border Energy Infrastructure Act. This legislation will help fix this problem. This bill requires Congress to approve the reversal of a cross-border project, no more unilateral decisions based on politics.

This bill would also replace the outdated Presidential permitting process with a clear statutory framework: the certificate of crossing.

This process will be overseen by FERC for oil and gas projects and by the Department of Energy for electricity. It establishes firm timelines for reviewing applications and puts subject matter experts, not politicians, in charge of decisions.

By creating a consistent statutory framework that protects all existing requirements and environmental reviews, we can provide the regulatory certainty energy developers need to invest, hire, and build. Most importantly, this strengthens America's role as a global energy leader.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this bill and stand with American energy dominance.

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Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as she may consume to the gentlewoman from Florida (Ms. CASTOR), the ranking member of our Energy Subcommittee.

Ms. CASTOR of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from New Jersey for yielding the time.

Mr. Speaker, here we are 9 months into the Trump administration and Republicans in Congress, despite their promises, have done nothing to lower energy costs. In fact, costs keep going up, up, and up, and the GOP policies are making it worse. I have to say that Americans deserve a whole lot better.

We understand that the impact of the big, ugly bill passed a couple months ago is going to raise the cost of living on hardworking families across the country. There has been a lot of attention on healthcare costs in the State of Florida because the Republicans would not reinstate the cost-saving and life-saving tax credits. Millions of Floridians, like many more across America, are facing higher healthcare costs.

What wasn't covered as much in the big, ugly bill and its impact is what it is going to do to drive up people's electric bill. Already, this year, household electricity prices are up 10 percent. One in three households is cutting back on necessities, like groceries, to afford their energy bills.

Three in four Americans are concerned with their utility bills increas-

ing, and they should be because at least 102 gas and electric utilities have either raised or proposed higher rates that will go into effect next year.

Here is the proof. Here is a report from September of this year: "Residents in at Least 41 States and Washington, D.C., Are Facing Increased Electric and Natural Gas Bills."

"Utilities are increasing prices for customers across the country." Including all the way through to 2028, monthly residential bill impacts are going to be rough.

Here is another from PowerLines from July 2025: "'Utility bills are rising,' Q2 2025 Update."

"Utility rate increases requested and approved totaled \$9 billion in Q2 2025 and \$29 billion in the first half of 2025, making 2025 a record year for utility rate increases."

In my home State of Florida, the largest power provider has requested the largest rate hike in history—\$10 billion for most of the counties in the State.

Here is an article I will submit for the RECORD from this month from the Energy & Policy Institute: "Key decisions loom in Florida Power and Light's historic bid to raise rates by \$10 billion."

I include the links to these three items in the RECORD:

[Https://powerlines.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/0709\\_PowerLines\\_Rising-Utility-Bills-Q2-Update-2.pdf](Https://powerlines.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/0709_PowerLines_Rising-Utility-Bills-Q2-Update-2.pdf)

<Https://energyandpolicy.org/key-decisions-loom-in-fpl-historic-bid-to-raise-rates>

<Https://www.americanprogress.org/article/residents-in-at-least-41-states-and-washington-d-c-are-facing-increased-electric-and-natural-gas-bills>

Mr. Speaker, the big, ugly bill is having a very harsh impact on the bottom lines of hardworking families, and now Republicans want to offer a package of bills that is going to make it worse, add insult to injury.

They just can't stop providing solace for polluters. They have already gutted a lot of the tools that make energy more affordable, like clean energy tax credits, like trying to save on energy efficiency and things like that. However, what also adds insult to injury is—and I don't know why, but if Republicans are talking about they believe in fairness, they believe in permitting, they believe that we need all of the power generation we possibly can make, why do they stand idly by while the Trump administration wages war on a clean energy power source? Many of them are already permitted and constructed.

In April, the administration issued a stop-work order for the Empire Wind offshore wind project surrounding New York. Even though the order was lifted in May, that delay cost the developer \$955 million.

The President is actively trying to revoke permits for the Revolution Wind project, which was fully permitted and 80 percent complete, supporting more than 2,500 U.S. jobs across

construction, operations, shipbuilding, manufacturing. The project was just steps away from powering more than 350,000 homes in Rhode Island and Connecticut, but now that is at risk, so they are facing much higher bills.

Just last week, the Interior Department asked a judge to cancel approval of the Maryland Offshore Wind project, a project over a decade in the making that had received all of its final permits from multiple Federal agencies and was expected to power over 700,000 homes.

This just doesn't make sense to bring a package of bills and say: Oh, we are really concerned. They are not concerned. Rates are going up. They are canceling projects. They are throwing wrenches into cleaner, cheaper energy. This is really a giveaway to the fossil fuel companies. What other explanation can there be to sock it to hard-working people who need a break?

They need a break. Groceries are too high. Their healthcare is being taken away, and now they are raising the rates of their utility bills.

Mr. Speaker, I am all for cutting red tape, but what is happening here is detrimental to the folks we represent back home. It is not fair. It is not right. We need to do everything we can. These bills, this bill doesn't meet the moment. It is going to keep electricity bills going up, up, and up. I urge my colleagues to vote against this bill and get back to work on serious solutions for people's pocketbooks.

Mr. GUTHRIE. Mr. Speaker, I yield 5 minutes to the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. ALLEN), a member of the Energy and Commerce Committee and the vice chair of our Communications and Technology Subcommittee.

Mr. ALLEN. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman, our chairman, for yielding this time. I rise today in support of H.R. 3062, the Promoting Cross-Border Energy Infrastructure Act.

Mr. Speaker, our hardworking energy developers need a clear framework to expand America's energy footprint, not more bureaucracy and uncertainty.

My colleague talked about energy prices. Well, just look at the gas pump. I mean, the gas pump is down substantially.

Here is the problem: With your baseload energy production, the past administration threw it into total chaos because we know that baseload is the only way that we can reliably produce the electricity and the demand in the future that we are going to need to expand this economy.

I mean, we are in a race in AI with China. We have to produce more electricity. There was a war on baseload electricity, an absolute war. These people did not know if they were going to survive this war. Here is the deal: If you don't provide more baseload, your price is going to go up. We have to grow baseload in this country. The only way to reduce energy prices is competition and more energy.

Every Member in this Chamber and the American people have witnessed

the drastic consequence of this antidomestic energy policy championed by the previous administration, which led to record-high gas prices, severe job loss, and dependence on foreign oil.

We have to fix this. We have a solution. You have got to fix these problems. I mean, I am really tired of having to fix all the problems that they created. We have got to do this if we are going to survive this thing.

Under this House majority and administration, it is just no longer the American way. We promised the American people energy dominance. We had that just 6 years ago. Can you imagine? We were energy dominant. We set the price of a barrel of oil just 6 years ago.

What happened?

The bill before us today is a necessary, much-needed solution to ensure in the future we do not face the brunt of reckless executive actions like the cancellation of the Keystone XL pipeline.

We have already heard about the horrible results of that, including the amount of money that was put forward, and now the developer is not going forward. That project would have provided a safe and reliable way to transport energy resources between the United States and our neighbor to the north, Canada. It would have created tens of thousands of jobs, as my colleague earlier said, strengthening our energy security and generating billions of revenue to boost economic growth.

Don't listen to this chatter out here. Talk to the folks in the energy business. Let's give this back to the people in the energy business. They know how to produce energy. They are in business to produce energy. They know we have to have baseload.

I am for all-in energy. Let's do it all. I think every one of us, we have to have more energy.

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All of this progress that we made was cut short by the stroke of a pen just 4 years ago, leading the developer to abandon the XL pipeline, as I mentioned earlier. We cannot allow that to happen again.

H.R. 3062 would require the President to receive congressional approval before revoking any previously issued permits related to the construction, connection, operation, or maintenance of oil or natural gas pipelines. We cannot let an administration put us in this position ever again.

It would also streamline the permitting process for projects that connect U.S. energy resources with international markets, establishing a clear regulatory framework so energy developers can tackle projects with confidence and certainty.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to have supported the Promoting Cross-Border Energy Infrastructure Act in the Energy and Commerce Committee and look forward to getting it passed by the full House. I strongly urge a "yes" vote.

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as she may consume to the gentlewoman from Virginia (Ms. McCLELLAN), who is a member of the committee.

Ms. McCLELLAN. Mr. Speaker, I thank Ranking Member PALLONE for the time.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong opposition to H.R. 3062, the Promoting Cross-border Energy Infrastructure Act.

My concern is that this bill is going to be bad for our national security interests, in addition to leading to rising costs that will ultimately harm consumers.

Currently, the State Department must sign off on all cross-border energy pipelines and power lines. However, this bill would remove that requirement so that FERC and the Department of Energy would have the final say on pipelines and power lines, respectively.

While FERC and DOE could consult with other appropriate Federal agencies, such consultation is optional.

If there is a disagreement between the State Department and the Department of Energy or the State Department and FERC, this bill says that our national security and diplomatic interests will take a back seat, and at the end of the day, FERC and DOE will make the final call on critical decisions that could impact international relations and national security issues.

It is disconcerting to hear my colleagues on the other side of the aisle call national security and diplomatic interests political, as the committees of jurisdiction have traditionally taken great pains to keep politics out of those agencies. More importantly, FERC and DOE simply are not equipped to have the final say on national security and diplomatic decisions.

As we have heard, this bill could also drive up costs for consumers at a time when many Americans are already facing rising costs and struggling to make ends meet.

It will allow modifications to projects without any need for a permit or environmental review. This means a developer can radically expand a cross-border pipeline without any Federal review.

It also specifically curtails the Federal review for pipelines from Texas to Mexico that carry natural gas to Mexican LNG facilities.

These provisions would facilitate increasing LNG exports, which have been shown to drive up prices for American consumers.

Mr. Speaker, for the sake of our consumers, our national security interests, and the future of our planet, I urge my colleagues to vote "no" on H.R. 3062.

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

Mr. Speaker, I want to say that this does not replace any need for permits, so the idea that there would be no environmental review or any review for a

cross-border project approved by FERC or the State Department is just not accurate. That is not what the bill does.

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

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

Mr. Speaker, I want to comment on what the gentleman from Georgia said. I know he is not here. I don't like to comment on people when they are not here, but I am not really being critical personally, just substantively.

The gentleman from Georgia and my colleagues on the other side keep talking about how they are going to use this legislation to address another pipeline from Canada. References were made to Keystone. Keystone is dead.

There is no reason to believe in any way that the Canadians are looking to work with us to build a pipeline and export more fossil fuels to the United States. Right now, we barely have a relationship with Canada because of the tariffs.

The fact of the matter is that there is a tariff on Canadian exports. The bottom line, I guess, is the only way that we could get Canada to maybe send us more oil or gas is if we did what President Trump says and annex them and make them the 51st State. I am not an advocate for that. I don't think that is going to happen.

It is unrealistic right now to talk about any kind of additional oil or gas coming to the United States through a Canadian pipeline. That is just not going to happen.

What I think is really happening here is that there is going to be an effort, because of the way the bill reads, to double, triple, or even 10 times the amount of gas that would go from the United States to Mexico, because the bill doesn't have any review with regard to that. If you have an existing pipeline, you can just double, triple, or quadruple it, or whatever, and send American gas to Mexico, where it is going to be made into LNG and shipped throughout the world.

That is only going to increase our gas prices here in the United States. That is what is going to happen here.

Again, we on the Democratic side have been stressing the fact that when it comes to energy prices, they are going through the roof. The Republicans don't seem to care at all about dealing with the issue. All they want to do is make it possible for more of our gas to go abroad.

The way this bill is tailored, there would be basically no review, other than, I think, for 1,000 feet, or something, into the other country. The suggestion that somehow there is still going to be some significant review here before these pipelines are permitted is simply not the case, based on what this legislation says.

Mr. Speaker, for all of these reasons, I ask my colleagues to vote in opposition to this bill.

I will talk more about the two that are following, but the same is true:

They are not helpful to Americans. They are going to increase energy prices. They are another indication that the Trump administration and House Republicans don't care at all about the increased costs of energy for the American consumer.

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

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

Mr. Speaker, I appreciate the opportunity to be here and be here with my friend. Hopefully, we are going to be able to work on a lot of issues because we do care about the cost of electricity. I know they know we care about the cost of electricity.

If the Keystone pipeline is not going to happen, which by Presidential fiat didn't happen, we have to worry about future situations when we are in Congress. We don't just legislate about the past. We have to legislate for the future as well, and this is important.

Also, I am a big believer that we have to continue to have economic development and growth, and work in a fair way to make sure our products are being traded fairly as well with Canada and Mexico. This is an opportunity to do so.

In America, the one thing we have is ample natural gas. As a matter of fact, the price of gas is historically low now because of the oil development in the Permian Basin. An offshoot of it is natural gas. Because it has driven the price of gas so low, we have ample natural gas.

What we need to do and really need to work on—hopefully, we can work on together—is if you want to lower the price of electricity, which I assume we all do, is that the way you do that is by taking the natural gas that we have, converting it to electrons, and transmitting it out so people can have access to the electricity.

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Mr. Speaker, that is where the expense is, not being able to permit, to move. To create electrons and then to move them is an expense, as well, as much as it is permitting the pipelines that we are talking about.

We are in a battle of our time. We are in a battle where we can choose to follow the regulatory state of Europe. We can't out-regulate Europe. We need to out-innovate China.

Mr. Speaker, this is the beginning of a series of bills. Hopefully, we can find a series of bills we can work on together. It needs to be all of us, together, focused on defeating China in terms of delivering the energy we need to do so. I encourage my colleagues to vote for this bill, and I thank Representative FEDORCHAK for bringing it forward.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. FINE). All time for debate has expired.

Pursuant to House Resolution 707, the previous question is ordered on the bill, as amended.

The question is on the engrossment and third reading of the bill.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, and was read the third time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on passage of the bill.

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

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

The yeas and nays were ordered.

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

#### NATIONAL COAL COUNCIL REESTABLISHMENT ACT

Mr. GUTHRIE. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to House Resolution 707, I call up the bill (H.R. 3015) to reestablish the National Coal Council in the Department of Energy to provide advice and recommendations to the Secretary of Energy on matters related to coal and the coal industry, and for other purposes, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 707, any amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Energy and Commerce, printed in the bill, would be adopted. There being none, the bill is considered read.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 3015

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

#### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "National Coal Council Reestablishment Act".

#### SEC. 2. NATIONAL COAL COUNCIL.

(a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of Energy shall reestablish in the Department of Energy the National Coal Council, in accordance with the charter for the National Coal Council that was in effect on November 19, 2021.

(b) APPLICABILITY OF THE FEDERAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ACT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Subject to paragraph (2), chapter 10 of title 5, United States Code, (commonly referred to as the "Federal Advisory Committee Act") and section 552b(c) of title 5, United States Code, shall apply to the National Coal Council.

(2) TERMINATION.—Section 1013 of title 5, United States Code, shall not apply to the National Coal Council.

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

The gentleman from Kentucky (Mr. GUTHRIE) and the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. PALLONE) each will control 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Kentucky.

#### GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. GUTHRIE. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members

may have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on H.R. 3015.

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

There was no objection.

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

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the National Coal Council Reestablishment Act, introduced by my colleague from Ohio's Sixth District (Mr. RULLI).

This legislation would codify the National Coal Council, an important advisory committee that had aided our Federal Government for 37 years with expertise and technical reports on all matters affecting the coal industry and its workers.

The reestablishment of the National Coal Council couldn't come at a better time. It is no secret that our energy demands are rising. If the demand isn't met with sufficient supply, we risk ceding leadership in the next-generation economy to China, while raising costs on American households along the way.

We are seeing the demand for reliable electricity affect nearly every industry. At the end of the day, electricity policy is technology policy, and electricity policy is manufacturing policy.

There is one source of reliable electricity that has been powering American industry for many years. Coal-powered generation is a key baseload resource that even today can protect against upward price pressures and provide the right type of energy to fuel American innovation and the next-generation industries.

Unfortunately, the previous administration sought to deliberately undermine the financial viability of coal while subsidizing preferred sources like wind, solar, and batteries.

Instead of regulating one industry and subsidizing another to make it competitive, we need to get back to making things affordable in the first place.

The National Coal Council plays a critical role in developing a cohesive national energy strategy that will unleash American energy dominance to lower costs for hardworking households.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support H.R. 3015, and I reserve the balance of my time.

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

Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to H.R. 3015. This bill would require the Department of Energy to reestablish the National Coal Council, something that President Trump already did 3 months ago.

It goes further than that. House Republicans don't just want to reestablish the National Coal Council. They want it to play by different rules than the 27 other advisory councils that the Department of Energy maintains by making it permanent.

Of course, they offer no justification as to why this council and only this council is special. There isn't one.

I also want to point out that among DOE's other 27 advisory councils, not a single one is focused on clean energy. There is no solar council, no wind council, no battery council, and not even a geothermal energy council. All of those could be very useful.

Instead of using their floor time to prompt the Department to develop a council for some of our cheaper, cleaner energy, Republicans are focused on giving coal special treatment. Frankly, it is ridiculous. I think it is a waste of time.

Mr. Speaker, the country is in turmoil. We are facing a national healthcare crisis. Republicans are actively taking healthcare away from millions of Americans. Meanwhile, millions more are about to watch their healthcare premiums skyrocket and their local hospitals close, not to mention the astronomical cost of living that is rising more and more each day, thanks to Trump's tariffs.

Rather than addressing one of these real crises, Republicans have us wasting time on a bill that would order the DOE to do something it has already done.

Republicans could be using the floor time to ensure millions of Americans don't get priced out of their healthcare plans. They are not doing that.

Republicans could use floor time to rein in Trump's tariffs, which are projected to cost hardworking families thousands of dollars each year. They are not going to do that.

Republicans could use floor time to pass an energy policy that would bring electricity bills down. Clearly, they are not doing that.

The reason is simple. Republicans care more about signaling their love of coal than they care about fighting for hardworking families struggling to make ends meet. They don't care about the hardworking families who are trying to make ends meet. They are just signaling that they love coal.

That is particularly shameful when we consider coal consumption has declined by nearly two-thirds since its peak in 2007. Instead of celebrating the newer sources of cleaner and cheaper energy, Republicans are frantically trying to turn back the clock and ignore Americans' pleas for real and meaningful help in the process.

Mr. Speaker, I urge opposition to this bill and to this massive waste of time. It is completely meaningless. I hope they will do something else.

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

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

Mr. Speaker, we are absolutely concerned about families making ends meet through cheaper electricity. There are also hardworking families in my Commonwealth of Kentucky who work in the coal industry and have been really hurt by the policies that came out of the prior administration.

This has been reinstated by the Trump Presidency. This ensures a fu-

ture President can't again undo what we experienced in the last 4 years. That is the difference in where we are. That is why it is important that we are doing it.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 5 minutes to the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. RULLI), the sponsor of this legislation. He is a new member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and I am proud to have him on the committee.

Mr. RULLI. Mr. Speaker, I thank Chair LATTA for his leadership, and I rise in support of H.R. 3015, the National Coal Council Reestablishment Act.

Mr. Speaker, for decades, the National Coal Council was a powerful voice for coal and a timeless champion for American workers and American communities. Coal fueled the factories, powered our homes, and helped build the greatest economy this world has ever known. It is ridiculous to neglect this.

I feel today is a Paul Revere moment, where we are calling to everyone to realize that the meltdown is coming. What I mean by that is the grid is going to melt down. Simply, all one has to do is go back in time three Christmases ago, when the American grid pretty much was hours away from melting down.

Mr. Speaker, look at California and Texas. Look at the meltdowns that have happened there. The grid is not stable.

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The grid needs to be redone, and every coal plant that I toured in Ohio said three Christmases ago, the call was: We need more generated power, and we need it right now, and there was no more to give.

All we have to do is look at is the opposition party wants to celebrate the European Union, and what does the European Union do?

They look for power from countries like Russia, like China, and like India to use their coal-powered, generated plants to support their grid. However, in America, we cannot wait to put coal factories out of business. Just like in my district, with the Sammis factory, Joe Biden couldn't wait to celebrate putting 800 jobs in the garbage and putting our grid at jeopardy.

Paul Revere would be turning in his grave if he saw the jeopardy that these people are putting our country through by putting the grid up against the wall.

We have to take into consideration what could come in the future. I do want to take a moment, and I want to thank President Trump and his executive order that he knows that this bipartisan committee for coal was established over the last 30 years, and it was a bipartisan approach to make sure that national security, which is our grid, because if our grid melts down, there is no security.

Particular to my district, I have seven or eight investors who, right now, want to invest in new coal. They

want to make sure that the artificial intelligence companies and the data mining companies come to Ohio. However, if there is no energy, then nobody is coming to Ohio.

Today, more than ever, let's worry about national security, let's worry that we can keep these lights on, and let's worry that this grid is protected for our grandchildren who are not even born yet, so when they say that this is a meaningless bill, it couldn't be further from the truth.

This is the bill for national security. This is the bill that President Trump signed into executive order. Today is the day that we codify this into law.

Mr. Speaker, I urge all my colleagues today to have a "yes" vote.

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, once again, I yield such time as she may consume to the gentlewoman from Florida (Ms. CASTOR), who is our ranking member of the Energy Subcommittee.

Ms. CASTOR of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I thank the ranking member for yielding the time.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to H.R. 3015.

This bears repeating again: Here we are, 9 months into the new administration and a new Congress, and Republicans have not brought one bill to the floor of the House that will help tackle the cost-of-living squeeze and the affordability crisis.

Folks back home really need help. They are paying more on their groceries despite all the promises, more on their electricity, and now are facing huge increases to the cost of healthcare. It is really not fair.

Now, let's get back to household electricity. Prices are up 10 percent this year. One in three households is cutting back on basic necessities just to pay their rising electric bill. People are very concerned, and they should be, because over 100 gas and electric utilities are proposing higher rates this year.

Mr. Speaker, you know very well that we are grappling in Florida where the largest utility has requested what looks like the largest rate increase in the history of the country. I hear my good friend, the chairman of the committee, talk about this. They care a lot about consumer costs, but their rhetoric does not match their record.

Example number one is the big, ugly bill. I will offer for the RECORD an analysis by Energy Innovation of the big, ugly bill where they say, "The bill will reduce additions of new cost-effective electricity capacity, raising power prices for consumers, and decreasing U.S. GDP . . ." which will hamper development of domestic electricity generation capacity, and by 2035, we forecast a 340 gigawatt decrease in generation capacity due to the bill. As a result, this bill will make it more expensive to meet growing demand in the next 5 critical years in the global artificial intelligence race damaging U.S. competitiveness.

Mr. Speaker, the links for this analysis and two other analyses are as follows:

<Https://energyinnovation.org/wp-content/uploads/One-Big-Beautiful-Bill-Senate-Reconciliation-Analysis-July-2025.pdf>

[Https://earthjustice.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/08/grid-strategies\\_cost-of-federal-mandates-to-retain-fossil-burning-power-plants.pdf](Https://earthjustice.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/08/grid-strategies_cost-of-federal-mandates-to-retain-fossil-burning-power-plants.pdf)

<Https://energyinnovation.org/wp-content/uploads/Coal-Cost-Update.pdf>

Mr. Speaker, we cannot win the AI race of the 21st century with energy policies from the 20th century. Not only is it bad policy, but it is soul crushingly expensive to do so.

Hardworking American families are just looking up here to Washington and saying: Can you all please focus on solutions and not cater to the polluters and the folks who have all too much power here in the Halls of Congress? It is not fair.

This bill is an example of not only is it a waste of time, because here is the secret: This bill is asking for a coal council. I think the ranking member already went to it. The President has already established a coal council, so we don't really even need that.

The real impact is going to be on the bottom line, and let's look at one example of why this is going to cost everybody more. In May, just days before the J.H. Campbell coal-fired power plant was set to close, the Trump administration issued a last-minute order to force the plant to stay open.

We won't even talk about how the Trump administration has pulled permits of fully permitted and almost fully constructed offshore wind projects. We will put that aside. However, to keep the Campbell plant open, the administration cited a so-called grid reliability emergency, but they produced no actual evidence of any kind of emergency. Since their order, the Department hasn't appointed to a single instance where the plant was needed to keep the lights on.

Remember, Mr. Speaker, nobody was asking for this. The company that owns and runs the plant wanted to close it and shift to a mix of energy sources. The plant is losing money, and the administration is now forcing the company to spend nearly \$1 million a day to keep it open.

Who will pay the cost of that?

It will be these families across the Midwest, and the Trump administration looks to force the old, uneconomical fossil fuel plants to continue operating past their plan retirement dates nationwide. We estimate that this looks like the cost to the consumer could reach \$3 billion a year by 2028.

