

Wittman
Womack
Woodall

Yarmuth
Yoho
Young (AK)

Young (IA)
Zeldin

NAYS—1

Blumenauer

NOT VOTING—37

Aguilar	Gonzalez (TX)	Rohrabacher
Barr	Griffith	Rokita
Barragán	Grijalva	Ros-Lehtinen
Blackburn	Gutiérrez	Ruppersberger
Bridenstine	Hill	Ryan (OH)
Butterfield	Hurd	Simpson
DeGette	Love	Thornberry
DesJarlais	Meng	Veasey
Duffy	Mooney (WV)	Velázquez
Franks (AZ)	Moore	Westerman
Frelinghuysen	Pascrell	Yoder
Garamendi	Pocan	
Gianforte	Polis	

□ 1855

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

So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:

Mr. MOONEY of West Virginia. Madam Speaker, I had a family commitment and could not attend votes. Had I been present, I would have voted “Yea” on rollcall No. 591.

Mr. HURD. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted “Yea” on rollcall No. 591.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2936, RESILIENT FEDERAL FORESTS ACT OF 2017

Mr. NEWHOUSE, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 115-378) on the resolution (H. Res. 595) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2936) to expedite under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and improve forest management activities on National Forest System lands, on public lands under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management, and on Tribal lands to return resilience to overgrown, fire-prone forested lands, and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 620

Mr. RUSH. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to be removed from H.R. 620.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. GALLAGHER). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Illinois? There was no objection.

□ 1900

HONORING THE LIFE OF LESLIE AMUNDSON

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

Mr. NEWHOUSE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and memory of Leslie Amundson from my hometown of Sunnyside, Washington. Les was a decorated war veteran, a small-business owner, a farmer, and, truly, a pillar of our local community.

Les served this country honorably. As an Army Air Corps pilot during World War II, his plane was shot down over Holland. He and his crew spent a month hiding underground and being cared for by the Dutch people before being captured by the Nazis. Les served 18 months at a prisoner of war camp and earned a Purple Heart.

His family's roots were only strengthened when Les married and bought a farm in Sunnyside where he and his wife, Helen, raised their five children. He would often find opportunities to contribute and to help those around him, and his appreciation for the community showed in his actions.

Les leaves behind a legacy of devotion to the people of Sunnyside and to our Nation.

My thoughts and prayers are with his family during this difficult time, and I ask my colleagues to please join me in remembering my friend Les Amundson.

RUSSIAN INVESTIGATION MUST CONTINUE IN HOUSE UNIMPEDED

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

Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY. Mr. Speaker, yesterday we learned that the first charges of Special Counsel Mueller's investigation had been filed against President Trump's campaign chairman, Paul Manafort, and his business associate Rick Gates.

But just as importantly, we learned that former Trump campaign foreign policy adviser George Papadopoulos pleaded guilty to lying to the FBI about his attempts to contact the Russian Government. The investigation is gaining momentum and must go on.

In the Senate, Majority Leader MCCONNELL has refused to commit floor time to legislation to protect Special Counsel Mueller's investigation from outside interference. If the Senate refuses to act, the House must. It is imperative that we allow the investigation into Russian interference in our democracy to continue unimpeded and unhindered.

Yesterday's news may be the first public revelations, but they cannot be the last. The investigation into the Russian Government's attempts to sabotage our democracy must continue. I urge Speaker RYAN and the House leadership to commit to safeguarding the independence and integrity of Special Counsel Mueller's investigation.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IS A HEALTH ISSUE AND A CRIMINAL MATTER

(Mr. POE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House

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

Mr. POE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, Suzanne thought that Jason was the perfect boyfriend. He was protective, loving, and attentive. But after he moved in with Suzanne, she noticed his darker side. He became obsessive, jealous, and enraged. He began shoving and striking her. Once, he pushed her so hard her head smashed against the wall.

Fed up with his excuses, she made him leave, but her safety was short lived. One night as Suzanne returned home with friends, Jason ambushed her and forced her into the house at knifepoint. Horrified, her friends ran into the street to flag down the police.

Despite Suzanne's pleas, Jason stomped on her face and neck until she was unconscious. Then she later woke up to find him pouring boiling water over her body. About that time, the police broke in and saved her life.

Mr. Speaker, this month is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Domestic violence is a health issue, and it is also a criminal matter. As my grandmother used to say: “You never hurt somebody you claim you love.”

And that is just the way it is.

REJECT TAX PLAN FOR BILLIONAIRES AND CORPORATIONS

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

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise in total opposition to the Republicans' rigged tax plan for billionaires and corporations.

Despite having one of the largest economies in the world, one in