People can't afford that, and they don't deserve that. Don't forget, Mr. Speaker, the big, ugly bill. If you add what they are doing by enforcing uneconomical plants to stay online so consumers pay the cost, with the big, ugly bill, you are taking away clean energy incentives, cheaper and cheaper energy, and you are asking consumers to pay the cost of what utilities are.

Everyone is grappling with these arbitrary Trump tariffs.

This is not fair, and Republicans say we need to keep coal plants online so that the so-called dispatchable resources to meet growing electricity demands will help with the artificial intelligence race with China. However, they are clearly confused about the difference between reliable and dispatchable power. Reliability is not just about being dispatchable. It is about delivering performance under stress.

Here is the truth: Coal-fired power plants are not reliable. They are inflexible. They are outdated. It is outdated technology that actually threatens grid reliability and resilience.

Most of our coal fleet was built in the 1970s and eighties, and years of use has led to a rise in unplanned outages. PJM has capacity accreditation of coal plants at just 83 percent. The Colstrip Coal Mine in Montana is accredited at only 54 percent. That means it is effectively unavailable nearly one-half of the time that it is needed.

As noted by the North American Electric Reliability Corporation, large voltage-sensitive loads like data centers require flexible, responsible grid solutions, not slow-ramping generators that can take up to 12 or more hours to come online. Coal plants are inherently inflexible, and that worsens grid congestion. By forcing coal plants to stay online, we are occupying our limited transmission capacity with inflexible generation. That prevents cheaper and cleaner resources from being delivered.

This is a real concern. Independent market monitors in the Midwest have found that congestion-related market distortions have cost customers over \$1 billion a year.

That is not fair. This is the United States of America. We are about innovation. We are about modern technology. We are not about looking backwards. If Republicans were serious about meeting energy demand and keeping customer bills low, empowering artificial intelligence, then they would look to real solutions, energy efficiency, virtual power plants, grid-enhancing technologies, batteries, and more.

However, Mr. Speaker, if you keep looking backwards, then we simply will not be able to meet the moment and meet the growing demand that is forecast.

American businesses should not be left holding the bag with higher bills because the majority refuses to march forward in the 21st century on what we need to do on power production and tapping the great innovators across this country.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to vote against this very costly bill. This entire package is another cost raiser for families back home that they don't deserve. Please vote "no."

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

Mr. Speaker, I just want to say that over the next decade, we are going to

need 152 gigawatts of power. A gigawatt of power is about what is needed to power the city of Seattle, so 152 Seattles over the next decade is what is estimated.

We are also slated to close 112 gigawatts of power, so we need 152 gigawatts of power in the next decade. It takes years to get any project approved. Hopefully we can speed that up through permitting reform that hopefully we all can work on. However, when you need that much power and you have existing power, then why take it offline?

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My understanding—I have had a couple of people bring this coal plant up that was just mentioned—is that the grid needed it for the summer because they were afraid they were not going to have enough power to get through the summer. It wasn't just that the Federal Government forced them to keep it open. The Federal Government allowed them to keep it open.

The first thing we can do to help our fight against China—that is what it is all about. We know either we have the scaling data centers here, or China is going to dominate. That is the only choice.

Europe can't do it. We know what happens if you overregulate and don't produce the energy. That is a good example right there from Europe.

We know we need the power or we are going to lose the great battle of our time of who is going to control AI and supercomputing, eventually quantum computing.

The very first thing we can do to really bridge that power gap is not take power offline. I think it is reasonable to do. I think it is the right thing to do, and I think that it is absolutely what we should do.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 5 minutes to the gentlewoman from Wyoming (Ms. HAGEMAN).

Ms. HAGEMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 3015, the National Coal Council Reestablishment Act.

I have often said that coal is the energy of the future, and under the leadership of President Trump and this Congress, coal is rightfully back in favor in Washington, D.C.

Coal produced 16 percent of the electricity in this country last year, and it is one of the most reliable and affordable forms of energy that we have. It is imperative that we increase domestic production in order to meet our ever-increasing demand.

My home State of Wyoming is responsible for about 40 percent of the Nation's coal, producing 191 million tons of coal and shipping 171 million tons to 26 different States in 2024.

It is estimated that Wyoming has more than 165 billion tons of economically recoverable coal with over 1.4 trillion tons of total coal reserves.

Power demand is expected to increase by nearly 21 percent by 2030, and the AI

sector will need 50 gigawatts of new electric capacity by 2028. Producing coal is the only way to meet this demand.

Federal policy must be designed to meet these new challenges, which is why reestablishing the National Coal Council within the Department of Energy is more important than ever.

Unfortunately, this longstanding Federal advisory committee was shuttered by the Biden administration in response to lawsuits filed by the very environmentalist NGOs spearheading the full-scale campaign against coal.

My colleague on the other side decries the cost of energy and states that it is because of coal and policies from the Republicans that are causing that increase. The increase in the cost of energy is solely the responsibility of the Democrats and their failed policies. They are the ones that have caused the increase in the electric rates by requiring the electric companies to include unreliable and unaffordable energy resources in their mix.

While they claim coal is an energy of the past, clearly that is not the case. Coal-fired power plants are the most reliable and cost-effective form of available energy that we have.

I will just give one example near Colorado Springs. The coal-fired power plant is approximately 300 acres in size. Across the highway is a solar field that is approximately 1,500 acres. The coal-fired power plant is 80 percent efficient. The solar field is approximately 20 percent efficient. The coal-fired power plant produces more than double the energy and the electricity that the solar field produces.

Luckily, the Trump administration restored the council in June of this year, and I applaud the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. RULLI) for offering this bill to reaffirm President Trump's actions.

We need more coal, not less. But coal policy can be complex. Coal production falls within the jurisdiction of numerous oversight agencies, and it is governed by a series of mining and energy laws, regulatory agencies, and permitting requirements.

The National Coal Council will provide much-needed expertise, advice, and guidance related to effective coal policies.

An example of the council's importance can be found in the report that it issued in 2018 titled: "Advancing U.S. Coal Exports."

Although environmental NGOs have worked to reduce domestic coal production and use, our allies in Asia have an increasing demand for coal, confirming that export markets present a significant opportunity for States like Wyoming.

I again thank Mr. RULLI for his sponsorship and Chairman GUTHRIE for his committee leadership promoting strong energy policies.

Mr. Speaker, I urge all my colleagues to support this bill and to support the coal industry.

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as she may consume to the

gentlewoman from California (Ms. MATSUI), who is the ranking member of our Subcommittee on Communications and Technology.

Ms. MATSUI. Mr. Speaker, I thank the ranking member for yielding me time.

I rise today to speak in opposition to H.R. 3015. Coal is the dirtiest form of energy and also one of the most expensive.

Coal-fired power plants spew toxic pollutants into the air, including sulfur dioxide, mercury, lead, soot, and arsenic. These pollutants are disastrous for human health, causing neurological damage, lung cancer, and even premature death.

No one wants to breathe this stuff. That is why we closed all of the coal plants in California. You might remember acid rain. That was caused by coal plants. Acid rain didn't magically go away. We put in place regulations that limited basic toxic pollutants from coal, and that is what stopped acid rain.

The Trump administration even acknowledges this. Secretary Kennedy has spent his career railing against the coal energy and its pollution.

The Trump administration's "Make America Healthy Again" report celebrates the progress we have made in reducing toxic air pollution, progress we made in part by regulating coal mines.

However, now President Trump and Republicans are rolling back regulations on coal plants, preventing old coal plants from retiring and reestablishing the National Coal Council. They even gave a tax break to coal mining.

It is not just dangerous. It is expensive. Coal power is now 28 percent more expensive than it was just 4 years ago. In fact, it is often cheaper to build an entirely new solar power plant than it is just to keep a coal plant running. That is why nearly 800 coal power plants have been retired in the last 25 years. They are just too expensive, and we have cheaper, cleaner options.

I really thought that President Trump and Republicans campaigned on lowering costs. Well, more coal power means higher electric bills. I don't know about you, but I think Americans are already paying too much for electricity.

Once again, Republicans are selling out their own constituents to boost the profits of big, polluting corporations.

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

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

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Kentucky (Mr. McGARVEY).

Mr. McGARVEY. Mr. Speaker, I thank the chairman of the Committee on Energy and Commerce. This is my first time to publicly congratulate him on the House floor on assuming the chairmanship of the Energy and Commerce Committee.

What I can tell you about Mr. GUTHRIE, having known him for a long time, is he has always acted and led with civility, kindness, and respect, going all the way back to the time in the State Senate in Kentucky.

I have never served a day of my life in the majority. It might go without saying I was sort of hoping that Mr. PALLONE would be the chairman this year. But if the chairman of the Energy and Commerce Committee can't sit on this side of the House, I am certainly glad it is a gentleman from Kentucky.

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Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to this bill not just because it is a waste of our time. It is also a wasted opportunity to, for once, do something for coal miners instead of coal companies.

As Ranking Member PALLONE said, the President has already reestablished the National Coal Council. It is a waste of our time to focus on something that already exists just days before the government runs out of funding and mere weeks before people receive notice of their health insurance premiums going up by thousands of dollars next year, unless the House Republicans extend healthcare tax credits for working families.

Most importantly, it is a wasted opportunity to spend 1 hour of precious floor time in service of Republicans' obsession with removing coal from the ground while doing nothing for the men and women who work the mines.

The House has not spent 1 minute debating an increase in black lung benefits. Current levels are totally inadequate to cover the cost of living for miners with black lung or their survivors after their death.

The House has not spent 1 minute on improving the long-term solvency of the Black Lung Disability Trust Fund.

The House has not spent 1 minute on the Trump administration's efforts to delay the life- and limb-saving proximity and silica dust rules. These are delays which the United Mine Workers of America president has called "a death sentence for more miners."

The House has not spent 1 single minute on stopping Trump's cuts to the Coal Workers' Health Surveillance Program, the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health's black lung research programs, or black lung screenings. These are cuts that are taking place at a moment when this disease is killing coal miners at the highest rates this century.

The Republicans have made clear that they are for coal, but I am for the men and women who mine the coal: the coal miners. We must do better for them.

Mr. Speaker, I urge a "no" vote.

Mr. GUTHRIE. Mr. Speaker, I have no further speakers, and I reserve the balance of my time.

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

Mr. Speaker, I have heard my colleagues on the other side talk about

how long it takes to bring energy plants or energy sources online. I have heard about the suggestion that the Democrats are trying to close fossil fuel plants.

President Trump is a President who, in the 8 months now since he has been President, has proceeded to try to cut off almost any source of clean energy. Just a few weeks ago, he announced that he was going to stop the offshore wind projects that were over 90 percent constructed in Rhode Island. He has done the same throughout the eastern seaboard.

I think it was the gentleman from Kentucky (Mr. GUTHRIE) who said that it takes a long time to build these energy facilities, and either the gentleman or one of the other Republicans today said that Republicans favor all of the above, which means that the majority favors fossil fuels, would like to see clean energy, and would like to see nuclear energy, presumably.

Mr. Speaker, that is not what we are getting. That is not what we are getting from the Trump administration. That is not what we are getting with these bills. Everything favors fossil fuels. Every effort is being made by this President to cut off clean energy, not only windmills but also solar, et cetera.

The bottom line is that everything is being done to prioritize dirty fuels, in particular, whether it is coal, oil, or whatever it is, at the expense of clean energy.

Clean energy is cheaper. Even if my colleagues didn't believe that, we need more energy, regardless of the source. Why would Republicans want to just cut off offshore windmills in Rhode Island that are over 90 percent complete? It makes no sense unless they are trying to favor the oil and gas and the fossil fuel interests.

Mr. Speaker, Republicans say that they want to save the coal industry. Secretary Wright recently implied that he doesn't want a single fossil fuel plant to close.

This is ridiculous for several reasons, the most important being that keeping these plants open is more expensive than building new sources of clean energy. The proof is really in the pudding here. The Trump Department of Energy recently forced two fossil fuel plants that were days away from retiring to remain open and is directly forcing homeowners hundreds of miles away from these plants to pay to keep the plants online.

The Consumers coal plant in Michigan was slated to close and save Michigan residents \$600 million on their power bills, but Donald Trump pulled the rug out from everyone and, instead, is increasing families' power bills.

The administration pulled the same trick with the Eddystone oil and gas plant in Pennsylvania, where two units that were nearly 60 years old were set to expire. Pennsylvania's grid operator determined that taking the plants out of service would not impact grid reli-

ability, but President Trump didn't care. The Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission chairman noted that "the price tag for consumers could grow quickly."

Consumers aren't getting a say in this process. President Trump dictates that a coal plant stays online, and homeowners have to pay for it.

A recent study by Grid Strategies found that, if the administration refused to let a single fossil fuel plant close, Americans would be on the hook for \$6 billion per year and increased costs by the end of the Trump administration.

Republicans' obsession with coal is going to cost Americans billions of dollars and pollute our air and water for nothing except some additional cash for Republicans' friends in the coal industry. It is really a rotten deal for the average American.

Mr. Speaker, I also want to say in opposition to this bill that Republicans claim that the National Coal Council is so important that it demands floor time in the House of Representatives, even though the President has already reestablished it. We could be passing legislation to lower energy costs or avoid a spike in health insurance premiums instead.

If Republicans believed that the National Coal Council is such a priority, then surely the Trump administration does, as well. Yet, the Trump administration has let the National Coal Council languish for 3 months. They reestablished it back in June. It hasn't met. No one has been appointed to lead the council. Remember, those positions don't require a Senate confirmation or even consultation with the Office of Presidential Personnel.

There are no meetings scheduled. It should at least have some members if Republicans think that it is important. Unfortunately, none of those things has happened.

If you look on the website for the National Coal Council, it says that all of this is coming soon: members, meetings, or whatever. That is like the neighborhood coffee shop not quite ready to open to visitors. They put up a "coming soon" sign.

The reality is that all of this is a charade. Republicans can try to sell to donors that they are rescuing the coal industry, but in fact, they are doing nothing, not even with the National Coal Council.

It is not like it was that great under the previous Trump administration, either. The National Coal Council operated in the previous Trump administration as some kind of bizarre organization that was intertwined with a trade association that went by the same name, funded by private contributions from companies that made up the real government coal council.

It got so bad that a Federal judge found that the shadowy trade association was the alter ego of the real coal council, with no clear lines of separation between the Federal entity and its mirror image.

Official Coal Council events were funded by the trade association. At a meeting of the government's Coal Council, a speaker called upon members to become dues-paying members of the trade association.

You can't make this stuff up. You really can't. This idea that the National Coal Council will be important and that anyone really cares about it is just a joke. The Trump administration obviously doesn't think the National Coal Council is important. The last time it existed, it didn't even seem to do anything.

I don't understand the point of advancing a bill to reconstitute it without adding guardrails to prohibit the mixing of industry priorities with legitimate research. This is what the court pointed out to us.

I only mention these things because I am trying to emphasize that this bill is a complete waste of time and a disservice to our constituents that we are even here talking about it.

Mr. Speaker, I urge opposition to the bill, and I yield back the balance of my time.

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

Mr. Speaker, I thank my friend, Congressman RULLI, for sponsoring this legislation. It is important. We don't want this to be unestablished. I know it is getting reestablished.

The reason President Trump is having to reestablish it and it is coming soon is because it got unestablished. That is what we are trying to prevent in the future.

Mr. Speaker, I wish the gentleman from Kentucky (Mr. McGARVEY), my friend and colleague, were still here because I would thank the gentleman for the kind words. He is a good friend with kind words.

I will say that I wish that he were in here just a couple of years ago when he said we haven't spent 1 minute or any time helping the coal miners. There are more retired union coal miners in Kentucky and the surrounding areas than there are current coal miners. Their entire pension system and their healthcare system were based on a time when there were always new people coming in and fewer people going out.

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It is upside down now. If my friend had been here, he would have seen in the Longworth Cafeteria or the Rayburn Cafeteria, day in and day out, people with their coal hats on, their miner hats on, their shirts, and a lot of them from Kentucky saying, what am I going to do? This is something I had depended on.

I will tell you, we all worked on it. I will have to say that his constituent, our colleague on the other side of the bill and the leader at the time, Leader McCANNELL, took that as his issue. I will tell you, if you ask any coal miner, retired coal miner in Kentucky with a pension, a union benefit, retired union

benefit, they will tell you who spent time on that issue, who was the leader on that issue.

Leader McCANNELL used to go around Kentucky when he was campaigning and say things like, Kentucky punches above its weight, and we absolutely did on that. He threw the right punch on that.

Our retired union coal miners have the benefits they have today because in an omnibus or spending bill—I can't remember, probably both together—he put in a provision that preserved their benefits.

When you say we hadn't spent a minute on it, maybe he is talking about right now, but I can tell you we have here in this Congress, the leader absolutely did, and I commend him for that.

Mr. Speaker, I urge support of this bill, and I yield back the balance of my time.

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

Pursuant to House Resolution 707, the previous question is ordered on the bill.

The question is on the engrossment and third reading of the bill.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, and was read the third time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on passage of the bill.

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

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

The yeas and nays were ordered.

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

#### GUARANTEEING RELIABILITY THROUGH THE INTERCONNECTION OF DISPATCHABLE POWER ACT

Mr. GUTHRIE. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to House Resolution 707, I call up the bill (H.R. 1047) to require the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to reform the interconnection queue process for the prioritization and approval of certain projects, and for other purposes, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. MORAN). Pursuant to House Resolution 707, in lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Energy and Commerce printed in the bill, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 119-9 is adopted, and the bill, as amended, is considered read.

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

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

#### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

*This Act may be cited as the "Guaranteeing Reliability through the Interconnection of*

*Dispatchable Power Act" or the "GRID Power Act".*

#### SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.

*In this Act:*

**(1) BULK-POWER SYSTEM.**—The term "bulk-power system" has the meaning given the term in section 215(a) of the Federal Power Act (16 U.S.C. 824o(a)).

**(2) COMMISSION.**—The term "Commission" means the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

**(3) DISPATCHABLE POWER.**—The term "dispatchable power" means an electric energy generation resource capable of providing known and forecastable electric supply in time intervals necessary to ensure grid reliability.

**(4) GRID RELIABILITY.**—The term "grid reliability" means the ability of the electric grid to deliver an adequate, secure, and stable flow of electricity in the quantity and with the quality demanded by users, taking into account the ability of the bulk-power system to withstand sudden disturbances.

**(5) GRID RESILIENCE.**—The term "grid resilience" means the ability of the electric grid to adapt to changing physical conditions and withstand and rapidly recover from significant disturbances, including natural disasters, cyber-attacks, and other unforeseen events.

**(6) INDEPENDENT SYSTEM OPERATOR.**—The term "Independent System Operator" has the meaning given the term in section 3 of the Federal Power Act (16 U.S.C. 796).

**(7) REGIONAL TRANSMISSION ORGANIZATION.**—The term "Regional Transmission Organization" has the meaning given the term in section 3 of the Federal Power Act (16 U.S.C. 796).

**(8) RESOURCE ADEQUACY.**—The term "resource adequacy" means the ability of the electric system to meet the aggregate electrical demand and energy requirements of end-use customers at all times, accounting for scheduled and reasonably expected unscheduled outages of bulk-power system components.

**(9) TRANSMISSION PROVIDER.**—The term "transmission provider" means

*(A) a public utility (as defined in section 201(e) of the Federal Power Act (16 U.S.C. 824(e))) that owns, operates, or controls 1 or more transmission facilities;*

*(B) an Independent System Operator; and*

*(C) a Regional Transmission Organization.*

#### SEC. 3. RULEMAKING TO IMPROVE INTERCONNECTION QUEUE FLEXIBILITY.

**(a) IN GENERAL.**—Not later than 90 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Commission shall initiate a rulemaking—

*(1) to address the inefficiencies and ineffectiveness of existing procedures for processing interconnection requests to ensure that new dispatchable power projects that improve grid reliability and resource adequacy can interconnect to the electric grid quickly, cost-effectively, and reliably; and*

*(2) to amend the pro forma Large Generator Interconnection Procedures and, as appropriate, the pro forma Large Generator Interconnection Agreement, promulgated pursuant to section 35.28(f) of title 18, Code of Federal Regulations (or successor regulations)—*

*(A) to authorize transmission providers to submit proposals to the Commission to adjust the interconnection queue of the transmission provider to prioritize new dispatchable power projects that will improve grid reliability and resource adequacy by assigning those projects higher positions in the interconnection queue; and*

*(B) to require transmission providers—*

*(i) to provide in any proposal described in subparagraph (A)—*

*(I) a demonstration of need for prioritization of the relevant projects; and*

*(II) a description of how the prioritization of those projects will improve grid reliability or grid resilience;*

*(ii) to provide a process for public comment and stakeholder engagement before a proposal*

described in subparagraph (A) is submitted to the Commission; and

(iii) to provide regular reporting to the Commission on the state of grid reliability and grid resilience, including reporting on any actions taken pursuant to this Act.

(b) COMMISSION APPROVAL.—To ensure timely responses to grid reliability concerns, not later than 60 days after a proposal is submitted pursuant to subsection (a)(2), the Commission shall—

- (1) review the proposal; and
- (2) approve or deny the proposal.

(c) DEADLINE FOR FINAL RULE.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Commission shall promulgate final regulations to complete the rulemaking initiated under subsection (a).

(d) PERIODIC REVIEW.—Not less frequently than once every 5 years, the Commission shall review and, if necessary, update the regulations promulgated under this section to ensure that those regulations remain effective and relevant to evolving grid reliability and grid resilience challenges.

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

The gentleman from Kentucky (Mr. GUTHRIE) and the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. PALLONE) each will control 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Kentucky.

#### GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. GUTHRIE. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks and insert extraneous material on H.R. 1047.

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

There was no objection.

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

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 1047, the GRID Power Act, sponsored by my colleague, Representative TROY BALDERSON of Ohio's 12th District.

This legislation would ensure that grid operators have the tools they need to secure the reliability of the electricity grid in the event there is a capacity shortfall.

Across two-thirds of the country, grid operators are charged with ensuring that the lights stay on when you flip a switch. Reliability isn't a luxury. It is a critical necessity to our way of life and one of the reasons our economy is the greatest in the world.

Unfortunately, decisions made by the last administration favoring intermittent, unreliable sources, often at the expense of on-demand, dispatchable resources like fossil fuels, have made the grid operators' jobs nearly impossible.

We know that baseload and dispatchable power resources provide the essential reliability services necessary to maintain the stability of the electric system at an affordable price. This legislation provides a pathway for grid operators to bring these resources online quickly if there is a demonstrated need.

Importantly, this bill does not alter the existing interconnection process and will work in tandem with reforms made in FERC order number 2023 to alleviate some of the backlogs we have witnessed over the past several years.

If we fail to build the dispatchable resources needed to power next-generation industries, we will cede American leadership on the world stage to Communist regimes such as China and raise costs on consumers along the way.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support the legislation as it will make our grid more reliable and lower America's electricity bills.

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

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

Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to this bill.

After their big, ugly bill made energy more expensive for American families already struggling to make ends meet, Republicans are attempting to finish the job by further continuing their nonsensical attack on clean energy.

This bill would aim to make it harder to hook clean power up to the electric grid and would remove safeguards intended to ensure that the entities in charge of our power grid can't discriminate against clean energy.

While the regulatory processes that power grid operators use to hook power plants up to the grid does not make for riveting television time, it is still very important, especially at a time when power demand is rising and we must get more clean energy onto the electric grid.

If you listen to Republicans, they will tell you that the main point of this bill is to allow grid operators to prioritize resources they can get on the grid as quickly as possible, yet they are conveniently ignoring the fact that grid operators can already do that.

This isn't some hypothetical power. Grid operators from the mid-Atlantic, the Midwest, and the Great Plains have this year all made tweaks to the processes they use to hook power plants up to the grid.

In reality, the point of this bill, in my opinion, is to prioritize fossil fuel plants by allowing them to jump to the front of the line ahead of wind, solar, and battery storage.

This is really preposterous when you consider that 94 percent of proposed power generation waiting to be interconnected is zero-carbon clean energy.

Republicans want grid operators to be able to discriminate against renewable power, continuing Trump's war against clean, cheap energy, and Republicans are trying to kill off the only realistic source of electricity growth and of our Nation. That is clean energy. There is nothing here more complicated than that. That is what they are trying to do, kill clean energy.

It is a real shame because we do need to find ways to add more energy to the grid. Prices have skyrocketed in my home State of New Jersey, largely be-

cause of decisions that the PJM, our grid operator, made 5 to 10 years ago that created a clogged queue for power plants waiting to hook up to the grid.

It has been a disaster.

While recent rules from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission have helped, we have to do more. Instead of focusing on picking winners and losers in the interconnection queue, we should focus instead on speeding up the processing of the entire queue so power plants can get online as quickly as possible because we need more power from all sources.

We should focus on making it easier to build the necessary grid infrastructure upgrades so power can get online. We should do it all in a way that is fair to American families paying the bills.

This bill does none of that. It simply gives a fast pass to Big Oil and Gas, and I urge my colleagues to oppose the bill.

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

Mr. GUTHRIE. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. BALDERSON), my good friend and sponsor of this legislation, who is a leader on the Energy and Commerce Committee.

Mr. BALDERSON. Mr. Speaker, I thank the chairman for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of my bill, the GRID Power Act.

This legislation is critical to ensure our Nation has the dispatchable baseload power needed to meet historic demand growth and guarantee that the lights turn on when our constituents flip the switch.

PJM, the largest grid operator in the Nation and sole grid operator for my home State of Ohio, has announced that they expect to lose about 40 gigawatts of generation by 2030. That is 21 percent of PJM's total capacity, and new power generation is not coming online quickly enough to offset the risk posed by retiring resources.

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Between 2022 and 2023 alone, PJM saw over 11,000 megawatts of generation deactivated while only adding 4,000 megawatts of new generation to the grid. It doesn't take an expert to see that retiring power plants outpacing new generation is a problem.

This is especially concerning for my district and central Ohio, which has become a national hub for data center construction. These new facilities are at the heart of powering the AI revolution, but we must now figure out how we can power them while ensuring our constituents have access to reliable and affordable energy.

We saw how close we were to power scarcity in Ohio over the summer, as utilities warned Ohio residents to reduce energy power during peak demand to help prevent rolling power outages. Ohio families should not have to face a power emergency for running their air conditioning.

We have the natural resources needed. We have the ability to build more

power generation. This is clearly a public policy failure, and we can fix it by addressing the broken interconnection process.

Interconnection queues are lists maintained by transmission system operators—such as independent system operators, regional transmission organizations, or transmission providers—that track pending requests for new generation facilities to connect to the grid.

Right now, our Nation's interconnection queues are buckling under their own weight. The growing backlog of projects is adding years to an already slow process and prevents shovel-ready projects from being built and connected.

According to the Lawrence Berkeley National Lab, almost 2,600 gigawatts of generation projects are sitting in interconnection queues across the country. That is more than double the amount of the existing generation currently on the grid. The median wait time for projects has now stretched to 5 years.

With demand growth accelerating and retirements mounting in Ohio and across the country, we cannot afford to wait 5 years or more, and we certainly cannot afford to keep delaying critical projects.

The GRID Power Act addresses this by requiring FERC to develop rules that allow grid operators to fast-track critical generation needed to ensure reliability and meet demand, bypassing the years-long wait in the interconnection queue.

The bill also promotes transparency by requiring that grid operators provide opportunities for public comment and stakeholder engagement before submitting proposals to FERC. Operators must also provide regular reports to FERC on the state of grid reliability and actions taken under this bill.

Finally, FERC must review and, if necessary, update its regulations to ensure they remain effective in addressing evolving challenges to grid reliability and resiliency.

Let me be clear: This bill is fuel-neutral. Nowhere in the text does it single out fossil fuels or renewables. Instead, it establishes a process to fast-track projects based on their ability to enhance the reliability and resiliency of the electric grid.

As we face a looming electricity shortfall, we must recognize that weather-dependent, intermittent resources alone cannot meet the challenge. Grid operators across the Nation have been clear over the last several years that we need more dispatchable power to come online to protect us from rolling blackouts.

If we want to keep American businesses running and ensure uninterrupted power for our constituents, we must fix the broken interconnection queue.

I urge all of my colleagues to support this commonsense bill that equips our grid operators with the tools they need to do their job. I would like to end by

thanking Chairman GUTHRIE, Subcommittee Chairman LATTA, and the Energy and Commerce Committee staff for all their hard work in getting this bill to the floor.

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as she may consume to the gentlewoman from Florida (Ms. CASTOR), the ranking member of our Energy Subcommittee.

Ms. CASTOR of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I thank the ranking member for yielding the time.

I rise in opposition to H.R. 1047. It is a bill that will give polluting gas plants an unfair and costly shortcut to the electric grid while doing nothing to protect working families from rising energy costs.

This is an unfortunate theme this Congress. Despite the promises of the President and my Republican colleagues in Congress, they haven't brought any bill that will help address the affordability squeeze. Right now, as we debate this package of energy bills, there is a big discussion going on about the Republican budget that is coming to the floor likely tomorrow, and Democrats are here to say we are going to fight to protect Americans' pocketbooks. We want lower costs.

We know the impact of the big, ugly bill was to raise healthcare costs and to raise energy bills. It is really time that the average working American get a break for a change. We want to cancel the cuts of the ACA. The Affordable Care Act tax credits are a pathway to affordability and lifesaving care, and it appears that the Republicans are going to refuse to reinstate those tax credits. We want to fight to lower costs, to protect Medicaid, to save healthcare. This is the larger context of this debate on energy bills, as well.

This bill is a good example. You can peer into Congress and say, okay, who is fighting for me. This GRID Power Act is unnecessary. What has been happening is that cleaner, cheaper sources of energy are waiting to come onto the grid, and the Trump administration and Republicans in Congress now are throwing up as many barriers as possible because they are on the side of the polluters.

You can see, we had a coal bill. This is a gas bill. What about the cleaner, cheaper energy that is waiting right now to come onto the queue? They are throwing barriers up to getting those cost savings to hardworking families. This does nothing to ensure a reliable grid, which is so vitally important at a time of more extreme events.

The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission has the power already to approve changes to the interconnection queue process. That is a funny term for how we bring sources of energy onto the grid, this disjointed grid across the country. FERC can prioritize what power sources come onto the grid when it deems necessary. You don't need to give an unfair costly shortcut to gas plants.

These kind of decisions on how we are going to power our lives and con-

nect resources to the grid, these are very complex decisions, and you want robust analysis. You want an independent FERC fully staffed with experts to make these decisions in partnership with local grid operators, clearly, because FERC already has the authority to do a lot of this as long as it is supported by evidence.

This Republican bill says: Forget the evidence. We are just going to give this fast-pass to gas companies. It allows them to cut in line, and that is unfair. What they should be doing is speeding the cleaner, cheaper resources to the grid, giving them a fair shot to do it.

We had a committee meeting in the Energy Subcommittee this week, and we had the acting general counsel from the Department of Energy appear before us. Just to show you the fast-pass that polluters and gas companies are getting, we asked him about the Energy Secretary's trip overseas to try to sell more natural gas from Americans. I asked him: Well, have you done any analysis on this to show that that is not going to raise costs on American ratepayers and consumers?

He said: No, not that I know of.

If you keep pushing exports of our energy resources, what happens to the costs for hardworking families here, and what happens to domestic businesses as those resources go elsewhere, as well?

One of FERC's responsibilities is to keep prices affordable. That is made possible by competition. You want this resource to be as resource neutral as much as possible. If you don't believe in neutrality, what you are going to do? You are going to stifle American innovation and entrepreneurship.

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When you talk about reliability, it isn't a description of an individual generator, but rather it is an attribute that applies to the entire grid across the country. It is not a given that additional dispatchable resources aid reliability themselves. You have to rely on a mix of generation, different fuels, and wires to make sure everyone can get the power they need all the time.

When you put your finger on the scale of a certain power source and then put barriers to others, especially cleaner, cheaper sources, that is just a recipe for higher costs for businesses and consumers alike.

When this bill came before our committee, I had an answer to a lot of this dysfunction about how we expedite resources to the grid. My amendment said that for any projects that are prioritized in the interconnection queue by this bill, if you are going to expedite them, then we want to see proof that they are coming online within 4 years.

My Republican colleagues didn't want to shine the light on the gas plants that can't come online in 4 years, and they all voted down my amendment.

If they are genuinely concerned about meeting demand growth in the

next 4 years and genuinely believe that gas is going to do that, they could have agreed to this amendment, but everyone voted it down.

Here is the dirty little secret that everyone in the energy industry knows right now, but Republicans are glossing over: There is a critical shortage of gas turbines. That means the cost of gas plants is already facing inflationary pressures. Those inflationary pressures, who are they passed on to? They are passed on to consumers back home, to hardworking American families. If you haven't ordered your gas turbine now, you are not getting it this decade.

The only way we are going to meet growing electricity demand in the next few years is through cleaner, cheaper power that is waiting to come onto the grid—wind, batteries, distributed energy sources, demand response, grid-enhancing technologies, and other solutions.

This is an incoherent energy policy from the Trump administration. You say you want more power. We need more power. We have AI data centers, but let's kill the offshore wind projects. Let's create barriers to getting sources of energy onto the grid that are ready to come onto the grid, and let's make life more expensive for hardworking people because we are going to say, no, only gas plants get that fast pass, but we don't have the turbines and the infrastructure to get them on the grid.

That is incoherent. That means that it is going to be costly, and that is the last thing that our neighbors need back home. They want people working together on solutions.

Ripping healthcare away, making healthcare coverage more expensive, and making electric bills more expensive, all of these policies are unpopular. I wish we could get back to working together on real solutions for the American people. I believe they need relief from the cost of living, and we should be working together to get there.

Mr. Speaker, let's reject this bill and get back to working on those solutions together.

Mr. GUTHRIE. Mr. Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. WITTMAN), who is a good friend of mine and a leader in Congress in energy policies and national security policies and a member of the Committee on Armed Services.

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong support of H.R. 1047, the GRID Power Act.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Representative BALDERSON for leading on this bill and Energy and Commerce Chair BRETT GUTHRIE and his staff for their incredible work on this. I thank the chairman for all of his efforts to make sure that we have the energy grid that we need for the future.

Mr. Speaker, we know where the demands are coming from. We know that we have to have the additional high-

performance data capability if we are going to lead in artificial intelligence. We know we are in a race with China. We know that, for the future of this Nation, for the future of our children, we want to make sure that we are on the right path. We know that we will use AI for the right purposes. I don't think anybody believes that China is going to use AI for the right purposes.

Across the First Congressional District in the Commonwealth of Virginia, I hear from my constituents about the rising costs of energy, whether it is at the gas pump or their power bills.

I am proud to cosponsor this bill, H.R. 1047, because policies like this ensure a supply of reliable, affordable electricity generation. In turn, we want to do everything we can to lower costs for American households while providing necessary energy.

We have challenges now. The demand is going to increase precipitously in the years to come. How do we make sure we meet that demand? How do we make sure we have not just the generation sources in place but also the transmission systems that work together to make sure that we are working against any sort of large-scale failure scenarios that make a problem for us in the long term? We have to address those problems now.

To achieve this, we have to give our regional transmission organizations and our independent systems operators the necessary authority to prioritize projects that increase interconnectivity, to make sure these systems interconnect so that if there is a problem somewhere, we can bring power back in.

That is what makes our grid today so incredibly important. If there is a breakdown in transmission somewhere, we can find other ways to bring power to people's homes. If there is a breakdown there with generation, we can find other ways to bring power to people's homes, bring power to people's businesses. That is why maintaining and increasing that reliability in the future is key.

Resiliency in that grid is key, too. How do we do that? We make sure that we do even more to empower the decisionmakers to have maximum flexibility to make sure that they can put new improvements to our grid in place to make sure that every bit of power generation capacity and every bit of transmission capacity is ensured so that it gets power to the consumer, to our families, and to our businesses. They rely on that.

We know the interruption that it has. If you have power that goes out at your home or power that goes out at your business, that is a major inconvenience and, in some instances, a major interruption in your business. It can be a major safety factor, too, for families that rely on that power for things that are critical to people's well-being at their homes.

We have to make sure that we are doing everything we can to make this

happen. By expediting the resources necessary to advance this reliability, increase the reliability, and increase the resiliency in the grid, we know that this legislation will help achieve that.

We know that this will help us unleash American energy production in vast, new, improved ways. Again, modernize the grid and increase reliability. Those things are key.

We want to make sure that we are doing that because that brings down the cost of living and brings down the cost of power. When things are more reliable, we have more opportunities to provide power in many different ways. That brings down costs. This bill will allow us to do that.

It also helps us restore American energy dominance, where we are using all of the above. We want to use every asset at our avail, both our energy itself, with what we produce there on the grid, and the transmission within the grid.

We know that this is key for our working families and our small businesses. That is the foundation of strong communities, and it starts with making sure that we have a grid that has maximum reliability and maximum resilience. This bill achieves that.

In closing, I urge all of my colleagues to support this bill.

Mr. Speaker, again, I thank Chairman GUTHRIE for his leadership and Representative BALDERSON for introducing this bill.

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

Mr. Speaker, the Energy and Commerce Committee has jurisdiction over a number of issues, including energy, but we also have jurisdiction over the FCC. Beyond that, this House, in my opinion, and the Members of this House have an obligation to guarantee free speech in our democracy at all times.

Yesterday, FCC Chairman Carr used his position to launch a swift and decisive campaign to remove Jimmy Kimmel from the Nation's airwaves.

Let's not kid ourselves about what happened. President Trump has been openly trying to get Jimmy Kimmel fired since his first term. Press reports detail White House staff calls to Disney as far back as 2018 to complain about Kimmel's jokes, but now, President Trump has a willing partner at the FCC with Chairman Carr.

An agency that once prized its independence is now overtly being used as the personal speech police of the President of the United States, a cudgel against dissent.

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Mr. Speaker, Chairman Carr issued a public threat to Disney, ABC. He said: "We can do this the easy way or the hard way. These companies can find ways to change conduct and take action, frankly, on Kimmel, or there is going to be additional work for the FCC ahead."

Given that the FCC licenses all ABC stations, both stations owned and operated by Disney and third-party-owned

ABC affiliates, this threat carried real weight. Licenses can be revoked by the agency, wrecking a company.

The threat sparked Nexstar and Sinclair, two affiliate owners, to preempt Kimmel's show from the ABC programming stream and leaving Disney with no other choice but to suspend Jimmy Kimmel indefinitely. It is no surprise that these affiliate companies also seek regulatory favor from the FCC.

Mr. Speaker, there was a time when my colleagues on the other side of the aisle would be outraged by this government overreach. They would not condone this assault on free speech. There was a time when companies, particularly American broadcasters, would hold the line and assert their constitutional rights for all of us.

Apparently, that time is over. It is a dark day indeed. We need to be clear about two things: One, all Jimmy Kimmel did was speak. Two, it is not freedom when a private company decides to shut down speech to avoid punishment from the government.

That needs to end now, and that means that Chairman Carr should resign. I urge my colleagues to keep in mind that the First Amendment is the most important amendment and probably the most important part of our Constitution to guarantee free speech.

Not only does this need to end now, but we have to continue to speak out when we see violations of free speech, both by the President, by the FCC, or by anyone else, frankly, who we have jurisdiction over. I feel very strongly about this, but I do want to go back to the energy issue in the bill that is before us today.

Mr. Speaker, my friends on the other side of the aisle claim they are for all of the above. I have heard that over and over again from the Republicans. They are for all of the above with regard to energy consumption.

The bills today show that is simply not true. It is not accurate when they say that. I have to thank Secretary of Energy Chris Wright for being honest about this. At a Committee on Energy and Commerce hearing in June, he was very blunt. He said: "These companies can find ways to change conduct and take action, frankly, on Kimmel, or there is going to be additional work for the FCC ahead."

Mr. Speaker, there we have it. The Trump administration is staunchly against all of the above. That makes sense because their actions at least match their rhetoric. They are doing everything they can to put their thumb on the scale for dirty energy and cancel every clean energy project they possibly can, no matter how helpful it might be to keep electricity bills down or keep the lights on.

We have a duty to ensure that our power grid can keep the lights on. Even if Republicans don't like to admit it, that means adding clean energy to the grid. It is the quickest source of energy to add to the grid, given the current multiyear gas turbine shortage.

Grid reliability regulators have been clear that renewable energy and batteries were critical in allowing the grid to endure multiple heat waves this summer. That is why Texas added more solar and wind energy to their power grid than any other State in the country in the wake of the blackouts during Winter Storm Uri 4 years ago. Solar and wind helps keep the lights on.

Unfortunately, Republicans seem uninterested in acknowledging the basic reality that solar and wind, partnered with batteries, can be an essential part of a reliable power grid. Instead, they have done everything they can to increase the costs for these technologies and make it harder to add clean energy to the grid.

Mr. Speaker, between this bill and the big, ugly bill, every time Americans open their power bill or see their lights flicker, Republicans are responsible. I think the American people will hold them accountable.

For all these reasons, I oppose this bill, as I oppose the other two energy bills today. I urge my colleagues to vote "no."

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

Mr. GUTHRIE. Mr. Speaker, I thank Congressman BALDERSON for sponsoring the GRID Power Act.

Mr. Speaker, this is part of the strategy we all have to do to produce more power so we can have cheaper power. Demand is rising. We need supply to rise. We need supply of dispatchable power to rise.

I do believe in the all of the above. I also believe it is also the best of the above. Dispatchable power is important, and I encourage a "yes" vote.

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

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 707, the previous question is ordered on the bill, as amended.

The question is on the engrossment and third reading of the bill.

The bill was ordered to be engrossed and read a third time, and was read the third time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on passage of the bill.

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

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

The yeas and nays were ordered.

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

## RECESS

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

Accordingly (at 2 o'clock and 35 minutes p.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. ELLZEY) at 3 o'clock and 19 minutes p.m.

## HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF CHARLES "CHARLIE" JAMES KIRK

Mr. BIGGS of Arizona. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to House Resolution 722, I call up the resolution (H. Res. 719) honoring the life and legacy of Charles "Charlie" James Kirk, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 722, the resolution is considered read.

The text of the resolution is as follows:

### H. RES. 719

Whereas Charles "Charlie" James Kirk, born October 14, 1993, was a courageous American patriot, whose life was tragically and unjustly cut short in an act of political violence on September 10, 2025, at Utah Valley University:

Whereas Charlie Kirk was a devoted Christian, who boldly lived out his faith with conviction, courage, and compassion;

Whereas Charlie Kirk was a dedicated husband to his beloved wife, Erika Kirk, and a loving father to their daughter and son, exemplifying the virtues of faith, fidelity, and fatherhood;

Whereas Charlie Kirk was a fierce defender of the American founding and its timeless principles of life, liberty, limited government, and individual responsibility;

Whereas Charlie Kirk, at 18 years old, founded Turning Point USA in 2012, a student movement with the mission to "identify, educate, train, and organize students to promote the principles of fiscal responsibility, free markets, and limited government";

Whereas Charlie Kirk became one of the most prominent voices in America, engaging in respectful, civil discourse across college campuses, media platforms, and national forums, always seeking to elevate truth, foster understanding, and strengthen the Republic;

Whereas Charlie Kirk personified the values of the First Amendment, exercising his God-given right to speak freely, challenge prevailing narratives, and did so with honor, courage, and respect for his fellow Americans;

Whereas Charlie Kirk's commitment to civil discussion and debate stood as a model for young Americans across the political spectrum, and he worked tirelessly to promote unity without compromising on conviction;

Whereas the assassination of Charlie Kirk was not only a heinous act of violence, but a sobering reminder of the growing threat posed by political extremism and hatred in our society;

Whereas such acts of politically motivated violence are antithetical to the principles of a free republic, in which differences of opinion are to be debated—not silenced—with civility, reason, and mutual respect;

Whereas the rise in targeted violence against individuals for their political beliefs undermines the very fabric of our constitutional democracy and chills the free exchange of ideas essential to a healthy civic society;

Whereas leaders at every level—government, education, media, and beyond—must stand united in unequivocal condemnation of political violence, regardless of their ideology;

Whereas the tragic loss of Charlie Kirk must not be allowed to deepen the divides in our Nation, but instead serve as a turning point to recommit ourselves to better angels, and to the timeless American principles of liberty governed by truth and the virtues of peaceful dialogue; and

Whereas Charlie Kirk would not have us respond to his death with despair, but rather with renewed purpose—to speak truth with courage, to stand firm in faith, to seek unity while standing firm in principle, and to serve as living reminders of the values he championed: faith, family, and freedom: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the House of Representatives—

(1) condemns in the strongest possible terms the assassination of Charles “Charlie” James Kirk, and all forms of political violence;

(2) commends and honors the dedicated law enforcement and emergency personnel for their tireless efforts in finding the suspect responsible for the assassination of Charlie Kirk and urges the administration of swift justice to the suspect;

(3) extends its deepest condolences and sympathies to Charlie Kirk’s family, including his wife, Erika, and their two young children, and prays for comfort, peace, and healing in this time of unspeakable loss;

(4) honors the life, leadership, and legacy of Charlie Kirk, whose steadfast dedication to the Constitution, civil discourse, and Biblical truth inspired a generation to cherish and defend the blessings of liberty; and

(5) calls upon all Americans—regardless of race, party affiliation, or creed—to reject political violence, recommit to respectful debate, uphold American values, and respect one another as fellow Americans.

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

The gentleman from Arizona (Mr. BIGGS) and the gentleman from California (Mr. GARCIA) each will control 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. BIGGS).

#### GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. BIGGS of Arizona. 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 measure under consideration.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. BIGGS of Arizona. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H. Res. 719, a resolution honoring the life and legacy of Charlie Kirk.

Just last week, on September 10, we tragically lost a tremendous leader and friend. A cowardly, deranged, and unstable assassin, who was radicalized by leftwing ideology, murdered a conservative icon over political disagreements.

Charlie Kirk was an inspiration to an entire generation and will be remembered as someone who changed the very course of our country.

However, his most important role was as a loving husband, father, and devout Christian who shared his faith unapologetically. My thoughts and prayers are with Erika and Charlie’s two young children.

We know and appreciate that Charlie Kirk was a man committed to his faith, his family, and this Nation. He dedicated his life to protecting and defending the God-given rights enshrined in our founding documents.

He worked tirelessly to demonstrate how to engage in peaceful and meaningful political dialogue. The life of our Republic depends on resolving political differences through spirited debate, the ballot box, and embracing the rule of law. Political violence has no place in this country.

Violent rhetoric, such as describing political opponents as fascists or Nazis, is unacceptable.

Charlie’s assassination was a deliberate, targeted attack. It was meant to silence a conservative voice. This assassination was meant to instill fear and chill debate, but we have responded and will continue to respond with courage. We will double down on the work Charlie dedicated his life to.

With this resolution today, we firmly condemn the attack that cut his life short. I thank Speaker JOHNSON for leading this effort to honor Charlie Kirk. I encourage my colleagues to join me in supporting this legislation, and I reserve the balance of my time.

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

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak on the principles that bind us together as a nation. First and foremost, we must acknowledge the human cost of this horrific tragedy. A wife has lost her husband, children have lost their father, and a family has been shattered by senseless violence.

Whatever our personal political views, there should be no hesitation in extending deep sympathy to Charlie Kirk’s loved ones, family, and friends.

We also stand here today to reaffirm a principle that runs deeper than politics: Political violence has no place in the United States of America.

Our democracy rests on a fragile but enduring promise: that disagreements are to be aired through speech, through debate, and through the ballot box, not through intimidation, not through violence, and not through bloodshed. That promise is enshrined in the Constitution, which protects freedom of speech and freedom of assembly precisely because the Framers understood, as we all know, that a democracy cannot function without the ability to argue, to disagree, and sometimes offend each other without fear of retribution. That principle, of course, cuts both ways. We cannot claim to defend free speech if we only protect words we find comfortable or agreeable or polite.

The test of our commitment to the First Amendment is not whether we defend the speech we like. It is whether we defend the speech we dislike. Our Constitution demands that we find a way to live together in freedom even when our visions for the country might differ.

Democracy requires that we resolve our differences not by force but by persuasion; not by threats, but by votes; not by silencing votes, but by answering them.

Today, we all join together to mourn the Kirk family.

Let’s recommit ourselves to the freedoms guaranteed in our Constitution. Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. BIGGS of Arizona. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. GOSAR).

Mr. GOSAR. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Arizona for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of H. Res. 719, Honoring the Life and Legacy of Charles “Charlie” James Kirk.

Charlie Kirk was a patriot, a Christian, and a tireless activist who traveled America engaging young people in civil discourse. Charlie was doing what he loved: building a platform to share his faith in Jesus Christ and welcoming peaceful political dialogue and public debate before his life was cut short by a radicalized monster.

Charlie considered Arizona his home, but he poured his heart and soul into America, a country he so loved. He was a force of nature. He changed the course and direction of this country.

Charlie was also my friend. Words cannot describe the loss that we feel. His voice, conviction, and friendship will be dearly missed. America will never be the same. We owe Charlie this honor. As he had asked, and this resolution helps to ensure, Charlie will be forever remembered by his courage and faith in Jesus Christ. Godspeed, my friend.

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

Mr. BIGGS of Arizona. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentlewoman from North Carolina (Ms. FOXX).

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I thank my colleague for yielding.

Mr. Speaker, Charlie Kirk stood for the open exchange of ideas, our God-given freedoms, and spirited debate that challenged people to view the issues of the day in a different light. He reminded us to remain rooted in our faith and to seek God’s wisdom every day.

Civil society lost one of its most vocal defenders, there is no question about it. Let me say this: Charlie Kirk’s work and impact are far from over. Everyday men and women are rallying to carry on the mantle that he once carried. Mr. Speaker, that is a powerful testament to his impact upon the world.

I pray that God gives his wife, Erika, his children, and his family continued comfort.

I support the resolution before us today and urge my colleagues to do the same.

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

Mr. BIGGS of Arizona. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentlewoman from Wyoming (Ms. HAGEMAN).

Ms. HAGEMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H. Res. 719, Honoring the life and legacy of Charles "Charlie" James Kirk.

I had the honor of working with Charlie over the last several years, and he gave voice to so many young people. He was outspoken about his faith and conservative values and dedicated his life to engaging people in respectful and intelligent debate. He left a mark on this great country and will be forever missed.

What happened on September 10, 2025, was a violent, political assassination that was an attack on the very freedoms that Charlie lived and fought to protect. Today, we must honor Charlie by recommittting ourselves to what he stood for: respectful, open dialogue; faith; family; truth; and freedom.

Let Charlie's death not deepen our divisions but be the spark that unites us. May we reject political violence wherever it comes from and restore civility.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this resolution to honor Charlie's life, to affirm the right to freely engage in public speech, and to resolve that America will stand undeterred by violence.

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

Mr. BIGGS of Arizona. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, what did Charlie do that was so unique? Charlie invited people to come up to meet and debate him openly and without hostility or ridicule.

He would go to college campuses. They would do a popup tent. He would sit there, and there would invariably be a large crowd. He would say, if you disagree with me, we want you to come up first, come to the front of the line. Then, he would have that debate, and invariably, he would win. Why would he win? Because Charlie was a smart guy. Charlie was prepared. Charlie knew the answers.

The other incredible thing, if you ever wanted to see a good set of debates, was when Charlie was at Oxford University debating. That was absolutely phenomenal, and I encourage all to watch that.

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

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

Mr. BIGGS of Arizona. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from Louisiana (Mr. JOHNSON), the Honorable Speaker of the House and my friend.

Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana. Mr. Speaker, I thank my dear friend from Arizona. It has been a tough time in Arizona, and my colleague, ANDY BIGGS, has done a great job in leading people who are shaken. I will say that people all over this country are shaken.

Mr. Speaker, this has been a tough week in the country. I think I have spoken at three or four vigils already. I will be attending our late friend Charlie Kirk's funeral on Sunday, as many of us will, to pay what will be our last respects. The honor of his memory will go on.

The last week has been difficult because people are shaken by this in a way that we have not seen the country moved in quite some time. I have described it as if a shadow has been cast across the country by the untimely death of our dear friend and the way it was done, in such a hateful, heinous manner, online for people to view. It has been disturbing.

My heart has gone out in particular to all the students around this country who are so closely associated with Charlie Kirk's organization, Turning Point. There are 3,500-plus chapters of Turning Point at universities, college campuses, and high school campuses across America. So many of those students felt personally connected to Charlie because his voice resonated with them and helped inform their worldview and the way they see politics and society. When he was lost in such an abrupt and tragic manner, they felt it to their core.

I have been so burdened and disturbed for them. I have been praying for all of those kids, an untold number of young people around the country who are so disturbed and, frankly, need trauma counseling themselves from what they have just seen and witnessed.

In the midst of all of this, the thing that encourages me is that I believe in the same promises of Scripture that Charlie did, and I have been reminded a lot of the passage of Scripture that says: "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness cannot overcome it." Some translations of the Bible say, "the darkness cannot comprehend it," and I think that is true.

What I have said to all of these students and what I have shared in these vigils is the same refrain. To summarize, the best way to honor the legacy of this singular voice in our culture, not just in the conservative movement, but in the recent history of America in the last several decades, the best way to honor the work, the legacy, and the ministry of Charlie Kirk is to do what he did, and that is to advance the principles that he advanced and to adopt his approach.

What I mean by that is the principles that Charlie advanced were the good

things. Scripture talks about how we focus on the noble and praiseworthy, the good, and Charlie did that. He focused on things like faith, family, freedom, virtue, honor, and patriotism.

Charlie believed in America. He believed in the promise of America, in the creed of America, that we are all made in the image of God, the self-evident truths that God is the one who gives us our rights and not the government, and that those principles are worth fighting for.

Charlie used to quote Ronald Reagan, as I do all the time. Reagan reminded us that freedom is not inherited in the bloodstream. It has to be fought for, protected, taught, and passed along to the generations that come behind us so that they will know the same liberty, opportunity, and security that too many of us have taken for granted too often.

Charlie believed that, so he advanced those principles every single day in every venue that he was able, but he did it in a manner that we should emulate. I tell the young people that they should adopt the practices and the manner, adopt the approach, of Charlie Kirk. What I mean by that is that he was never motivated by hatred for someone on the other side of that debate.

Charlie, to the contrary, was motivated by love because he believed in what Scripture says. There are these three things that remain: faith, hope, and love. Love is the greatest thing of all. Love overcomes. Love conquers. That is what motivated our friend.

Even though he could defeat anybody in a debate, so often—and I saw this myself—when he would vanquish someone in a policy argument, he was the first person after that to reach out a hand of friendship or offer an arm around the shoulder of someone who he had just defeated in a contest. Why? Because it wasn't about winning the policy. It wasn't about, at the end of the day, really the policy arguments. It was about the people. Charlie loved vigorous debate, but he loved people more. That is the legacy of our friend.

A lot of things have been said about him. When someone is on the air, when they are a ubiquitous voice in all forms of media all the time, 24 hours a day, you can go cherry-pick one line or phrase or something that they said in a long context or a long discussion, and you can pick anything out and make someone portray them to be something that they were not.

The people who were doing that did not know Charlie Kirk. All of us who did will attest, every single person who spent any time with Charlie Kirk will tell you, that he was a good and godly man, not a perfect man. None of us are. There was only one ever perfect man, and he was God and man.

Charlie Kirk was a good man who loved his fellow man and gave his life literally in the pursuit of advancing truth.

The very least that we can do is honor him, especially at a time in the

country when people are anxious and frightened. In moments like this, when political instability and fear are pervasive, it is incumbent upon leaders to step forward, stand in the breach, and do what is right.

By voting for this resolution today, we are making a strong statement on behalf of the Congress. We are telling our constituents, for one thing, that political violence, but also the glorification and celebration of that violence, are profoundly wrong, and it goes against everything we stand for as Americans.

Charlie stood for exactly the opposite. He stood for what was good in America, what is virtuous and worthy of protection and preservation.

We honor his memory by doing this simple act of passing this resolution. I can't imagine that anyone would vote against it, or vote present, or pretend as though this is not exactly the right thing to do.

I certainly hope that we can pass this resolution unanimously today, just as it should be passed.

Mr. Speaker, I thank, again, my dear friend and colleague, Congressman ANDY BIGGS of Arizona. Our hearts go out to the people of Arizona, as they do to all, everyone who is mourning his death.

I will tell you this: The truth that Charlie advanced will go forward more loudly and more profoundly than it ever has before, and that is the encouragement we have.

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

Mr. BIGGS of Arizona. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from Louisiana (Mr. SCALISE), the majority leader and my friend.

Mr. SCALISE. Mr. Speaker, I thank my friend from Arizona for yielding me time.

Mr. Speaker, we still have heavy hearts. We are still mourning the loss of our friend, Charlie Kirk, who was such an inspirational leader to millions across this country.

As we have seen since his horrific assassination, he inspired not only people here in America but all around the world, as you see from the outpouring of love.

Charlie was a man who had so much love for other people. He had love for our country.

Charlie talked about why it was so important that we debate our differences, something that shouldn't be a novel issue, Mr. Speaker, something that is part of the foundation of what makes this country great and unique, what separates America from so many other failed examples of government, because we are that experiment in self-governance, in democracy.

Part of that ability to self-govern is that we are going to have disagreements and that we have the ability to express those disagreements with each other, but in a civil way, in a way where it doesn't lead to political violence.

□ 1540

Mr. Speaker, in times like this, we reflect on a lot of things. More than anything, we lean on our faith. Charlie Kirk had tremendous faith.

When I look above the Speaker's rostrum, it says right there in the people's House: "In God We Trust." It is times like this where we really do need to trust in God. God knows the answers. Charlie believed strongly in God. That faith in God is what will get us through tough times like this.

In fact, Charlie talked a number of times about how he would want to be remembered. He talked about how he would want to be remembered for his courage and his faith. What an example he was for faith and for so many young people.

We look at college campuses all across this country right now, and we see mourning. We also see more young people driven to get involved in this process. Since Charlie Kirk's assassination, Turning Point USA has had requests from over 50,000 people to start new chapters on college or high school campuses. This movement Charlie started is just getting started. It will only grow.

His incredibly strong widow, Erika, was just named the head of Turning Point USA. She will continue that legacy. She has vowed to make sure what Charlie stood for, what he represented, and the movement that Charlie Kirk built will endure and it will grow.

It will continue to inspire millions of people to want to get involved in government. They will want to question leadership. Maybe they will question their own views and the things they might have been taught by people in schools, people who had ulterior motives, people who might have been trying to indoctrinate them into some other viewpoints.

They now have the power and the courage to think for themselves. How powerful is that? Mr. Speaker, those are the things that Charlie left behind, and that will endure.

This resolution is so important to remember that legacy. It is important to remember that this was a young man. He was still a young man, but even younger at 18, he was a young student with an idea. He said that what is happening in the schools is wrong. What needs to be taught is something broader. We need to get back to a respect for each other's differences of opinion. That is what drove him to start a movement at such a young age.

Let all young people be inspired by that recognition that the power of ideas still can move a nation. That is what Charlie Kirk reminded all of us.

Mr. Speaker, we will never forget that. We will never forget the legacy of Charlie Kirk. That legacy will live on and only grow stronger. God bless Charlie Kirk.

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

Mr. BIGGS of Arizona. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. CLOUD).

Mr. CLOUD. Mr. Speaker, as I heard the horrific news of the assassination of Charlie Kirk, I was on my way to speak to a group of pastors who had come here to tour the Capitol and take in our beloved National Capital.

I couldn't help but in that moment be reminded of Hebrews 11, which people of faith understand to be the hall of fame of faith. It goes through the chapter and explains all the great feats of faith of people like Abraham, Moses, Samson, and David. It talks about how they, through faith, conquered kingdoms, administered justice, and gained what was promised.

It goes on, and it continues. It says that there were others who were tortured, refusing to be released, so they may gain an even better resurrection. Some faced years of floggings, even chains and imprisonment. It goes on to say that the world was not worthy of them.

The world was not worthy of Charlie Kirk. He spoke truths that we understand that we can build a life upon. He also understood that there were truths that we could build a nation upon. He, more than any, conveyed those things with clarity, especially to a generation who had been taught moral relativism and had been taught that truth could not be found. He spoke very clearly and with compassion and human dignity.

Above all, beyond his faith and beyond his policy, he had the courage. He had the courage to make a difference and the courage to stand. I hope that we continue with that same courage, as we continue to serve the people of this great Nation.

Mr. Speaker, let's remember his family, as well. God bless Charlie Kirk.

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

MR. BIGGS of Arizona. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. HARRIS).

Mr. HARRIS of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, America has hit a moral crossroad. One side celebrates the wicked murder of a faithful patriot, while the other side recognizes the sanctity of life and the beauty of thinking and speaking freely.

We are headed toward a precipice with no return. If we can't even agree that murder is wrong, we have moved beyond politics. We are debating whether society itself should survive.

The shooter last week wanted to silence Charlie. He wanted to silence not just Charlie but everything he represents, which is faith, family, and freedom.

Folks are beginning to speak up and take a stand against evil, for good. There are real threats to all that makes America great. In the face of evil ideologies that choose violence, villainization, and hate, we must choose a different path. We must choose the one Charlie chose, that of

civil discourse and love of our neighbors.

Mr. Speaker, Charlie Kirk understood that freedom is only one generation away from extinction. He ignited a love of country and God in the younger generation, inspiring us all as he did so. May today's vote be a small symbol of an awakening taking place across our Nation.

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

Mr. BIGGS of Arizona. Mr. Speaker, I yield 1 minute to the gentlewoman from Colorado (Ms. BOEBERT).

Mr. BOEBERT. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. BIGGS) for honoring our friend, Charlie Kirk.

Mr. Speaker, it has truly been a troubling week. This has been a very tough time for all of us, especially for Erika Kirk, Charlie's children, and the family at Turning Point USA.

The legacy that Charlie has left behind is truly remarkable. Charlie is leaving a legacy that we will all continue to carry on and move forward with. It is a legacy of faith, of freedom, of love, and of our constitutional values: to have civil conversations and disagreements.

It is interesting that my friend died doing what he loved most. He died hearing people, loving people, and giving them the opportunity to speak their thoughts. He literally gave people his platform.

We are honoring the life and legacy of Charlie Kirk, a courageous American patriot whose unwavering faith and love for Jesus inspired millions.

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

Mr. BIGGS of Arizona. Mr. Speaker, I yield an additional 30 seconds to the gentlewoman from Colorado.

Ms. BOEBERT. Mr. Speaker, Charlie's deep love for Jesus guided his actions, evident in his daily Scripture study and fearless proclamation of the Gospel.

His assassination was a tragic loss, but his legacy endures, calling us to speak truth with courage and stand firm in faith.

Mr. Speaker, we love Charlie. We stand with Erika, and we congratulate her on her new position. May many more come to know the love of God and Jesus as their Lord through this heinous act.

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

Mr. BIGGS of Arizona. Mr. Speaker, may I inquire as to how much time is remaining.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Arizona has 18½ minutes remaining.

□ 1550

Mr. BIGGS of Arizona. Mr. Speaker, I yield 2 minutes to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. PFLUGER).

Mr. PFLUGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of the resolution hon-

oring the life and legacy of Charlie Kirk.

Charlie was a man of God. He was a loving husband and a father and an unrelenting advocate for the Constitution, for American free speech, and for his Christian belief.

I had the honor of knowing Charlie, but also serving with Charlie on the Air Force Academy Board of Visitors. As we started our meeting, we talked about the love of country, and we talked about patriotism.

He asked a question. His question to the Air Force Academy was: Do you teach a course on American exceptionalism?

Do you teach a course on loving this country and on why it is the greatest country in the world?

He said that because these men and women who are about to graduate and be commissioned as officers in the Air and Space Force and who are willing to give their lives in the defense of this country should know why they love this country. They should know why this is the greatest country on Earth and why they are willing to die for it.

I thought it was an incredible question.

We toured the Air Force Academy chapel. I am going to challenge our Department of War and I am going to challenge our country to finish that chapel as a symbol of the spiritual aspect of this country.

I want to challenge everyone who hasn't watched Charlie's message about how this country was founded on Christian principles to watch that and to learn about the founding of this country and the spiritual roots.

It is important to finish that Air Force Academy chapel, having now been delayed for almost 8 or 9 years, so that we can get that spiritual aspect back into the lives of our military, our warfighters, and those who are graduating.

Charlie, we love you. Your legacy will stand firm in our minds, and I am absolutely convinced that your legacy will have a lasting effect on this country.

Mr. GARCIA of California. Mr. Speaker, I have no additional speakers, and I yield back the balance of my time.

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

We have heard a lot about Charlie Kirk and rightfully so. We have heard this important resolution today. I mentioned our love and prayers to Charlie's wonderful wife, Erika, and their children. The other day when she was speaking, Erika said that this mission, this program that Charlie was undertaking, was not going to be stopped because of his assassination, that it was going to grow bigger and stronger, and that it would be unleashed even more.

I will just point out that what has happened in the last few days, as I have been in contact with my other friends at Turning Point, is that more than 50,000 new chapters have been applied

for all over the country. I know that there was one, I will just describe it as a Mid-Atlantic University, that had their initial interest meeting and had more than 100 students show up at that.

That is what is happening around this country. Out of tragedy has been born a hope and an understanding, not just for the theological or religiosity that Charlie brought forward, but also for the hope of American renewal and recognition of the greatness of this Nation.

That is important.

Mr. Speaker, I extend my condolences and my friendship also to the Turning Point USA family. I know many of them and his team, those who were closest to Charlie, some who were there when he was assassinated. I give them my heartfelt love and wish them strength as they go through and try to cope with this new dynamic in their lives.

However, Mr. Speaker, the mission goes on. You saw the outpouring from around the world, from Tokyo and Seoul to Spain and to London. Literally hundreds of thousands and maybe even millions of people are coming out to recognize what Charlie was. What he was was someone who had conviction in what he believed as far as his faith and his belief in family.

He used to advocate for families. He said that the greatest thing you could do, and he would tell young people this: Get married and have children.

He encouraged people to have a good life, and that was important, but he also believed in this country and that this country allows more people to do more like that than anywhere else.

That is why we remember him so today. It is my hope, and I join my hope with the Speaker of the House of Representatives, that this resolution passes in a unanimous fashion.

God bless you, Charlie.

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

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

Pursuant to House Resolution 722, the previous question is ordered on the resolution and the preamble.

The question is on adoption of the resolution.

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

Mr. BIGGS of Arizona. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

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

#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

Passage of H.R. 3062;

Passage of H.R. 3015; and  
Passage of H.R. 1047.

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

#### PROMOTING CROSS-BORDER ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfinished business is the vote on passage of the bill (H.R. 3062) to establish a more uniform, transparent, and modern process to authorize the construction, connection, operation, and maintenance of international border-crossing facilities for the import and export of oil and natural gas and the transmission of electricity, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the passage of the bill.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 224, nays 203, not voting 5, as follows:

[Roll No. 277]

YEAS—224

Aderholt	Estes	Kean	
Alford	Evans (CO)	Kelly (MS)	
Allen	Ezell	Kelly (PA)	
Amodei (NV)	Fallon	Kennedy (UT)	
Arrington	Fedorchak	Kiggans (VA)	
Babin	Feenstra	Kiley (CA)	
Bacon	Fine	Kim	
Baird	Finstad	Knott	
Balderson	Fischbach	Kustoff	
Barr	Fitzgerald	LaHood	
Barrett	Fitzpatrick	LaLota	
Baumgartner	Fleischmann	LaMalfa	
Bean (FL)	Flood	Langworthy	
Beigich	Fong	Latta	
Bentz	Foxx	Lawler	
Bergman	Franklin, Scott	Lee (FL)	
Bice	Fry	Letlow	
Biggs (AZ)	Fulcher	Loudermilk	
Biggs (SC)	Garbarino	Lucas	
Bilirakis	Gill (TX)	Luna	
Bishop	Gimenez	Luttrell	
Boebert	Goldman (TX)	Mace	
Bost	Gonzales, Tony	Mackenzie	
Brecheen	Gonzalez, V.	Malliotakis	
Bresnahan	Gooden	Maloy	
Buchanan	Gosar	Mann	
Burchett	Gottheimer	Massie	
Burlison	Graves	Mast	
Calvert	Greene (GA)	McCaul	
Cammack	Griffith	McClain	
Carey	Grothman	McClintock	
Carter (GA)	Guest	Mccormick	
Carter (TX)	Guthrie	McDowell	
Ciscomani	Hageman	McGuire	
Cline	Hamadeh (AZ)	Messmer	
Cloud	Haridopolos	Meuser	
Clyde	Harrigan	Miller (IL)	
Cole	Harris (MD)	Miller (OH)	
Collins	Harris (NC)	Miller (WV)	
Comer	Harshbarger	Miller-Meeks	
Correa	Hern (OK)	Mills	
Costa	Higgins (LA)	Moolenaar	
Crane	Hill (AR)	Moore (AL)	
Crank	Hinson	Moore (NC)	
Crawford	Houchin	Moore (UT)	
Crenshaw	Hudson	Moore (WV)	
Cuellar	Huizenga	Moran	
Davidson	Hunt	Murphy	
Davis (NC)	Hurd (CO)	Nehls	
De La Cruz	Issa	Newhouse	
DesJarlais	Jack	Norman	
Diaz-Balart	Jackson (TX)	Nunn (IA)	
Donalds	James	Obernolte	
Downing	Johnson (LA)	Ogles	
Dunn (FL)	Johnson (SD)	Onder	
Edwards	Jordan	Owens	
Ellzey	Joyce (OH)	Palmer	
Emmer	Joyce (PA)	Patronis	
			NOT VOTING—5
		Gray	Sherrill
		Rutherford	Trahan

□ 1634

Messrs. AGUILAR and MIN changed their vote from “yea” to “nay.”

Perry	Simpson	Valadao
Pfluger	Smith (MO)	Van Drew
Reschenthaler	Smith (NE)	Van Duyne
Rogers (AL)	Smith (NJ)	Van Orden
Rogers (KY)	Smucker	Wagner
Rose	Spartz	Walberg
Rouzer	Stauber	Weber (TX)
Roy	Stefanik	Webster (FL)
Rulli	Steil	Westerman
Salazar	Steube	Wied
Scalise	Strong	Williams (TX)
Schmidt	Stutzman	Wilson (SC)
Schweikert	Taylor	Wittman
Scott, Austin	Tenney	Womack
Self	Thompson (PA)	Yakym
Sessions	Tiffany	Zinke
Shreve	Timmons	

Messrs. FLOOD and GOTTHEIMER changed their vote from “nay” to “yea.”

So the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### NATIONAL COAL COUNCIL REESTABLISHMENT ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. STRONG). Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfinished business is the vote on passage of the bill (H.R. 3015) to re-establish the National Coal Council in the Department of Energy to provide advice and recommendations to the Secretary of Energy on matters related to coal and the coal industry, and for other purposes, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the passage of the bill.

This is a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 217, nays 209, not voting 6, as follows:

[Roll No. 278]

YEAS—217

Aderholt	Evans (CO)	Kennedy (UT)
Alford	Ezell	Kiggans (VA)
Allen	Fallon	Kiley (CA)
Amodei (NV)	Fedorchak	Kim
Arrington	Feenstra	Knott
Babin	Fitzgerald	Kustoff
Bacon	Fitzpatrick	LaHood
Balderson	Fleischmann	LaMalfa
Barr	Flood	Langworthy
Barrett	Garbarino	Latta
Baumgartner	Gill (FL)	Lawler
Bean (FL)	Gong	Lee (FL)
Beigich	Goode	Letlow
Bentz	Gutierrez	Loudermilk
Bergman	Hageman	Luna
Bice	Hawkins	Mackenzie
Biggs (AZ)	Herrera	Maloy
Biggs (SC)	Hicks	Mann
Bilirakis	Holmes	Masse
Bishop	Holmes	McCaul
Boebert	Holmes	McClintock
Bost	Holmes	McDowell
Brecheen	Holmes	McGuire
Bresnahan	Holmes	Messmer
Buchanan	Holmes	Meuser
Burchett	Holmes	Mills
Burlison	Holmes	Moolenaar
Calvert	Holmes	Moore (AL)
Cammack	Holmes	Moore (NC)
Carey	Holmes	Moore (UT)
Carter (GA)	Holmes	Moore (WV)
Carter (TX)	Holmes	Moore (WV)
Ciscomani	Holmes	Moore (WV)
Cline	Holmes	Moore (WV)
Cloud	Holmes	Moore (WV)
Clyde	Holmes	Moore (WV)
Cole	Holmes	Moore (WV)
Collins	Holmes	Moore (WV)
Comer	Holmes	Moore (WV)
Correa	Holmes	Moore (WV)
Costa	Holmes	Moore (WV)
Crane	Holmes	Moore (WV)
Crank	Holmes	Moore (WV)
Crawford	Holmes	Moore (WV)
Crenshaw	Holmes	Moore (WV)
Cuellar	Holmes	Moore (WV)
Davidson	Holmes	Moore (WV)
Davis (NC)	Holmes	Moore (WV)
De La Cruz	Holmes	Moore (WV)
DesJarlais	Holmes	Moore (WV)
Diaz-Balart	Holmes	Moore (WV)
Donalds	Holmes	Moore (WV)
Downing	Holmes	Moore (WV)
Dunn (FL)	Holmes	Moore (WV)
Edwards	Holmes	Moore (WV)
Ellzey	Holmes	Moore (WV)
Emmer	Holmes	Moore (WV)
Estes	Holmes	Moore (WV)
		NOT VOTING—5
		Gray
		Sherrill
		Turner (OH)

Messrs. AGUILAR and MIN changed their vote from “yea” to “nay.”

So the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Rogers (AL)	Smith (NJ)	Van Duyne
Rose	Smucker	Van Orden
Rouzer	Sparta	Wagner
Roy	Stauber	Walberg
Rulli	Stefanik	Weber (TX)
Salazar	Steil	Webster (FL)
Scalise	Steube	Westerman
Schmidt	Strong	Wied
Schweikert	Stutzman	Williams (TX)
Scott, Austin	Taylor	Wilson (SC)
Self	Tenney	Wittman
Sessions	Thompson (PA)	Womack
Shreve	Tiffany	Yakym
Simpson	Timmons	Zinke
Smith (MO)	Valadao	
Smith (NE)	Van Drew	

## NAYS—209

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

## NOT VOTING—6

Gray	Rutherford	Trahan
Rogers (KY)	Sherrill	Turner (OH)

## ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). There are 2 minutes remaining.

## □ 1643

So the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

## HONORING BOB FISCHER

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

Mr. JEFFRIES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Bob Fischer, a proud product of South Buffalo and the incredible manager of the Democratic Cloakroom, on his well-deserved retirement after almost four decades of serving the people's House.

In 1987, Bob came to Congress not knowing how long he would stay or what kind of mark he would leave on this institution. But the Lord works in mysterious ways, and we are here today as Members of Congress to express our sincere gratitude and appreciation for his distinguished contributions and dedication to this institution, the people's House, for nearly four decades.

In fact, after almost four decades of service here in the people's House, it is clear to me that other than his family, the only entity that Bob loves more than the House of Representatives is the Buffalo Bills, who, in fact, are playing tonight.

The work that we do as Members of Congress exists in the public domain, but the American people don't often get to see folks like Bob who keep this place running and who support the hundreds of Representatives and our staff with whatever we need.

Whether providing updates to our offices, wrangling Members to make sure we are present for votes, or sharing information in real time, we can't do our jobs on behalf of the people without the Cloakroom. Bob has been the one who has kept the Cloakroom humming, with a steady hand, patience, expertise, professionalism, and heart and soul.

Even through the terror and chaos of January 6, Bob was a calm and comforting presence, bravely helping to ensure that Members of Congress were safely evacuated off the floor.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Bob for his courage and his heroism on that fateful day.

Bob is one of the unsung heroes of the United States Congress, so it is especially fitting that he shares a name with one of the greatest unsung heroes in NBA history, Robert Horry, who was known as Big Shot Bob.

Robert Horry was not a flashy player, but he was someone who played the game the right way and had an uncanny ability to make the right plays at the right moment, including in the NBA championships when all was on the line.

He never made an All-Star game, never was elevated along with folks like Michael Jordan, Magic Johnson, or

LeBron James. What is interesting is that Michael Jordan had six championships, Magic Johnson had five championships, LeBron James had four championships, but Robert Horry had seven, more than any of them, because he was always at the right place, at the right time, with the right moves, the glue that made these teams into champions.

Mr. Speaker, that is what Bob has done for the House Democratic Caucus. He made the right play at the right time to ensure that the team delivered results for the American people.

I know I speak for all of us as members of the House Democratic Caucus when I say that Big Shot Bob Fischer will be missed by all of us.

Bob's family is here with us, including his wife, Julie; children, Christy and Emily; and parents, Robert and Kathy. We thank them for sharing their husband, their dad, and their son with us for the last 39 years. We congratulate Bob on a well-deserved retirement.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentlewoman from California (Ms. PELOSI), our great Speaker Emerita.

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to join the leader in gratitude to Bob Fischer for decades of service to the Congress, many of them decades I was Speaker or leader. I know firsthand how indebted we are to him.

I join the distinguished leader in saluting Bob's family and thanking them, as he did, for sharing Bob with us.

As all of our staff who are here know, we never know when it is going to be a late night or an additional Saturday or whatever day. We thank them so much for sharing him.

Mr. Speaker, today, we celebrate and thank Bob Fischer for his extraordinary service to the House of Representatives, especially the House Democratic Cloakroom, where he has been a trusted presence for decades. My colleagues know that.

Bob's journey began with a leap of faith. After a spur-of-the-moment decision over lunch in 1987, he followed in the footsteps of his hometown mentor, Doorkeeper Jim Malloy. That is a legendary name here for those of us who have been here a long time.

Bob found his way to Washington. It was supposed to be a short stay. Over time, Washington became home, and Bob became a fixture on Capitol Hill.

Bob joined the Cloakroom staff in 1993. Through consistency, commitment, and professionalism, he earned the confidence of Members, staff, and colleagues.

In the years since, he has been a trusted adviser, problem-solver, and calm presence during intense moments. He has been a resource for countless Members who rely on him. He was a valued part of my leadership team and now the distinguished leader's, soon-to-be Speaker's, leadership team, as well.

Bob's work in the Cloakroom has gone far beyond logistical support. He

built relationships. He built trust. He built continuity in an institution that is ever changing. As former Buffalo Representative Brian Higgins, who preceded TIM KENNEDY, has said, he became the go-to guy.

Most importantly, as his colleagues know well, Bob did it all with grace, professionalism, and good humor, whether he was explaining floor procedures, helping Members navigate the often complex legislative day, or flipping on the TV to the Buffalo Sabres games.

Mr. Speaker, Bob's departure now is bittersweet for us. We are sad to see him go, but we are deeply grateful for what he contributed and for the legacy he leaves behind. Bob has always sustained not just the function of the House but the spirit of service that undergirds it.

As we honor Bob, let that be a message to all the staff who serve us that we appreciate what they do for the American people and for our democracy. We thank them all.

Bob has made the Cloakroom in this House a better place. He has done it quietly, responsibly, and without fanfare. That kind of service is often invisible, but it is indispensable. Bob has strengthened the very fabric of the House.

Today, as we wish him well, we honor not only his work but the spirit of loyalty and friendship he brought here.

Before I end by congratulating Bob, I acknowledge Congressman TIM KENNEDY for what he did in honor of Bob Fischer's name. He had Densmore Street in Buffalo, New York, named "Bob Fischer Way."

Mr. Speaker, we congratulate Bob. We thank him. We wish him the very best in whatever comes next. We want him to know he will be very missed. I ask him to please not be a stranger to us.

Let us all be grateful for the legacy and the leadership of Bob Fischer.

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#### GUARANTEEING RELIABILITY THROUGH THE INTERCONNECTION OF DISPATCHABLE POWER ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BOST). Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfinished business is the vote on passage of the bill (H.R. 1047) to require the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to reform the interconnection queue process for the prioritization and approval of certain projects, and for other purposes, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the passage of the bill.

This is a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 216, nays 206, not voting 9, as follows:

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Alford	Gimenez	Miller (OH)	McDonald Rivet	Scholten
Allen	Golden (ME)	Miller (WV)	McGarvey	Scott (VA)
Amodei (NV)	Goldman (TX)	Miller-Meeks	McGovern	Scott, David
Arrington	Gonzales, Tony	Mills	McIver	Sewell
Babin	Gooden	Moolenaar	Meeks	Sherman
Bacon	Gosar	Moore (AL)	Green, Al (TX)	Simon
Baird	Graves	Moore (NC)	Harder (CA)	Smith (WA)
Balderson	Greene (GA)	Moore (UT)	Hayes	Sorensen
Barr	Griffith	Moore (WV)	Himes	Soto
Barrett	Grothman	Moran	Horsford	Stansbury
Baumgartner	Guest	Murphy	Houlihan	Morelle
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Buchanan	Houchin	Reschenthaler	Keating	Tlaib
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Calvert	Hunt	Rose	Latimer	Pappas
Cammack	Hurd (CO)	Rouzer	Lee (NV)	Tonko
Carey	Issa	Roy	Pressley	Torres (CA)
Carter (GA)	Jack	Rulli	Lee (PA)	Torres (NY)
Carter (TX)	Jackson (TX)	Salazar	Quigley	Veasey
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Cline	Johnson (SD)	Schmidt	Scott, Austin	Vindman
Cloud	Jordan	Schweikert	Self	Walden
Clyde	Joyce (OH)	Sessions	Sessions	Underwood
Cole	Joyce (PA)	Shreve	Shreve	Vargas
Collins	Kean	Simpson	Latimer	Pou
Comer	Kelly (MS)	Smith (MO)	Lee (NV)	Vasquez
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Crane	Kennedy (UT)	Smith (NJ)	Krishnamoorthi	Pettersen
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Crenshaw	Kim	Smith (NJ)	Larson (CT)	Pingree
Cuellar	Knott	Smucker	Latimer	Pocan
Davidson	Kustoff	Spartz	Lee (NV)	Pou
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De La Cruz	LaLota	Stefanik	Lee (PA)	Quigley
DesJarlais	LaMalfa	Steil	Quigley	Lofgren
Diaz-Balart	Langworthy	Steube	Ramirez	Randall
Donalds	Latta	Strong	Ritter	Raskin
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Dunn (FL)	Lee (FL)	Taylor	Lofgren	Rivas
Edwards	Letlow	Tenney	McBath	Ross
Elzey	Loudermilk	Thompson (PA)	Magaziner	Ruiz
Emmer	Lucas	Tiffany	Mannion	Ryan
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Evans (CO)	Luttrell	Valadao	McBath	Sánchez
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Flood	McClain	Wied		
Fong	McClintock	Williams (TX)		
Foxx	McCormick	Wilson (SC)		
Franklin, Scott	McDowell	Wittman		
Fry	McGuire	Womack		
Fulcher	Messmer	Yakym		
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Adams	Case	DeGette		
Aguilar	Casten	DeLauro		
Amo	Castor (FL)	DelBene		
Ansari	Castro (TX)	Deluzio		
Auchincloss	Cherifilus	DeSaulnier		
Balint	McCormick	Dexter		
Barragán	Chu	Dingell		
Beatty	Cisneros	Doggett		
Bell	Clark (MA)	Elfreth		
Bera	Clarke (NY)	Escobar		
Beyer	Cleaver	Espaillat		
Bishop	Clyburn	Evans (PA)		
Bonamici	Cohen	Fields		
Boyle (PA)	Conaway	Figueroa		
Brown	Costa	Fitzpatrick		
Brownley	Courtney	Fletcher		
Budzinski	Craig	Foster		
Bynum	Crockett	Foushee		
Carbajal	Crow	Frankel, Lois		
Carson	David (KS)	Friedman		
Carter (LA)	Davis (IL)	Frost		
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	Perez	Kaptur	Olszewski	Thompson (MS)
	Perry	Keating	Omar	Titus
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	Rose	Khanna	Tonko	Tonko
	Rouzer	Krishnamoorthi	Pelosi	Vargas
	Roy	Landsman	Peters	Velázquez
	Rulli	Leahy	Pettersen	Watson
	Salazar	McCloskey	Tran	Watson Coleman
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	Schmidt	McClintock	Pocan	Vargas
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	Self	McCurdy	Pressley	Velázquez
	Sessions	McDermott	Lee (NV)	Velázquez
	Shreve	McFaul	Quigley	Velázquez
	Simpson	McGrath	Ramirez	Vindman
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	Smith (NE)	McNulty	Raskin	Wakinshaw
	Smith (NJ)	McNulty	Riley (NY)	Wasserman
	Smucker	McNulty	Rivas	Waterson
	Spartz	McNulty	Ross	Watson
	Stauber	McNulty	Ruiz	Whitesides
	Stefanik	McNulty	Ryan	Williams (GA)
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So the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mrs. TRAHAN. Mr. Speaker, I was not present for votes today. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 277, H.R. 3062; NAY on Roll Call No. 278, H.R. 3015; and NAY on Roll Call No. 279, H.R. 1047.

#### NATIONAL TEACH AG DAY

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

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize National Teach Ag Day.

National Teach Ag Day celebrates school-based agricultural education. Today we share the importance and effectiveness of ag education in the United States and encourage students to consider careers as agricultural educators.

Mr. Speaker, our ag educators are responsible for cultivating and inspiring the next generation of agricultural leaders. They prepare students to be problem solvers, leaders, entrepreneurs, and more. This happens in

the classroom with extension programs or with groups like FFA or 4-H.

By recognizing our agricultural educators, we can ensure our students have knowledge and exposure to all the opportunities the agriculture sector has to offer.

Mr. Speaker, I thank all the ag teachers and volunteers across the country who help propel students into meaningful careers that support our Nation's farmers, ranchers, foresters, and producers.

#### FAREWELL ALLISON BLANKENSHIP

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

Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, I rise to bid farewell to my senior floor adviser and alumna of Teams JAYAPAL, MCBATH, and PELOSI, the one and only, the incomparable, Allison Blankenship.

The last few years have been some of the most unpredictable in the history of this Chamber, and throughout all of it, Allison has been a constant and joyful guiding light.

From the longest speech in House history to the longest vote, Allison has skillfully navigated the unprecedented.

She has powered through all-nighters with a smile, with pride, and always with helpful information, because above all, she is driven by a love of country, a love of justice, and a love of this institution and its people.

We thank Allison for her hard work, and we wish her all the best on her next chapter.

We will not forget Allison, and we hope she will not forget us.

#### CELEBRATING GIRLS' FLAG FOOTBALL

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

Mr. WIED. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate a movement that is transforming the landscape of youth sports across America: girls' flag football.

Recently, Chloe Cronin, a student at Appleton North High School, reached out to my office to share a petition she started, calling on the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association to recognize girls' flag football as a sanctioned sport.

At Appleton North High School and across the Fox cities, girls are suiting up for flag football, not just for the love of the game, but to claim their rightful place on the field.

Though currently recognized only as a club sport, these athletes are showing grit, leadership, and talent. Today, over 17 States have sanctioned girls' flag football as a varsity sport, and countless others are piloting programs that give young women the chance to compete, lead, and thrive on the field.

With support growing nationwide, from college scholarships to NFL partnerships, States like Florida and Georgia have already made girls' flag football a varsity sport. Wisconsin should be next.

These young women deserve the same opportunities, resources, and recognition as their peers.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this momentum and ensure every girl has the chance to chase greatness one flag at a time.

#### EDUCATION FIRST

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

Mr. LATIMER. Mr. Speaker, the 16th District of New York is lucky to have an Education First facility located in Tarrytown.

During the August work period, I had the opportunity to tour their international language campus and speak with young people from over 60 countries who are in Tarrytown to learn English.

This location in our district is one of several dozen Education First campuses around the world. They have collaborated with the U.N. to create a joint global summer school program. In addition to physical schools, they also have the world's largest online language school.

These programs are designed to help English language learners pick up the language quickly for attending school or starting a new job.

It can be hard to be in a new place, learning a new language. I applaud the courage and openness of these students in coming to the United States and meeting students from different countries. Our world is stronger because of cultural exchanges like this one, and it does a heck of a lot for the local economy in Tarrytown.

#### HIGHLIGHTING THE WORK OF JEFF MITTMAN

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

Mr. STUTZMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to highlight the work of Mr. Jeff Mittman and congratulate him on his appointment by President Trump to serve as a member of the U.S. AbilityOne Commission.

Mr. Mittman served 22 years in the U.S. Army until an IED ended his service and caused him to lose his vision. Despite this sacrifice, Mr. Mittman made it a mission to move forward and overcome the challenges his life presented.

As one of many accomplishments, in 2019, Mr. Mittman became the first legally blind president and CEO of Bosma Enterprises, the largest employer for people who are blind in Indiana.

Beyond that, Mr. Mittman also serves as the president of the National

Association for the Employment of People Who Are Blind.

Even after losing so much, Mr. Mittman considers himself the luckiest man alive. His responses to adversity serves as an inspiring lesson to all of us.

Indiana is fortunate to have benefited from his unwavering sense of hope and leadership in our community. No one is more deserving than Mr. Mittman for this appointment, and I am truly excited to see such an inspiring Hoosier serve on the AbilityOne Commission.

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#### HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY TO DOROTHY SCHARF FRANKEL

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

Ms. LOIS FRANKEL of Florida. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise with joy to celebrate a very special milestone. On August 24, 1925, in Brooklyn, New York, my mother, Dorothy Scharf Frankel, came into the world, and this summer marked her 100th birthday.

She is still healthy, sharp, and still the life of the party. Really, to this day she is my best supporter, my best friend, and always on my side.

At 100, she plays a fierce game of bridge, Rummikub, and bingo, always with a quick wit and competitive spirit intact. She still turns on the news every day, and she worries about her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She reminds us that age is not a limit, but a badge of wisdom, resilience, and spirit.

Today, I honor my mother, not just for reaching a century of life but fulfilling every one of those years with strength, laughter, and unwavering love for her family. She is my inspiration, and I am so proud to celebrate her extraordinary journey.

#### DAMAGE BY THE GRAY WOLF

(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 gray wolf has made a full recovery in the United States and has been for some time. Yet, with the introduction of more and more wolves into the rural areas, you get results like this, with cattle losses as well as the wildlife in the area being devastated.

Yet, activist lawsuits have kept wolves on the list long past the point of recovery. The result is indeed devastating for rural America.

In the Great Lakes and Rocky Mountain regions, wolf populations are in the tens of thousands. These predators kill livestock and pets, costing ranchers their livelihoods.

Some years, the USDA reports loss of nearly 5,000 cattle and sheep. They are

wiping out the wildlife in Colorado and my area of northern California, too.

Families who work hard shouldn't have to live in fear that the next attack will be on their herds or even their kids or themselves. In the Sierra Valley, for example, in northern California, just in the recent months, ranchers have lost 80 head of livestock.

Ranchers and rural residents must be allowed to defend their property and themselves, including with lethal force when necessary. Indeed, the wolves are untouchable because the protections are so strong you can't even defend yourself or your land. In effect, hazing is what is allowed. You can't even hardly disturb wolves.

We must delist them. U.S. Fish and Wildlife listed them years ago. Now, they need to go through the delisting process because the wolf has fully recovered.

#### HONORING DR. THOMAS L. WALKER

(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 with a heavy heart to honor the life of Reverend Dr. Thomas Lorenzo Walker, a longtime minister, community activist, gospel artist, author, and dedicated public servant.

After graduating from Shaw University, Reverend Walker pastored at Ebenezer Baptist Church in Rocky Mount, North Carolina, for nearly 55 years.

He was a great gospel artist, known for his hit "One Day at a Time." He authored "Brother to Brother; You Don't Have to Die of Prostate Cancer."

Reverend Walker served 12 years on the Edgecombe County Board of Commissioners. Residents now drive across a bridge named after him on West Raleigh Boulevard, a reminder of the bridges he built linking Edgecombe and Nash Counties in eastern North Carolina.

Reverend Walker advocated for youth, voting rights, and prostate screenings. He was a cancer survivor.

He was honored with our State's prestigious Order of the Longleaf Pine, various service awards, and inducted into the Twin County Hall of Fame.

We mourn his passing, honor his legacy, and extend our deepest condolences to his family.

#### COMMEMORATING BRENNA KULIKOWSKI AND DAMON THOMPSON

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

Mr. CRANE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the lives of Brenna Kulikowski and Damon Thompson of the Timber Mesa Fire and Medical District.

On Sunday, these brave firefighters lost their lives in the line of duty fol-

lowing a head-on collision while returning to Show Low.

Although I had not met Damon, I knew Brenna, and my heart goes out to all of those who are grieving this loss. Please continue to pray for their families and the White Mountains region as they mourn this tragedy.

As the community gathers in remembrance and gratitude, Brenna and Damon will be escorted back to Show Low, Arizona, and welcomed home as heroes.

We are all forever grateful for their dedication and service to their fellow Arizonans.

#### HONORING ANN HONIOUS

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

Mrs. MCBATH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the retirement of a National Park Service employee in my district, Ann Honious.

Since 2020, Ann has served as superintendent of the Chattahoochee River National Recreation Center in Sandy Springs and has been a vital partner in our community, working hand in hand with my office, the Cumberland CID, and the Chattahoochee National Park Conservancy as we work to secure funding, break ground, and eventually cut the ribbon on the New Day Palisades project.

Thanks to Ann's leadership, our community continues to preserve and advance the legacy of President Carter's bold vision for a beloved natural resource.

I offer my gratitude to Ann for her devotion to our national public lands and celebrate her distinguished career in service to this country.

On behalf of my office, Georgia's Sixth Congressional District, and the United States House of Representatives, I congratulate and wish her the best in her retirement.

#### FIGHTING FOR AFFORDABLE, QUALITY HEALTHCARE

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

Ms. BALINT. Mr. Speaker, so over at the Centers for Medicaid & Medicare Services, the administrator, Dr. Oz—yes, that guy—decided they should curb waste by letting the government use AI to decide if your medical procedure is really necessary.

That means for-profit companies will use bots to deny care for seniors and working people and will get rich doing it at your expense. Right now, there are over 70 million Americans who rely on Medicare and Medicaid for their insurance.

If there is one thing that Americans agree on right now, it is that our healthcare system is sick. Our premiums are too high. Our access is

shrinking. We are all enraged by a system that is already designed to deny us healthcare coverage, not make us healthier. Our healthcare system is so perverse, we don't need yet another way for the system to screw us over.

Americans deserve affordable, quality healthcare, and AI should not be determining whether you get healthcare. That is what Democrats are fighting for.

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#### HONORING OHIO CHAMPION OF THE WEEK DWAYNE GROLL

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

Mrs. SYKES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize local business leader and the recipient of the 2025 National Small Business Association's Small Business Advocate of the Year award, Dwayne Groll, as Ohio's 13th Congressional District's Champion of the Week.

Last week, Dwayne was in town for the National Small Business Association's Washington presentation, where he was recognized for this award and his passion for uplifting small businesses.

From mentoring local entrepreneurs to advocating for supportive policies and connecting small businesses with essential resources, Dwayne ties his success to the success of others.

As an accomplished executive with over three decades of leadership and civil engineering experience, Dwayne is the current CEO and chairman of the board at Environmental Design Group. He also sits on the board of directors for the Greater Akron Chamber and serves as the inaugural chair of the Akron-Canton Advocacy Alliance.

Dwayne understands that small businesses are the lifeblood of our communities and our economies and that, by empowering local business leaders, we can shape more vibrant and resilient local economies.

Mr. Speaker, I extend my thanks to Dwayne for reminding us that the birthplace of champions, Ohio's 13th District, is stronger when we succeed together.

#### AUTHORITARIANISM IS A THREAT TO DEMOCRACY

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

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, we have talked at long length about the threat to democracy and the fear of an authoritarian leader in Washington.

The time is now. The authoritarian leader in this administration has surfaced. When the head of a communications company says that a television personality's comments can cause a television station or should cause a television station to cancel his show and

it happens, that is authoritarianism. It is also when the government dictates what should and shouldn't be said on television and whether they should be punished and using the power of the government to suppress free speech.

The President then followed up and said that NBC should get rid of two of its late-night shows. CBS has canceled their late-night show.

I don't know what Johnny Carson or Jack Paar would think about all of this. I am sure Alec Baldwin wouldn't like it, and President Trump didn't like the way he treated him. Chevy Chase falling over Gerald Ford would probably put him in bad positions, too. Comedy is comedy. Free speech is free speech, and we shouldn't step on it.

God bless the First Amendment.

#### REAL SOLUTIONS FOR MANUFACTURING IN MICHIGAN

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

Mr. THANEDAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to talk about manufacturing. Manufacturing is not just what we do in Michigan. It is who we are. Detroit built the Motor City, the Big Three automakers, and America's middle class.

Today, when we still lead in auto manufacturing, Michigan faces some of the Nation's highest unemployment rates while families are struggling with rising costs.

Mr. Trump promised that tariffs would protect our jobs. Instead, they have driven up the cost of steel, aluminum, and auto parts while plants close and workers are left behind. When a plant shuts down in Detroit or Wayne County, it doesn't just hurt the workers inside of it. It hurts every business, schools, and families.

We need real solutions, like job training, stronger unions, and building the future of mobility right here in Detroit.

#### RESTORATION OF FUNDING FOR CANCER RESEARCH

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

Mr. DESAULNIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today as a survivor of stage IV cancer to express my astonishment and to object to the Trump administration's cuts to American cancer research.

Over the last 50 years, the 5-year cancer survival rate for people like myself has risen from 49 percent to 68 percent. This is largely because of American taxpayers' investment in the brilliant researchers at the National Cancer Institute.

The administration's cuts to the National Cancer Institute's spending by \$842 million in its first 7 months alone put that trend in jeopardy. Just as a

return on investment, this is astonishingly bad. For every \$1 spent by American taxpayers at NCI, they get almost \$3 back. Experts warn that we will lose a generation of scientists because of this recklessness.

I urge the administration and my Republican colleagues to reverse course, maintain our global leadership, and work toward a better future for the 40 percent of Americans who will be diagnosed with cancer in their lifetimes.

#### HIGH UTILITY RATES BY FOREIGN MONOPOLIES

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

Mr. RILEY. Mr. Speaker, utility bills are crushing upstate New Yorkers. I have seniors on fixed incomes who are cutting back on groceries and working parents who are cutting back on school clothes for their kids just to keep the lights on.

Now the utility monopolies, which are owned by foreign corporations, are raising rates again. They are taking more and more money out of our pockets, and they are sending it to foreign corporations to pad their profits. They have been getting away with it for years because they work the refs, hire lobbyists, and grease the politicians with corporate PAC checks.

When I say that the system is rigged against the working class and in favor of special interests, this is what I am talking about, and it ends today. My Keep the Lights Local Act will ban foreign corporations from owning our utilities.

Upstate New Yorkers, who are already struggling to get by, shouldn't be forced to pay dividends to corporate executives sitting in board rooms halfway around the world.

Keep the lights local. We are going to take our power back.

#### HIGHLIGHTING FLAWED POLICIES

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

Mr. ROY. Mr. Speaker, I would note just an observation: One of our colleagues on the other side of the aisle who is a cancer survivor—and God bless him for it—was raising issues about government funding and about what funding should or shouldn't exist and what this administration may or may not be doing to make sure our bureaucracies are running efficiently and effectively and not wasting money.

I say this as a cancer survivor, stage III, Hodgkin's lymphoma, 13 years ago: I think research is important. I think we need to make sure there is solid research. I think it can be driven heavily by the private-sector businesses who are incentivized to make money for developing lifesaving drugs, but it could be done in concert with governments

and universities. What we don't need is continued profligate Federal funding in order to achieve greatness.

The Wright brothers, Henry Ford, the great inventors, the great industrialists, the great innovators in technology, the entrepreneurs out there, for the most part, are not doing that based on government funding and action. They are doing it based on innovation and hard work. That should be our model and approach.

While I appreciate those who have gone through a terrible disease like cancer, as I did, as a number of people in this Chamber, and as millions of Americans across this country have done, it is not always a rationale for more government spending, more government action, and more government bureaucracy.

I would note that the other colleague who came down and talked about high and rising energy prices, I too share some frustration about foreign-owned energy companies and utility companies.

I would remind my colleagues on the other side of the aisle that our energy prices wouldn't be skyrocketing and off the charts had we not gone down the foolish road of massive subsidies for the so-called Green New Deal, which is more rightly called the green new scam, in which foreign companies, Chinese companies, have been enriched because my colleagues on the other side of the aisle wanted to pursue their radical agenda.

Do you want to know why the price of energy is going up? It is because of Democratic policies and mandates, EV mandates, and mandates about solar panels and wind farms that are far less efficient than nuclear and clean-burning natural gas. Those things are driving up the price of energy for the average American and putting that money into the pockets of a handful of wealthy people and the Chinese. I congratulate them, but my colleagues on the other side of the aisle shouldn't come whining to Congress about what they need in order to deal with high energy prices that my Democratic colleagues caused.

That is the truth.

The fact of the matter is that we need to do a lot better job of speaking truth here in this Chamber. As a number of my colleagues were debating a resolution honoring a friend to many of us, Charlie Kirk, who, as is well known now, lost his life last week, I am reminded of the importance of truth. Truth matters.

Charlie stood for the proposition that you should go into the public square and put forward your ideas and put forward what you believe is truth and then hash it out. He did so eloquently, thoughtfully, and engagingly with people of all stripes: Black, White, straight, gay, male, female, whatever it was. He would engage with people on campuses and around this country to pursue truth.

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Mr. Speaker, one of my favorite quotes is from Thomas Jefferson where he said that for here, we are willing to pursue truth wherever it may lead. We need to follow truth wherever it may lead, but you also have to have the courage to speak truth.

Charlie Kirk, when he was engaging with Bill Maher, a skeptic, just earlier this year, said: “In China and, of course, in the Soviet Union, there was an anti-Christian movement. Very hardcore. What book do you think is best for humanity to live by? I say the Bible. The entire arc of the Bible is a story of love and a need for humanity’s redemption. The Bible has wisdom in ways you might not ever imagine. Humanity will seek to find a book. They will seek to find a code to live by, and I think it is incumbent upon atheists to tell us what that should be.”

Charlie Kirk earlier this year in April: “The mechanisms of a religious society are good for everybody. When somebody walks around and thinks that you were created and that you are not God, you tend to have better citizens.” Charlie was not wrong.

Earlier this year, Charlie Kirk, in a debate with an atheist: “I would argue you have a lot more faith than I do. You have a lot more blind faith to believe that everything around you, love, joy, peace, sadness, is all just a construct of neurons firing in your brain. We, as Christians, have hope that we are going to see our loved ones again and that we will be in Heaven and that we will be in perfect peace and that this is not it. In fact, there is something even better awaiting us.”

Also earlier this year with Bill Maher: “The greatest minds of history have been mesmerized by the Scriptures: Isaac Newton, Thomas Aquinas. Isaac Newton wrote more about biblical prophecy than even physics. And so there is something about the Scriptures that are intellectual, that does push your limits. And that is what I think is so beautiful about our faith is it can be accessible to everyone, but infinitely nourishing in exploration.”

Earlier this year, Charlie said about his goal of conservatism. He said: “You have to try to point them toward ultimate purposes and toward getting back to the church, getting back to faith, getting married, having children. That is the type of conservatism that I represent, and I am trying to paint a picture of virtue, of lifting people up.”

In another exchange with Bill Maher: “It defies reason to think that this is just a roll of the dice. When you see a baby come into the world, when you see how we naturally heal, when you see even consciousness itself, I think it is a pretty miraculous thing. To think that it is all just a bunch of happy accidents, I think it is more rational to think that it is a byproduct of design.”

Four days before Charlie was shot, I think he tweeted out: “Jesus defeated death so you can live.”

Earlier this year, Charlie said: “I want to be remembered for courage for my faith. That would be the most important thing. The most important thing is my faith.”

I can go further.

My point of sharing these things is the importance of us standing up and speaking truth. People say, Well, Chip, how can you say it is truth? It is just what you believe when you talk about your faith.

Well, I, of course, believe it to be true. It is truth. Jesus did die so that we may live and Jesus lives.

It is important that we remember our Nation’s founding and our Nation’s convictions and the spirit that binds us together as a Nation, actual spirit, in God we trust. We cannot be bound together as a Nation if we do not adhere to a commonsense set of principles and values, rooted in a collective faith, a collective faith in God Almighty.

It does not mean that every individual has to believe anything specific. It doesn’t mean that anybody has to go to church. It doesn’t mean that we have to go around doing something in violation of the First Amendment, which says you can believe what you want to believe, but the First Amendment also does not stand for the proposition that we should walk away from our collective faith. It does not do that. Nowhere in the First Amendment does it say that.

How does a Nation conquer evil? How does a nation conquer Nazi Germany, Imperial Japan, the Soviet Union? Was it all because we just got together and decided to put together a military, or was there something bigger? Was there something more important? Was there a collective faith in the Almighty that bound us together and gave us the courage for those young men to walk into a wall of bullets at Normandy?

People always ask me what is wrong with our country. Why is there so much division? When the Nation turns its back on God, when the Nation walks away from that collective faith, then do we really even have a Nation?

A lot of people keep branding Charlie as a conservative activist. Sure. He unapologetically advanced his definition of conservatism, but remember, as I said, when he tried to define that conservatism, he talked about it in the context of faith. He said, as I said a minute ago: “You have to try to point them toward ultimate purposes and toward getting back to the church, getting back to faith, getting married, having children. That is the type of conservatism that I represent.”

I got to be honest, that should be the essence of conservatism and the essence of who we are. What point is there to living free if you are not advancing toward the kingdom of God?

Charlie had courage to speak to this, to raise these issues to a lost generation, consumed into devices that are destroying the minds of our youth, devices that I would wipe away from the face of the planet tomorrow if I could.

I would, God’s honest truth. The Amish are on to something, but since I can’t do that, can we not at least recognize that these are poisoning our children?

The first thought I had after I had received word that Charlie was shot was to call my wife and to figure out how to get word to my son, also named Charlie, who I knew was an enormous fan of Charlie Kirk and who does not have social media or access to it on his telephone but is around a lot of friends who do. I wanted to get word to him not to look at anything because I knew immediately that the horrific images would be spread around instantly, and no children should be watching that.

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That is just one example of millions every day polluting the minds of our children, coarsening our culture, breaking us down, addicting our children to devices instead of engagement, conversation, life, family, and being outside.

We are at each other’s throats because we have turned our backs on God. We are at each other’s throats because nonstop there is a deluge of imagery and horrific thoughts that are flooding into the in-boxes and into the visibility of our children and, frankly, ourselves.

Charlie Kirk was correct, that we have to focus on getting back to church, getting our Nation, our families, and our communities back to church. Would that this Sunday everybody that is going to be at a National Football League game or parked in front of a TV watching an NFL game, would that every single American doing that would be in church with devices off, TVs off, having supper with their families, which society would be stronger?

The fact of the matter is, when I had to tell my son that, unfortunately, Charlie had passed, and he asked if that was formally known in public, and I said: Yes, he is gone. I am sorry, buddy.

He said: I would have loved to have met him one day. Then he sent me a Bible verse that said: Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain. First Corinthians 15:58.

Well, thank goodness his mom is doing something right.

A lot of people have asked me why one of my first reactions in light of all this was to raise the prospect of an organized, radical left that has been fomenting the targeting of people that I care about, people like Charlie Kirk, groups like the Family Research Council, targeting families and communities and our way of life, Chip, why would you do that? Aren’t you just sowing more division in calling for a select committee to investigate the organized efforts of the radical left?

Actually, I think it is the opposite of that. I started this talking about the

need to pursue truth. Our job in Congress, in part, is oversight and investigation, and pursuing truth and exposing it to the American people.

It is a problem that organizations like the Southern Poverty Law Center creates hate maps in which they targeted the Family Research Council a decade ago resulting in an individual shooting it up and a security guard getting shot right here in D.C. or Charlie Kirk's organization, TPUSA, being put on that same map with a target being put on their backs. Antifa is known to be radicalized and engaging in terrorist activities, which the President recognized just yesterday, I believe rightfully.

The extent to which there is an extraordinary network funded not just by George Soros but a large number of radical billionaires that are funding organizations dedicated to putting into office DAs and judges who put criminals on the street, who allow dangerous criminals to walk among us in our communities, on trains in Charlotte, North Carolina, where a young woman from Ukraine was butchered by someone who had been in and out of jail, arrested 14 times.

It is not just an accident. It is not just one random DA or judge or, oh, George Soros funded one election. It is a coordinated effort to put DAs and judges and other law enforcement officials into places in communities—including in the communities I represent in Austin and San Antonio and throughout Texas—purposely to then have organizations like the Wren Collective, which is now known through reporting just this week from the Law Enforcement Legal Defense Fund, putting out the known networks where they are going in and telling these DAs and prosecutors precisely what to do, precisely how to get people back on the streets sooner or not prosecute them at all. The result of this is that dangerous individuals are walking among us and hurting us and our loved ones, which is a direct threat to the security of our Nation.

Yes, I think we should investigate that. Yes, I think we should get to the bottom of that. Yes, I want to know how those dollars are flowing. Yes, I want to know why the people of San Antonio have to be turned upside down or the people of Charlotte, North Carolina, have to be turned upside down because a radical group of billionaires are funding organizations that are funding these people to be put on our streets.

How about our borders? Should we not know the flow of the dollars, of the coordinated network through the United Nations and through international organizations and through supposedly religious organizations, or the 250 organizations that our friends at the Center for Immigration Studies put out, demonstrating the network that was responsible for dumping millions of people into our communities, including violent gang members from around the world that resulted in the

death of Americans, Americans like Jocelyn Nungaray, Americans like Laken Riley, Americans like Rachel Morin? I could go down the list of people who were killed, abused, assaulted, or harmed because a radical group of leftists decided that open borders for their political purposes was more important than your safety and security as Americans.

Yes, I think we should have a select committee or an organized effort among the Judiciary Committee and the Oversight Committee to expose this network, to expose the funders, to expose the people who are doing this purposely to undermine your security as a nation. Yes, we should know that. The only question is why isn't every single Representative in this body standing up and saying: Yes, I agree?

I agree with Vice President JD VANCE and Deputy Chief of Staff Stephen Miller. They put forward plans to go after leftist nongovernmental organizations in the wake of Charlie Kirk's murder. The Vice President said: We are going to go after the NGO networks that foment, facilitate, and engage in violence. We are going to channel all the anger that we have over the organized campaign that led to this assassination to uproot and dismantle these terrorist networks.

The Vice President is correct. My friend, Stephen Miller, is correct. The President is correct to be declaring antifa a terrorist organization. Enough is enough. Enough with the disruption of our Nation. For those who say this is somehow clamping down on speech: Wrong. You can say virtually anything you want to say in this country, but number one, there is consequences to that, including getting fired and having television shows canceled because there is a limit to what a society should have to take.

□ 1750

If you are going to say crazy things, then there can be a consequence to saying those crazy things. That is okay.

No, it is not interfering with your First Amendment rights to say that you cannot engage in effecting a conspiracy to foment violence—including, by the way, the riots in 2020—in the false name of supposedly healing racial division or in the name of certain lives mattering because we want to divide our country further.

Organizations funded for a specific purpose, to create instability and to undermine our way of life and our freedoms, should be investigated. Leftwing groups that are providing material support to that kind of violence should be investigated.

They say, "CHIP, why just leftwing groups? Why not rightwing groups?" Fine. Go look at any groups fomenting said violence.

All I know is, in the wake of Charlie Kirk getting shot, I didn't see the streets around this country burning. I didn't see people's businesses and livelihoods getting looted, destroyed, and

burned, from Minneapolis to California to our Nation's Capital. I didn't see statues getting toppled and tossed into water. I didn't see spray-painting and destruction of public monuments and statues.

What I saw was prayer. What I saw was people coming together in defense of their collective belief in God and their belief in this country, but willing to not just say we need unity for the sake of it.

I am tired of that. I am tired of this nonsense where they say, "Come together. We must unite. We need unity." Unity for what? Unity under what? Unity under a Constitution, under a flag, and under God, yes. In defense of a country with shared values, yes. Not unity for the sake of it, not turning the other cheek to a lawless bunch of organizations designed to take down and destroy our way of life and our country, to undermine our faith, undermine our country, undermine our freedoms, because that is what we see.

You have to be blind to ignore it, and you have to be willful in that blindness to ignore the conspiracy and coordination to dismantle so much of what made this country great, to target institutions of faith; to target people for their conservative views and beliefs; to destabilize our society; to put criminals on the streets; to import people from around the world with criminal backgrounds and gang members for your own crass political purposes, to try to pack your districts and try to expand your voter base.

It is not working because this administration and those of us who have stood up to fight and expose this are seeing to it that we are removing people from this country who should be removed, securing the border so that people aren't flowing across it, standing with law enforcement, securing our communities, backing the blue, restoring safety and security, not just in our Nation's Capital but around the country, making this country a place where you can achieve the American Dream again, but only if we are willing to take on these organizations that are still causing the lawless to be walking among us.

That resulted directly in the death of a Ukrainian refugee who thought she could live the American Dream. It was taken away from her because people were purposely put on the street who are dangerous. There is no other way to look at that. That is literally what happened.

I know that there is going to be a lot more conversation and speeches about Charlie coming up, but I will close with this. In a 1981 speech, which is hard to believe was almost 45 years ago, President Reagan declared liberal pro-criminal policies rooted in "utopian presumptions about human nature." "For all our science and sophistication, for all our justified pride in intellectual accomplishment, we must never forget the jungle is always there waiting to take us over."

He observed that the liberal belief that criminal justice is solely for rehabilitation instead of incapacitation and deterrence is rooted in “a belief that there was nothing permanent or absolute about any man’s nature . . . and that by changing his environment, we could permanently change man and usher in a great new era.”

President Reagan was right. There is a place appropriately for forgiveness and rehabilitation, but there is not a place for allowing the rampant, lawless, and dangerous to be walking among our families and our communities, and our borders to be wide open to endanger our societies for this crazy notion of some utopian nonsense or, worse yet, a purposeful use of this tool for political purposes.

I applaud the President for what he is doing for trying to secure our country.

I call on my colleagues to band together to expose to the American people these organized efforts that are undermining our security and our way of life—targeted specifically at us. It is high time that we expose it. It is high time that we do something about it.

If we learned anything from what we saw unfold that resulted in the murder of Charlie, it is that we go find the people that are just as guilty as the young man that pulled that trigger, the people who are just as guilty because they created that environment. They fomented the radicalization and the creation of an environment where that occurred knowingly, knowingly destabilizing our society in the process.

#### WHY I CAME TO CONGRESS

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

#### GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. CROW. 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 thereon.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. GOLDMAN of Texas). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Colorado?

There was no objection.

Mr. CROW. Mr. Speaker, almost 7 years ago, I came to Congress to serve my community, my State, my fellow veterans, and the country that I deeply love in a different way than I served it on the battlefield. When I put the uniform on as a teenager, I swore an oath to the Constitution, and I stand here today to uphold that oath.

I came here to represent a State that has been racked with trauma: Columbine, Aurora Theater, Club Q, Boulder, and, most recently, Evergreen High.

I came here because, like so many of my fellow veterans, I harbor deep resentment for our wars that cost thousands of lives, trillions of dollars, and decades of lost opportunity.

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Mr. Speaker, I came here because the American working class has been gutted, left behind, and excluded from the American Dream, while the elites grow wealthier than ever.

Together with my colleagues from both sides of the aisle, I came to Congress, assuming that we could solve these problems together. We could have open and safe debates in a free society.

Instead, I have seen two impeachments, an insurrection, a pandemic, cyberattacks, social unrest, political assassinations, mass shooting after mass shooting, wars, tumultuous elections, and a rapid collapse of our social fabric.

In the last 9 months, the Republican majority has given up the power and the responsibility of Congress to serve the American people and has turned this Congress into nothing more than a rubber stamp for Donald Trump.

We should do what we were sent here to do. We should make people’s lives better, but the Republican majority has stopped that. The lives of average Americans everywhere are getting much worse.

Prices are skyrocketing. Homes are unaffordable. Consumer debt is surging. Unemployment is rising. Credit scores are plummeting. Family farms are going under. Gun violence continues to devastate our schools and our towns.

While Americans struggle, Donald Trump and his family are cashing in at our expense. They accept endless gifts from businesses and foreign nations, including a \$400 million jet. Individuals are charged \$500,000 to join a private club for access to Trump officials.

Mar-a-Lago and the White House Rose Garden have been turned into a pay-to-play destination for the wealthy and well-connected. Meme coins are issued so investors and foreign individuals can buy influence and personally enrich the President and his family. All of this has added billions of dollars to Trump’s wealth since becoming President.

While Americans get poorer and Trump gets richer, something darker is happening. The walls of our democracy are being disassembled brick by brick. Federal troops are patrolling our streets to intimidate and instill fear. Senators and Members of Congress are thrown to the ground, handcuffed, arrested, and intimidated. They are firing our most experienced generals and admirals who may simply disagree with the President.

They are purging military officials who find themselves on the wrong side of the President’s cronies. They are threatening American cities with war and violence. They are attacking civil society, journalists, and public servants who show independence or speak freely.

They are censoring media because someone dares to question or make a joke about the President. They are snatching people off the streets with

masked agents in unmarked vehicles. They are forcing American troops to get on their knees and roll out the red carpet for a brutal dictator. They are now using a terrible tragedy to pit Americans against one another and grab power.

Mr. Speaker, political violence in every form is abhorrent. I condemn every single act of political violence, regardless of its source or its motivation.

I went to war three times for this country to defend the Constitution and the rights of people to say things I might disagree with. The right of every American to speak freely, peacefully, organize, and protest is fundamental to who we are. After all, what is more American than the ability to question authority? Questioning authority is, in fact, how we came to be a Nation.

We all lose when free and open debate is replaced with violence or threats. We must not lose our right and our responsibility to speak up against abuses of authority.

Power in America has always been cyclical. At one time, one party is in power. The next moment, another is. That is why we must all protect it all of the time and not just when it is convenient for us.

Everyone must defend the ability of a minority, Republican or Democrat, to question and protest, because at some point, we will need that right. That is why an attack on one person’s freedom is an attack on all of us.

That is exactly what Donald Trump is doing. He is attacking all of our rights. Donald Trump and his cronies are now labeling those who disagree with him terrorists, scum, and enemies of the State. Only they will decide what is hateful. Only they will decide what poses a threat. Only they will decide who can speak and who will be silenced.

If anyone thinks they are safe just because it is happening to someone else this time, they are not paying attention to history. Donald Trump and his cronies have attacked anyone, including rightwing media and politicians, simply for questioning them.

The point for Trump is not to advance an ideology. It is to silence dissent and anyone who would dare speak up. When dissent is silenced, they can turn our government and weaponize it into an institution that serves only Donald Trump and enriches those who are loyal to him.

In a system where the rule of law is replaced with raw power and governed by grievance, greed, cruelty, and impunity, nobody is safe.

This is not just a story of a Presidential power grab because that was envisioned by our Constitution. That is why it was written the way it was. It was written to prevent power grabs. There are people with power right now allowing this to happen.

As Trump tramples on the Constitution, some of our most elite and powerful individuals and institutions are

failing to defend our democracy. Some of our Nation's most powerful law firms have bent the knee. Some of our finest universities are buckling. Some of our most powerful CEOs have capitulated. Some of our largest media companies are simply surrendering.

If those with power and influence want to sell off our rights and freedoms to enrich themselves, then Americans should make it clear that cowardice and greed will fail. We will not shop at their stores. We will not tune in to their TV and radio stations. We won't send our kids and our money to their universities. We won't use their services if they are going to enable our slide to authoritarianism. What makes their cowardice and greed so stark is the courage we have seen from everyday Americans.

When ICE agents started interrogating kids on a baseball diamond in Harlem, Coach Youman Wilder was the only thing that stood between those agents and his young players. Despite threats, he stood up and told the agents that they had no right to speak to those kids. The agents left. In the moment, Wilder told himself he was willing to die to make sure those kids got home.

In Twisp, Washington, a small, rural town that Trump won last November, hundreds of residents gather every Saturday to protest cuts to Medicaid and SNAP. These are cuts that will devastate their community. One resident, a school teacher of over 30 years, said they protest because: "Democracy only works if we work it."

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In April, millions took to the streets to peacefully protest. We saw massive demonstrations nationwide in cities big and small. In Cortez, Colorado, a population of 9,000, 600 people showed up. In Gardiner, Montana, a population of 800, 75 people made their voices heard. In Daleville, Alabama, home to 5,000, 100 members of the community showed up and spoke out.

Here in Washington, D.C., as the National Guard is patrolling, and ICE agents are dramatically ramping up raids across the city, citizens are starting Instagram pages and Facebook groups to inform fellow citizens of their rights. Parents are patrolling schoolyards to protect the rights of students and other parents. Around the country journalists are investigating and relentlessly searching for and reporting the truth, despite threats to them and their family.

There is courage everywhere we look. We have not yet lost our power. So many Americans have been sounding the alarm bell for a long time, and they have been right.

We have now reached the inflection point.

Now is the time for us to stand firm and for us to stand with them, and for all of us to stand with those defending democracy, defending free speech, defending freedom of religion, defending

due process, defending the rule of law, defending the right of schoolchildren to learn without fear of being shot, and defending government of the people, by the people, and for the people.

I have taken many oaths to protect and defend our country and our Constitution, first as a soldier and now as a Member of Congress.

I often think back to the start of my service to this Nation as a young paratrooper leading an infantry platoon in the invasion of Iraq. I think about the faces of those young men whom I was responsible for, Black, White, Asian, Hispanic, from the North, from the South, East, and West, from farms and from cities, rich and poor.

When I think of America, I still think of those young paratroopers and how we came together despite our differences. We served together, we fought together, and we found great strength in one another.

That is America.

There is a tradition in the paratroopers that the leader of the unit jumps out of the plane first and then the others follow.

Mr. Speaker, I am ready to jump.

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

#### ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 6 o'clock and 13 minutes p.m.), the House adjourned until tomorrow, Friday, September 19, 2025, at 9 a.m.

#### EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

EC-1954. A letter from the Performing the Duties of the Under Secretary of Defense, (Comptroller)/Chief Financial Officer, Department of Defense, transmitting a report of violations of the Anti-Deficiency Act, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1351; Public Law 97-258, Sept. 13, 1982; (96 Stat. 926); to the Committee on Appropriations.

EC-1955. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's Annual Report to Congress: Qualifying Payment Amount Audits, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 300gg-111(a)(2)(A)(iii); July 1, 1944, ch. 373, title XXVII, Sec. 2799A-1(a)(2)(A)(iii) (as added by Public Law 116-260, div. BB, title I, Sec. 102(a)(1)); (134 Stat. 2761); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-1956. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's determination for the emergency use of animal drugs to treat or prevent New World Screwworm myiasis in animals, pursuant to Section 564(b) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-1957. A letter from the Program Analyst, Media Bureau, Federal Communicat-

tions Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Delete, Delete, Delete [GN Docket No.: 25-133] received August 20, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-1958. A letter from the Regulations Coordinator, National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule — Terminating National Institutes of Health Minority Biomedical Research Support Program and Rescinding the Program's Related Regulations [Docket No.: NIH-2025-0001] (RIN: 0925-AA72) received August 27, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-1959. A letter from the Regulations Coordinator, Office of the General Counsel, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule — Standards of Conduct; Revocation of Superseded Regulations; Revision of Residual Provisions (RIN: 0991-AC40) received August 28, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-1960. A letter from the Legal Advisor, Space Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Expediting Initial Processing of Satellite and Earth Station Applications [IB Docket No.: 22-411] Space Innovation [IB Docket No.: 22-271] received August 20, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-1961. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to significant foreign narcotics traffickers centered in Colombia, declared in Executive Order 12978 of October 21, 1995, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 2155(b)(2); Aug. 1, 1946, ch. 724, title I, Sec. 126b(2) (as amended by Public Law 95-242, Sec. 304(a)); (92 Stat. 134) and 50 U.S.C. 1703(c); Public Law 95-223, Sec. 204(c); (91 Stat. 1627); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-1962. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Iran that was declared in Executive Order 12957 of March 15, 1995, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2349aa-9(c); Public Law 99-83, Sec. 505(c); (99 Stat. 221) and 50 U.S.C. 1641(c); Public Law 94-412, Sec. 401(c); (90 Stat. 1257); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-1963. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Venezuela that was declared in Executive Order 13692 of March 8, 2015, 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-1964. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Ukraine that was declared in Executive Order 13660 of March 6, 2014, 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-1965. A letter from the Senior Advisor, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting a notification of a discontinuation of service in acting role and a designation of acting officer, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 3349(a); Public Law 105-277, Sec. 151(b); (112 Stat. 2681-614); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

EC-1966. A letter from the Director, Office of Acquisition Policy, Office of Government-wide Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting the Administration's Small Entity Compliance Guide — Federal Acquisition Regulation; Federal Acquisition Circular 2025-05 [Docket No.: FAR-2025-0051, Sequence No. 2] received August 20, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

EC-1967. A letter from the Director, Office of Acquisition Policy, Office of Government-wide Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Federal Acquisition Regulation; Technical Amendments [FAC: 2025-05; Item II; Docket No.: FAR-2025-0052; Sequence No.: 2] received August 20, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

EC-1968. A letter from the Director, Office of Acquisition Policy, Office of Government-wide Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Federal Acquisition Regulation: Clarification of System for Award Management Preaward Registration Requirements [FAC: 2025-05, FAR Case 2023-018; Item I; Docket No.: FAR-2023-0018; Sequence No.: 1] (RIN: 9000-AO66) received August 20, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

EC-1969. A letter from the Director, Office of Acquisition Policy, Office of Government-wide Policy, General Services Administration, transmitting the Administration's Summary Presentation of final rules — Federal Acquisition Regulation; Federal Acquisition Circular 2025-05; Introduction [Docket No.: FAR-2025-0051, Sequence No. 2] received August 20, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

EC-1970. A letter from the Manager, Legal Litigation and Support, AGC-010, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives: MD Helicopters, LLC [Docket No.: FAA-2024-2009; Project Identifier AD-2023-01286-R; Amendment 39-23121; AD 2025-17-11] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received September 15, 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-1971. A letter from the Manager, Legal Litigation and Support, AGC-010, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives: Costruzioni Aeronautiche Tecnam S.p.A. Airplanes [Docket No.: FAA-2025-2266; Project Identifier MCAI-2024-00406-A; Amendment 39-23123; AD 2025-17-13] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received September 15, 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-1972. A letter from the Manager, Legal Litigation and Support, AGC-010, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives: Leonardo S.p.A. Helicopters [Docket No.: FAA-2025-2271; Project Identifier MCAI-2025-01166-R; Amendment 39-23128; AD 2025-18-01] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received September 15, 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-1973. A letter from the Manager, Legal Litigation and Support, AGC-010, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; Bell Textron Canada Limited

Helicopters [Docket No.: FAA-2025-2276; Project Identifier MCAI-2025-00699-R; Amendment 39-23137; AD 2025-18-10] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received September 15, 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-1974. A letter from the Manager, Legal Litigation and Support, AGC-010, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Amendment of Alaskan Very High Frequency Omnidirectional Range Federal Airway V-350 in Alaska [Docket No.: FAA-2024-2361; Airspace Docket No.: 22-AAL-83] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received September 15, 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-1975. A letter from the Manager, Legal Litigation and Support, AGC-010, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Amendment of Restricted Areas R-3004A, R-3004B, and R-3004C; Fort Gordon, GA [Docket No.: FAA-2023-0504; Airspace Docket No.: 21-ASO-25] received September 15, 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-1976. A letter from the Manager, Legal Litigation and Support, AGC-010, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — IFR Altitudes; Miscellaneous Amendments [Docket No.: 31624; Amdt. No. 587] received September 15, 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-1977. A letter from the Chairwoman, National Transportation Safety Board, transmitting the Board's 2024 Annual Report to Congress, pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 1116(c); Public Law 103-272, Sec. 1(d) (as amended by Public Law 115-254, Sec. 1107(a)); (132 Stat. 3432); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-1978. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's Annual Report to Congress on the Medicare and Medicaid Integrity Programs for Fiscal Year 2024, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 1395ddd(i)(2); Aug. 14, 1935, ch. 531, title XVIII, Sec. 1893(i)(2) (as amended by Public Law 111-148, Sec. 6402(j)(1)(B)); (124 Stat. 762) and 42 U.S.C. 1396u-6(e)(5); Aug. 14, 1935, ch. 531, Sec. 1936(e)(5) (as added by Public Law 109-171, Sec. 6034(a)(2)); (120 Stat. 76); jointly to the Committees on Ways and Means and Energy and Commerce.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

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

Mr. BOST: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H.R. 2791. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to increase the maximum amount of housing loan guaranty entitlement available to certain veterans under the laws administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, with an amendment (Rept. 119-303). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

#### PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions of the following titles were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. PALLONE (for himself, Mr. NEAL, and Mr. SCOTT of Virginia):

H.R. 5448. A bill to require coverage of certain immunizations recommended by the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices under the Medicare program, the Medicaid program, the Children's Health Insurance Program, group health plans, and health insurance coverage; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, 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 Ms. LOFGREN (for herself, Ms. BROWNLEY, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Ms. ROSS, Mr. VEASEY, Mr. AGUILAR, Ms. BARRAGÁN, Mr. BELL, Mr. BERA, Mr. CARBAJAL, Ms. CHU, Mr. CISNEROS, Mr. CLEAVER, Mr. CORREA, Mr. COSTA, Mr. DESAULNIER, Mr. DOGETT, Ms. FRIEDMAN, Mr. GARAMENDI, Mr. GARCIA of California, Mr. GOMEZ, Mr. HARDER of California, Mr. HUFFMAN, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE, Mr. KHANNA, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. LICCARDO, Mr. LIEU, Ms. MATSUI, Mr. MIN, Mr. MULLIN, Mr. PANETTA, Ms. PELOSI, Mr. PETERS, Ms. RIVAS, Mr. RUIZ, Ms. SÁNCHEZ, Mr. SHERMAN, Ms. SIMON, Mr. SWALWELL, Mr. TAKANO, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Mrs. TORRES of California, Mr. TRAN, Mr. WHITESIDES, Ms. WATERS, Ms. JACOBS, Mr. GRAY, Mr. LANDSMAN, Mr. VARGAS, Mr. CARSON, and Mr. MRVAN):

H.R. 5449. A bill to require congressional redistricting conducted by a State to be conducted in accordance with a redistricting plan developed and enacted into law by an independent redistricting commission established by the State, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. DELAUR: H.R. 5450. A bill making continuing appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2026, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Appropriations, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, and the Budget, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. COHEN (for himself and Mr. CARSON):

H.R. 5451. A bill to provide for funding from the Airport and Airway Trust Fund for all Federal Aviation Administration activities for a certain period in the event of a Government shutdown, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. COHEN (for himself, Mr. FITZPATRICK, and Mr. GARCIA of California):

H.R. 5452. A bill to amend the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act to modify the Safe Streets and Roads for All program; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. AMO (for himself, Mr. RASKIN, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. MAGAZINER, Ms. BONAMICI, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, Mr. MOULTON, Mr. GOLDMAN of New York, Mr. MULLIN, Ms. JAYAPAL, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, Ms. NORTON, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Mr. SWALWELL, Mr. SMITH of Washington,

Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania, Mr. FROST, and Mr. CASTEN):

H.R. 5453. A bill to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 with respect to eligibility under the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. ARRINGTON (for himself and Ms. SÁNCHEZ):

H.R. 5454. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to apply improved prompt payment requirements to Medicare Advantage organizations; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. BEAN of Florida:

H.R. 5455. A bill to provide for funding from the Airport and Airway Trust Fund for all Federal Aviation; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, 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. BICE (for herself, Ms. TITUS, Mr. MILLER of Ohio, and Ms. BONAMICI):

H.R. 5456. A bill to provide guidance for and investment in the upgrade and modernization of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Weather Radio All Hazards network, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

By Ms. BROWN (for herself, Ms. MACE, Mr. FALLON, and Mrs. MCCLAIN DELANEY):

H.R. 5457. A bill to improve the visibility, accountability, and oversight of agency software asset management practices, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts (for herself, Ms. BONAMICI, Mr. GOMEZ, Ms. PETTERSEN, Ms. McCLELLAN, and Ms. TOKUDA):

H.R. 5458. A bill to amend the Child Care Access Means Parents In School Program under the Higher Education Act of 1965; to the Committee on Education and Workforce.

By Mr. CLOUD:

H.R. 5459. A bill to amend the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946 to adjust the timing of the Congressional summer adjournment, and other purposes; to the Committee on Rules.

By Ms. CROCKETT:

H.R. 5460. A bill to prohibit the Federal Communications Commission from requiring any entity regulated by the Commission to align the speech of such entity with the political ideology of any presidential administration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Ms. DEGETTE (for herself, Mr. BILIRAKIS, and Mr. RUIZ):

H.R. 5461. A bill to extend funding for Special Diabetes Programs for Type I diabetes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. GOLDMAN of New York (for himself, Ms. BARRAGÁN, Mr. CRENshaw, Ms. SALINAS, Mr. BACON, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mr. LAWLER, Ms. STRICKLAND, and Ms. BROWNLEY):

H.R. 5462. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to revise the definition of institution for mental diseases under the Medicaid program to exclude from such definition institutions having 36 beds or less if such institutions meet certain standards; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. HERN of Oklahoma (for himself, Ms. VAN DUYNE, and Ms. TENNEY):

H.R. 5463. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide for the treatment of employer-provided health reimbursement arrangements that are integrated with individual market coverage, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. HERNÁNDEZ:

H.R. 5464. A bill to prohibit congressionally established entities from preventing the implementation or enforcement of net metering service standards, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. HUFFMAN:

H.R. 5465. A bill to amend title 23, United States Code, to require transportation planners to consider projects and strategies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. JACKSON of Texas (for himself, Mr. FALLON, Mr. McCUAL, Mr. NEHLS, and Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas):

H.R. 5466. A bill to authorize the Secretary of Defense to establish a National Security and Defense Artificial Intelligence Institute, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Ms. JOHNSON of Texas (for herself and Mr. KENNEDY of Utah):

H.R. 5467. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to require coverage of drugs for autoimmune diseases and certain blood disorders under Medicare part D; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. KELLY of Mississippi (for himself and Mr. CARBAJAL):

H.R. 5468. A bill to amend the National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977 to authorize capacity building grants for community college agriculture and natural resources programs; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Mrs. KIM (for herself, Ms. CASTOR of Florida, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, Mr. JOYCE of Ohio, Mr. VALADAO, Mr. NUNN of Iowa, Mr. CAREY, Mr. KENNEDY of New York, Mr. TONKO, Ms. SHERRILL, Mrs. HINSON, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Ms. BALINT, Ms. SCHOLTEN, Ms. MORRISON, Ms. MENG, Ms. PEREZ, Mr. PANETTA, Mr. MANN, Mr. BACON, Mr. VEASEY, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Ms. BUDZINSKI, Ms. ADAMS, Ms. VAN DUYNE, Ms. DELBENE, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Ms. CRAIG, Mr. MOOLENAAR, Mr. CARTER of Georgia, Mrs. CAMMACK, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mrs. DINGELL, and Mr. RILEY of New York):

H.R. 5469. A bill to improve research and data collection on stillbirths, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. LAHOOD (for himself and Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ):

H.R. 5470. A bill to amend the National Trails System Act to designate the Route 66 National Historic Trail, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. LALOTA:

H.R. 5471. A bill to amend the National Aquaculture Act of 1980 to extend aquaculture programs under such Act, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each

case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. LAWLER:

H.R. 5472. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to restore and expand the expensing of qualified environmental remediation expenditures, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Ms. LETLOW:

H.R. 5473. A bill to amend the Agricultural Act of 2014 to require the Secretary of Agriculture to make certain advance partial price loss coverage payments for crop year 2025; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Ms. MACE (for herself, Ms. BOEBERT, and Mr. MOORE of Alabama):

H.R. 5474. A bill to ensure equal protection of the law and prevent racism in the government of the District of Columbia by prohibiting the government of the District of Columbia from engaging in certain diversity, equity, or inclusion practices or conducting racial equity training, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Ms. MALLIOTAKIS (for herself, Mrs. SYKES, Mr. LALOTA, Mr. SUOZZI, Mr. FITZPATRICK, and Mr. HORSFORD):

H.R. 5475. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a deduction for certain overtime compensation; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mrs. MCBATH (for herself, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. MULLIN, Mr. POCAN, Mr. MANNION, Mr. McGARVEY, Ms. PINGREE, Mr. THANEDAR, Ms. McCLELLAN, Mrs. MCCLAIN DELANEY, Ms. TITUS, Mr. KEATING, Mr. WHITESIDES, Ms. BALINT, Ms. SIMON, Ms. SALINAS, Ms. CRAIG, Mr. MOULTON, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Mr. EVANS of Pennsylvania, Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Mr. FIELDS, and Mr. SORENSEN):

H.R. 5476. A bill to direct the Secretary of Education to carry out a grant program to support the recruitment and retention of paraprofessionals in public elementary schools, secondary schools, and preschool programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and Workforce.

By Mr. MCCORMICK (for himself and Mr. EZZELL):

H.R. 5477. A bill to direct courts to award attorneys fees in criminal cases that do not result in a conviction, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MOORE of Utah (for himself and Ms. MALOY):

H.R. 5478. A bill to provide for the conveyance of certain National Forest System land to the city of Fruit Heights, Utah, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. MOORE of Utah (for himself, Ms. HOYLE of Oregon, Mr. HURD of Colorado, and Ms. LEE of Nevada):

H.R. 5479. A bill to direct the Secretary of Transportation to establish a grant program relating to the digitization of county roads and creation of publicly accessible road datasets, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. MURPHY (for himself, Mrs. MILLER of West Virginia, Mr. MOORE of Alabama, Mrs. MILLER of Illinois, Mr. STEUBE, Mr. BUCHANAN, Ms. TENNEY, Ms. LEE of Florida, Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania, Mr. BACON, Mr. SIMPSON, Mr. SELF, Mr. BOST, and Mr. MOORE of North Carolina):

H.R. 5480. A bill to establish the President's Council on Sports, Fitness, and Nutrition, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and Workforce.

By Mr. NEGUSE (for himself, Ms. DEXTER, Ms. STANSBURY, and Mr. MORELLE):

H.R. 5481. A bill to authorize transitional sheltering assistance for individuals who live in areas with unhealthy air quality caused by wildfires, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. NUNN of Iowa (for himself and Mr. PAPPAS):

H.R. 5482. A bill to require the Secretary of Education to issue a rule requiring schools to implement protocols for suicide prevention, postvention, and trauma-informed care; to the Committee on Education and Workforce.

By Mr. ONDER (for himself, Mr. CARTER of Georgia, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. MCCORMICK, Mr. FLEISCHMANN, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mr. MOORE of Alabama, Mr. BAIRD, Mr. GILL of Texas, Mr. ROSE, Mr. MOORE of West Virginia, Mr. TAYLOR, Mr. SIMPSON, Mrs. BIGGS of South Carolina, Mr. CRENshaw, Mr. HARRIS of Maryland, Mr. HARRIGAN, Mr. ADERHOLT, Mr. OGLES, and Mr. COLLINS):

H.R. 5483. A bill to prohibit health care professionals, hospitals, or clinics from participating in the chemical or surgical mutilation of a child and to provide a private right of action for children and the parents of children whose healthy body parts have been damaged by medical professionals practicing chemical and surgical mutilation; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. PALLONE (for himself and Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana):

H.R. 5484. A bill to reauthorize the National Flood Insurance Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services, and in addition to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure, and Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. PFLUGER (for himself, Mr. LAMALFA, Mr. ESTES, Mr. MOORE of Alabama, Mr. STUTZMAN, Mrs. BIGGS of South Carolina, Mr. ROSE, Mrs. CAMMACK, Mr. MCGUIRE, Mr. GUEST, Mr. FINSTAD, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mr. GOLDMAN of Texas, Mr. MOOLENAAR, Mr. CRENshaw, and Mr. BOST):

H.R. 5485. A bill to ensure that a woman seeking a chemical abortion is informed that it may be possible to reverse the intended effects of the abortion if the woman changes her mind, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. POCAN (for himself, Mr. AMO, Ms. ANSARI, Ms. BALINT, Mrs. BEATTY, Mr. BELL, Ms. BROWNLEY, Mr. CARTER of Louisiana, Ms. CASTOR of Florida, Mr. COHEN, Ms. CRAIG, Ms. CROCKETT, Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania, Ms. DELBENE, Mr. DESAULNIER, Mrs. DINGELL, Mr. DOGETT, Mr. EVANS of Pennsylvania, Mr. FOSTER, Ms. LOIS FRANKEL of Florida, Ms. GARCIA of Texas, Mr. GARCIA of California, Mr. GOLDMAN of New York, Mr. HORSFORD, Mr. HUFFMAN, Ms. JAYAPAL, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. KEATING, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, Mr. KENNEDY of New York, Mr. KHANNA, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHI, Ms. LEE of Pennsylvania, Mr. LYNCH, Mr. MAGAZINER, Mrs. McCORMICK

DELANEY, Ms. McCLELLAN, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Mr. MCGARVEY, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, Mr. MORELLE, Mr. MOSKOWITZ, Mr. MRVAN, Ms. NORTON, Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ, Mr. PANETTA, Ms. PINGREE, Mr. QUIGLEY, Mrs. RAMIREZ, Mr. RYAN, Ms. SALINAS, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Ms. SCHOLTEN, Ms. SHERRILL, Ms. SIMON, Mr. SMITH of Washington, Mr. SUBRAMANYAM, Mr. SWALWELL, Mr. TAKANO, Mr. THANEDAR, Ms. TLAIB, Mr. TONKO, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia, Mrs. MCBATH, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Mrs. MCIVER, Ms. UNDERWOOD, and Mr. GOTTHEIMER):

H.R. 5486. A bill to prevent harassment at institutions of higher education, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and Workforce.

By Mr. RILEY of New York:

H.R. 5487. A bill to prohibit foreign ownership of public utilities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. RUIZ (for himself, Mr. OBERNOLTE, and Ms. DEGETTE):

H.R. 5488. A bill to amend title III of the Public Health Service Act to extend funding for the Special Diabetes Program for Indians; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Ms. SCHAKOWSKY (for herself, Ms. BARRAGÁN, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Mr. HUFFMAN, Ms. JAYAPAL, Ms. LEE of Pennsylvania, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. MCGOVERN, Ms. NORTON, Mrs. RAMIREZ, Ms. TLAIB, and Ms. VELÁZQUEZ):

H.R. 5489. A bill to amend the Clean Air Act to prohibit the emission of any greenhouse gas in any quantity from any new electric utility steam generating unit, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Natural Resources, and Foreign Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. SHREVE (for himself, Mr. MOOLENAAR, and Mr. RULLI):

H.R. 5490. A bill to establish an interagency Task Force to dismantle and shut down transnational criminal syndicates perpetuating mass online scam operations against Americans; 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. SMITH of New Jersey (for himself, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHI, and Mr. HILL of Arkansas):

H.R. 5491. A bill to encourage diplomatic advocacy efforts on behalf of Americans unjustly detained in the People's Republic of China; 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. SMITH of Washington (for himself and Mr. BACON):

H.R. 5492. A bill to provide for automatic acquisition of United States citizenship for certain internationally adopted individuals, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. SMUCKER (for himself, Mr. SMITH of Nebraska, Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania, and Mr. MILLER of Ohio):

H.R. 5493. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a credit against tax for charitable donations to nonprofit organizations providing workforce training; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. SMUCKER (for himself, Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina, Ms. SALAZAR, Mr. CISCOMANI, Mr. HARRIS of Maryland, Mr. SUOZZI, Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania, Mr. MCCORMICK, Mr. AMODEI of Nevada, and Mr. CUELLAR):

H.R. 5494. A bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide for an H-2C nonimmigrant classification, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, and Oversight and Government Reform, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Ms. TENNEY (for herself, Mr. OGLES, and Ms. SALAZAR):

H.R. 5495. A bill to require the denial of admission to the United States for individuals subject to sanctions pursuant to Executive Order 13876, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania (for himself and Ms. TOKUDA):

H.R. 5496. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to provide for permanent payments for telehealth services furnished by federally qualified health centers and rural health clinics under the Medicare program; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. TIFFANY (for himself, Mr. STEIL, Mr. WIED, Mr. GROTHMAN, Mr. FITZGERALD, and Mr. VAN ORDEN):

H.R. 5497. A bill to provide for the designation of Apostle Islands National Park and Preserve, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Ms. VAN DUYNE (for herself, Ms. TENNEY, and Mr. HERN of Oklahoma):

H.R. 5498. A bill to require the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to provide information to small business concerns on individual coverage health reimbursement arrangements, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business.

By Mr. VARGAS:

H.R. 5499. A bill to amend the Federal Reserve Act to prohibit dual appointments of certain employees of the Federal Reserve System, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Ms. VELÁZQUEZ:

H.R. 5500. A bill to make administrative reforms to the National Flood Insurance Program to increase fairness and accuracy and protect the taxpayer from program fraud and abuse, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Ms. VELÁZQUEZ:

H.R. 5501. A bill to require a study on the critical data gaps experienced by Federal agencies providing grants for the recovery of Puerto Rico; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Ms. VELÁZQUEZ:

H.R. 5502. A bill to amend title 49, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Transportation to issue regulations to ensure airfare fairness in the wake of a disaster or emergency, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Ms. VELÁZQUEZ:

H.R. 5503. A bill to require the Federal Emergency Management Agency to establish

a Territorial Disaster Recovery Program to continuously identify, monitor, and address factors and capability gaps that hinder the execution and completion of recovery activities relating to major disasters by eligible entities located in the territories of the United States; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Ms. VELÁZQUEZ:

H.R. 5504. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow for a credit against tax for certain flood insurance expenses; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. WALBERG (for himself, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mrs. MILLER of Illinois, Ms. HAGEMAN, Mr. MORAN, Mr. ADERHOLT, and Mr. ODER):

H.R. 5505. A bill to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to ensure campus access at public institutions of higher education for religious groups; to the Committee on Education and Workforce.

By Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ (for herself and Mr. BURCHETT):

H.R. 5506. A bill to strengthen the rights of crime victims, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BEGICH:

H.J. Res. 124. A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Bureau of Land Management relating to 'National Petroleum Reserve in Alaska Integrated Activity Plan Record of Decision'; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mrs. FLETCHER:

H.J. Res. 125. A joint resolution providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Office of the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services relating to "Policy on Adhering to the Text of the Administrative Procedure Act"; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. BARRAGÁN (for herself, Mr. SOTO, Ms. SALINAS, Mr. COSTA, Ms. ESCOBAR, Mr. GARCIA of California, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Mr. RUIZ, Mrs. RAMIREZ, Mr. FROST, Mr. VARGAS, Ms. RANDALL, Mr. CUELLAR, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. CISNEROS, and Mrs. TORRES of California):

H. Res. 734. A resolution recognizing the importance of engagement with the Latino community to get into outdoor recreation and participate in activities to protect United States natural resources, and expressing support for the designation of the third week of September as "Latino Conservation Week"; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. CLOUD (for himself and Mr. MOORE of Alabama):

H. Res. 735. A resolution supporting the designation of the month of July as "American Families Month"; to the Committee on Education and Workforce.

By Ms. DELAUBRE (for herself, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, and Ms. TLAIB):

H. Res. 736. A resolution recognizing the importance of diapers to infant health and family well-being, and expressing support for the designation of the week of September 15 to September 21, 2025, as "National Diaper Need Awareness Week"; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Mr. GARBINO (for himself, Mr. RYAN, Ms. MALLIOTAKIS, Mr. LAWLER, Ms. TENNEY, and Mr. MORELLE):

H. Res. 737. A resolution supporting the designation of September 22 as "National Veterans Suicide Awareness and Remembrance Day" and recognizing the Suicide Awareness and Remembrance Flag; 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. HILL of Arkansas (for himself and Mr. McGOVERN):

H. Res. 738. A resolution expressing concern regarding severe restrictions on religious freedom abroad; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mrs. HINSON (for herself and Ms. ADAMS):

H. Res. 739. A resolution supporting the designation of September 19, 2025, as "National Stillbirth Prevention and Awareness Day", recognizing tens of thousands of families in the United States that have endured a stillbirth, and seizing the opportunity to keep other families from experiencing the same tragedy; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Ms. JAYAPAL (for herself, Mr. LARSEN of Washington, Ms. DELBENE, Mr. SMITH of Washington, and Ms. STRICKLAND):

H. Res. 740. A resolution congratulating Seattle Sounders FC on becoming the first Major League Soccer team to win all 5 major North American soccer trophies; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Ms. JAYAPAL (for herself, Mr. CARSON, Ms. CHU, Ms. OMAR, Ms. TLAIB, Mr. COSTA, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, and Ms. SIMON):

H. Res. 741. A resolution acknowledging that in the aftermath of September 11, 2001, individuals experienced hate and were targeted by the government on account of their faith, race, national origin and immigration status, and suggesting various forms of relief to support those affected; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on Energy and Commerce, and Science, Space, and Technology, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. LALOTA (for himself, Mr. DELUZIO, Mr. WITTMAN, Mr. CRENSHAW, Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia, Ms. TENNEY, Mr. GOLDEN of Maine, Mr. COURTNEY, Mr. MOULTON, Mr. GIMENEZ, Mr. DIAZ-BALART, Mr. HARRIS of Maryland, Mr. PETERS, Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. FLEISCHMANN, Mr. MCGUIRE, Mr. MCCORMICK, Mr. SCHNEIDER, Ms. SHERRILL, Mr. LUTTRELL, Ms. BROWNLEY, Mr. KELLY of Mississippi, Mr. MOORE of North Carolina, Mr. CASE, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. MOYLAN, Mr. TONY GONZALES of Texas, Mrs. HOUCHEIN, Mr. ZINKE, Mr. FRY, Mr. MOOLENAAR, Mr. MOORE of Alabama, Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania, Mr. CLYDE, Mr. RULLI, Mr. CLOUD, Ms. ELFRETH, and Ms. SALAZAR):

H. Res. 742. A resolution recognizing the 250th birthday of the United States Navy; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Ms. MALLIOTAKIS:

H. Res. 743. A resolution supporting the designation of "Operation Enduring Freedom Day" to honor the service, sacrifice, and courage of the men and women who served in Operation Enduring Freedom, their families, and those who lost their lives or were wounded in the conflict; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. NEWHOUSE (for himself, Mr. ADERHOLT, Mr. MOORE of Alabama, Mr. HURD of Colorado, Mr. CISCOMANI, Mr. FULCHER, Ms. MALLIOTAKIS, Mr. BALDORSON, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Mr. HAMADEH of Arizona, Mr. CLEAVER, Mr. VAN DREW, Ms. DAVIDS

of Kansas, Mrs. KIM, Mr. WITTMAN, Mr. LARSEN of Washington, Mr. FLEISCHMANN, Ms. DE LA CRUZ, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mr. GARAMENDI, Ms. ROSS, Mr. LAWLER, Ms. BROWN, Mr. MANN, Mr. HARDER of California, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. CRENSHAW, Mr. RULLI, Mr. STUTZMAN, Mr. HUNT, Mr. NUNN of Iowa, Mr. McDowell, Mr. LOUDERMILK, Mr. MOOLENAAR, Mr. GUTHRIE, Mr. FLOOD, Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania, Ms. CRAIG, Mr. VAN ORDEN, Mr. MILLS, Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas, Ms. STEFANIK, Mr. SCOTT FRANKLIN of Florida, Ms. TENNEY, Mr. BERGMAN, Mr. BEAN of Florida, Mr. FEENSTRA, Mr. PFLUGER, Mr. CAREY, Ms. SALAZAR, Mr. MOORE of North Carolina, Mr. MACKENZIE, Ms. FEDORCHAK, Mr. ROSE, Mr. LUTTRELL, Mr. OBERNOLTE, Mr. WALBERG, Mr. CALVERT, Mr. MCGUIRE, Mr. MILLER of Ohio, Mr. VALADAO, Ms. LETLOW, Mr. ALFORD, Ms. STRICKLAND, Mrs. BICE, and Mr. JOYCE of Ohio):

H. Res. 744. A resolution supporting the designation of the week of September 21 through September 27, 2025, as "Gold Star Families Remembrance Week"; 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. RUIZ (for himself and Ms. SALAZAR):

H. Res. 745. A resolution expressing support for the designation of October 1 as "National Latino and Latina Physician Day"; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. VEASEY (for himself, Ms. PETTERSEN, Mr. AMO, Ms. ADAMS, Mr. AUCHINCLOSS, Ms. BARRAGÁN, Mr. BERA, Mr. BOYLE of Pennsylvania, Ms. BUDZINSKI, Ms. BYNUM, Mr. CARBAJAL, Mr. CARSON, Mr. CASAR, Mr. CASTEN, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mr. CLEAVER, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Mr. CORREA, Mr. COURTNEY, Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania, Ms. DELAUBRE, Ms. DEGETTE, Mr. DESAULNIER, Ms. DEXTER, Mr. DOGGETT, Ms. ESCOBAR, Ms. ELFRETH, Ms. LOIS FRANKEL of Florida, Mr. FOSTER, Mrs. FOUSHÉE, Ms. GARCIA of Texas, Mr. GOLDMAN of New York, Mr. VICENTE GONZALEZ of Texas, Mr. GREEN of Texas, Mrs. HAYES, Ms. HOULAHAN, Mr. HUFFMAN, Ms. JAYAPAL, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, Ms. JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. KEATING, Ms. KELLY of Illinois, Mr. KHANNA, Mr. LANDSMAN, Mr. LARSEN of Washington, Mr. MANNION, Ms. MCCLELLAN, Mr. MOULTON, Mr. MRVAN, Mr. NEGUSE, Mr. NORCROSS, Ms. NORTON, Mr. OLSZEWSKI, Ms. OMAR, Mr. POCAN, Ms. ROSS, Mr. RUIZ, Ms. SALINAS, Ms. SÁNCHEZ, Ms. SCANLON, Mr. SCHNEIDER, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Ms. STRICKLAND, Mr. SWALWELL, Mrs. SYKES, Ms. SEWELL, Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi, Mrs. TORRES of California, Mr. TRAN, Mrs. TRAHAN, Ms. VELÁZQUEZ, Mr. VINDMAN, Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia, Mr. QUIGLEY, Mr. VASQUEZ, Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, Mr. STANTON, Ms. BROWN, Ms. DELBENE, Ms. BALINT, Mr. CROW, Mr. IVEY, Ms. POU, Ms. MCBRIDE, Ms. BONAMICI, Ms. UNDERWOOD, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Ms. MATSUI, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. LIEU, Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ, Mr. CONAWAY, Mrs. MCBATH, Mrs. CHERFILUS-MC CORMICK, Mr. EVANS of

Pennsylvania, Ms. LEE of Pennsylvania, Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE, Ms. HOYLE of Oregon, Mr. PALLONE, Ms. BROWNLEY, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, Mrs. BEATTY, Mr. MAGAZINER, Mrs. DINGELL, Mr. THANEDAR, Mr. TONKO, Ms. RANDALL, Ms. PRESSLEY, Mr. GARAMENDI, Ms. CRAIG, Mrs. MCIVER, Ms. SCHOLTEN, Ms. ANSARI, Ms. STANSBURY, Mr. VARGAS, Mr. GOTTHEIMER, Ms. MORRISON, Mr. PETERS, and Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ):

H. Res. 746. A resolution expressing the sense of the House of Representatives condemning all forms of political violence and rejecting rhetoric that dehumanizes or demonizes political opponents; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

### MEMORIALS

Under clause 3 of rule XII, memorials were presented and referred as follows:

ML-18. The SPEAKER presented a memorial of the Legislature of the State of Nevada, relative to Senate Joint Resolution No. 10, Urging Congress to take certain actions relating to the therapeutic use of certain psychedelic compounds; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

ML-19. Also, a memorial of the Legislature of the State of Nevada, relative to Senate Joint Resolution No. 7, Urging the Federal Government to recognize the unsuitability of Yucca Mountain as the site for a repository to store and dispose of spent nuclear fuel and high-level radioactive waste; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

ML-20. Also, a memorial of the Legislature of the State of Nevada, relative to Senate Joint Resolution No. 8, Urging Congress to protect the public lands including and adjacent to Sunrise Mountain, Frenchman Mountain and the Rainbow Gardens Area; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

ML-21. Also, a memorial of the Legislature of the State of Louisiana, relative to Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 2, requesting the Congress of the United States call a convention of the states to propose amendments to the Constitution of the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

ML-22. Also, a memorial of the Legislature of the State of Nevada, relative to Senate Joint Resolution No. 1, Urging Congress to enact legislation allowing certain eligible surviving spouses of veterans to receive an amount equal to the military retirement pay of the veteran after the veteran's death; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

### CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY STATEMENT

Pursuant to clause 7 of rule XII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the following statements are submitted regarding the specific powers granted to Congress in the Constitution to enact the accompanying bill or joint resolution.

By Mr. PALLONE:

H.R. 5448.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Under Article I, Section 8, Clause 3: [The Congress shall have Power] To regulate Commerce with foreign Nations, and among the several States, and with the Indian Tribes

By Ms. LOFGREN:

H.R. 5449.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 4 of the Constitution of the United States gives Congress the power

to enact laws governing the time, place, and manner of elections for Members of the House of Representatives.

Section 5 of the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution gives Congress the power to enact laws to enforce Section 2 of such Amendment, which requires Representatives to be apportioned among the several States according to their number.

By Ms. DELAURO:

H.R. 5450.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 9, clause 7

By Mr. COHEN:

H.R. 5451.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8

By Mr. COHEN:

H.R. 5452.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8

By Mr. AMO:

H.R. 5453.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1

By Mr. ARRINGTON:

H.R. 5454.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8

By Mr. BEAN of Florida:

H.R. 5455.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 9

By Mrs. BICE:

H.R. 5456.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 18. The single subject of this legislation is: Upgrading and modernizing the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Weather Radio All Hazards network.

By Ms. BROWN:

H.R. 5457.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I Section VIII

By Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts:

H.R. 5458.

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. CLOUD:

H.R. 5459.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8

By Ms. CROCKETT:

H.R. 5460.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I Section 8

By Ms. DEGETTE:

H.R. 5461.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1 Section 8

By Mr. GOLDMAN of New York:

H.R. 5462.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Under Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution, Congress has the power "to make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into the Execution for the foregoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States, or any Department or Officer thereof."

By Mr. HERN of Oklahoma:

H.R. 5463.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1 Section 8

By Mr. HERNÁNDEZ:

H.R. 5464.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8

By Mr. HUFFMAN:

H.R. 5465.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8

The Congress shall have Power To lay and collect Taxes, Duties, Imposts and Excises, to pay the Debts and provide for the common Defence and general Welfare of the United States; but all Duties, Imposts and Excises shall be uniform throughout the United States

By Mr. JACKSON of Texas:

H.R. 5466.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution

By Ms. JOHNSON of Texas:

H.R. 5467.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Necessary and Proper Clause—Article 1, Sec. 8, Clause 18

By Mr. KELLY of Mississippi:

H.R. 5468.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 3

By Mrs. KIM:

H.R. 5469.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8

By Mr. LAHOOD:

H.R. 5470.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

U.S. Constitution Article I, Section 8, Clause 18: Congress has the 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 any Department or Officer thereof."

By Mr. LALOTA:

H.R. 5471.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution

By Mr. LAWLER:

H.R. 5472.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I Section 8 Clause 18 of the U.S. Constitution

By Ms. LETLOW:

H.R. 5473.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 1

By Ms. MACE:

H.R. 5474.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 17 of the Constitution

By Ms. MALLIOTAKIS:

H.R. 5475.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, clause 1

By Mrs. MCBATH:

H.R. 5476.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 3—Interstate Commerce Clause

By Mr. MCCORMICK:

H.R. 5477.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Clause 18 under Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution

By Mr. MOORE of Utah:

H.R. 5478.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1 Section 8

By Mr. MOORE of Utah:

H.R. 5479.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8

By Mr. MURPHY:

H.R. 5480.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8

By Mr. NEGUSE:

H.R. 5481.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8

By Mr. NUNN of Iowa:

H.R. 5482.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8 of the United States Constitution

To make all Laws which shall be necessary and proper for carrying into Execution the foregoing Powers, and all other Powers vested by this Constitution in the Government of the United States, or in any Department or Officer thereof.

By Mr. ONDER:

H.R. 5483.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution

By Mr. PALLONE:

H.R. 5484.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Pursuant to clause 2(d)(1) of Rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the Committee finds the authority for the legislation 1, section 8 of the Constitution.

By Mr. PFLUGER:

H.R. 5485.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Sec 8

By Mr. POCAN:

H.R. 5486.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8

By Mr. RILEY of New York:

H.R. 5487.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I Section VIII

By Mr. RUIZ:

H.R. 5488.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8, Clauses 1 and 18 of the United States Constitution, to provide for the general welfare and make all laws necessary and proper to carry out the powers of Congress.

By Ms. SCHAKOWSKY:

H.R. 5489.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Clauses 3 and 18 of Section 8 of Article 1 of the Constitution

By Mr. SHREVE:

H.R. 5490.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1 Section 8

By Mr. SMITH of New Jersey:

H.R. 5491.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8

By Mr. SMITH of Washington:

H.R. 5492.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8

By Mr. SMUCKER:

H.R. 5493.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 1 of the Constitution

By Mr. SMUCKER:

H.R. 5494.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 18 of the U.S. Constitution

By Ms. TENNEY:

H.R. 5495.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 18 of the U.S. Constitution

By Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania:

H.R. 5496.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution

By Mr. TIFFANY:

H.R. 5497.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8 of the United States Constitution

By Ms. VAN DUYNE:

H.R. 5498.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8

By Mr. VARGAS:

H.R. 5499.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

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, as enumerated in Article I, Section 8, Clause 18 of the U.S. Constitution.

By Ms. VELÁZQUEZ:

H.R. 5500.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 3

The Congress shall have Power . . . To regulate Commerce with foreign Nations, and among the several States, and with the Indian Tribes.

By Ms. VELÁZQUEZ:

H.R. 5501.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article IV, Section 3, Clause 2

The Congress shall have Power to dispose of and make all needful Rules and Regulations respecting the Territory or other Property belonging to the United States; . . .

By Ms. VELAZQUEZ:

H.R. 5502.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

The Congress shall have Power to dispose of and make all needful Rules and Regulations respecting the Territory or other Property belonging to the United States; . . .

By Ms. VELAZQUEZ:

H.R. 5503.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article IV, Section 3, Clause 2

The Congress shall have Power to dispose of and make all needful Rules and Regulations respecting the Territory or other Property belonging to the United States; . . .

By Ms. VELÁZQUEZ:

H.R. 5504.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 1

The Congress shall have Power to lay and collect Taxes, Duties, Imposts and Excises, to pay the Debts and provide for the common Defense and general Welfare of the United States; but all

By Mr. WALBERG:

H.R. 5505.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8 of the United States Constitution

By Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ:

H.R. 5506.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, clause 9

By Mr. BEGICH:

H.J. Res. 124.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Pursuant to clause 7 of rule XII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, the constitutional authority for this joint resolution is found in:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 18 of the Constitution of the United States, which grants Congress the power to make all laws necessary and proper for carrying into execution the powers vested by the Constitution in the Government of the United States, including review and disapproval of agency rules under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code (the Congressional Review Act).

Additionally, Article I, Section 1 vests all legislative powers in Congress, providing the authority to disapprove rules submitted by executive agencies.

By Mrs. FLETCHER:

H.J. Res. 125.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, section 8 of the Constitution of the United States.

## ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 7 of rule XII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions, as follows:

H.R. 227: Ms. VAN DUYNE and Ms. LETLOW.

H.R. 247: Mr. LICCARDO, Mr. WHITESIDES, Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ, and Mr. DESAULNIER.

H.R. 262: Mr. ALLEN.

H.R. 309: Mr. BELL.

H.R. 336: Mr. COHEN.

H.R. 425: Mr. MASSIE and Mr. CALVERT.

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H.R. 783: Mr. MOORE of Utah.

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H.R. 911: Mr. VAN DREW.

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H.R. 1065: Mr. MIN.

H.R. 1144: Mr. WHITESIDES.

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H.R. 1232: Mrs. HARSHBARGER.

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H.R. 1357: Mr. GUEST.

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 H.R. 1415: Mr. CARTER of Georgia and Mr. CAREY.  
 H.R. 1509: Mrs. MCBATH.  
 H.R. 1548: Mr. CAREY and Mr. BABIN.  
 H.R. 1583: Mr. HARRIS of Maryland and Mr. HAMADEH of Arizona.  
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 H.R. 1782: Mr. CLINE.  
 H.R. 1910: Mr. FOSTER.  
 H.R. 1993: Ms. DELAURO.  
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 H.R. 2103: Mr. BELL.  
 H.R. 2168: Mr. MOORE of Utah.  
 H.R. 2189: Mr. VINDMAN and Mr. CALVERT.  
 H.R. 2191: Ms. JOHNSON of Texas.  
 H.R. 2199: Mr. SUOZZI.  
 H.R. 2222: Mr. MOORE of Alabama.  
 H.R. 2234: Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi.  
 H.R. 2264: Mrs. HAYES and Mr. COHEN.  
 H.R. 2323: Mr. HUNT.  
 H.R. 2350: Ms. SEWELL and Mr. STAUBER.  
 H.R. 2353: Mrs. MCIVER.  
 H.R. 2398: Mr. MOOLENAAR.  
 H.R. 2470: Mr. WALKINSHAW.  
 H.R. 2485: Ms. CLARKE of New York.  
 H.R. 2496: Mr. MANN.  
 H.R. 2497: Mr. CARSON.  
 H.R. 2547: Mrs. HINSON.  
 H.R. 2548: Mr. LUTTRELL and Ms. MENG.  
 H.R. 2598: Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHI and Mr. GARCIA of California.  
 H.R. 2605: Mr. KELLY of Mississippi and Mr. GOODEN.  
 H.R. 2629: Mr. LARSEN of Washington and Mr. BACON.  
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 H.R. 2837: Ms. MATSUI.  
 H.R. 2853: Ms. MCBRIDE and Mr. MOULTON.  
 H.R. 2891: Mr. MANN.  
 H.R. 2896: Mr. TAYLOR.  
 H.R. 2934: Mr. NEWHOUSE.  
 H.R. 2948: Ms. BROWN.  
 H.R. 3011: Mr. STEUBE.  
 H.R. 3049: Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina.  
 H.R. 3124: Mrs. SYKES.  
 H.R. 3127: Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia and Mr. QUIGLEY.  
 H.R. 3202: Mrs. SYKES.  
 H.R. 3218: Mrs. MCCLAIN DELANEY.  
 H.R. 3234: Mr. GOLDEN of Maine and Mr. BERGMAN.  
 H.R. 3277: Mr. BERA.  
 H.R. 3420: Mr. WEBER of Texas and Mr. FITZPATRICK.  
 H.R. 3470: Mrs. MCCLAIN DELANEY and Mr. NEWHOUSE.  
 H.R. 3495: Mr. SOTO.  
 H.R. 3514: Mr. MAGAZINER and Ms. LEE of Florida.  
 H.R. 3565: Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ and Ms. STANSBURY.  
 H.R. 3688: Mr. BARR.  
 H.R. 3701: Ms. KELLY of Illinois.  
 H.R. 3773: Mr. ELLZEY.  
 H.R. 3843: Mrs. MILLER of Illinois.  
 H.R. 3876: Mr. BELL and Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi.  
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 H.R. 3930: Mr. DESAULNIER.  
 H.R. 4055: Mr. VALADAO.  
 H.R. 4069: Ms. OMAR.  
 H.R. 4119: Mr. DIAZ-BALART.  
 H.R. 4153: Mr. BISHOP and Mr. MEUSER.  
 H.R. 4176: Mr. FROST.  
 H.R. 4194: Mr. SCHMIDT.  
 H.R. 4206: Mr. GUEST.  
 H.R. 4231: Mr. SWALWELL.  
 H.R. 4242: Mr. VINDMAN, Mr. STUTZMAN, and Mrs. BEATTY.  
 H.R. 4313: Mr. SMITH of Nebraska.  
 H.R. 4317: Ms. MCBRIDE.  
 H.R. 4318: Mr. COHEN.  
 H.R. 4370: Mr. BOST.  
 H.R. 4392: Ms. JAYAPAL.  
 H.R. 4443: Ms. LOFGREN.  
 H.R. 4482: Mr. TORRES of New York.  
 H.R. 4562: Mr. MANN.  
 H.R. 4577: Mr. GIMENEZ and Mr. MOORE of Utah.  
 H.R. 4594: Mr. LALOTA.  
 H.R. 4606: Ms. BUDZINSKI and Mr. RYAN.  
 H.R. 4662: Ms. SIMON.  
 H.R. 4763: Mrs. MCIVER.  
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 H.R. 4788: Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, Mr. CARTER of Georgia, Mr. HARRIS of North Carolina, Mr. ROY, Mr. DONALDS, Mr. CUELLAR, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mr. FRY, and Mr. MILLS.  
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 H.R. 4996: Mrs. MCCLAIN DELANEY.  
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 H.R. 5091: Ms. LEE of Nevada.  
 H.R. 5123: Mr. VAN DREW and Ms. MORRISON.  
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 H.R. 5150: Mr. POCAN.  
 H.R. 5169: Mr. MESSMER.  
 H.R. 5195: Mr. TURNER of Ohio.  
 H.R. 5206: Mr. MULLIN.  
 H.R. 5222: Ms. HOYLE of Oregon and Ms. SALINAS.  
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 H.R. 5282: Mr. VALADAO.  
 H.R. 5321: Mr. DESAULNIER.  
 H.R. 5332: Mrs. HOUGHIN.  
 H.R. 5352: Ms. DE LA CRUZ.  
 H.R. 5369: Ms. SCHAKOWSKY and Mr. PALONE.  
 H.R. 5390: Mr. VINDMAN.  
 H.R. 5398: Mr. JAMES.  
 H.R. 5401: Mr. RYAN, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, and Mr. JAMES.  
 H.R. 5437: Mr. EMMER.  
 H.R. 5438: Mr. STUTZMAN.  
 H.J. Res. 111: Ms. TENNEY and Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana.  
 H.J. Res. 121: Ms. LOIS FRANKEL of Florida and Mrs. SYKES.  
 H. Con. Res. 3: Mr. LOUDERMILK.  
 H. Res. 459: Mr. MILLER of Ohio.  
 H. Res. 471: Mrs. SYKES.  
 H. Res. 491: Mr. MOULTON.  
 H. Res. 670: Mrs. SYKES.  
 H. Res. 704: Mr. SMITH of Washington.  
 H. Res. 714: Ms. PINGREE and Mr. WHITESIDES.  
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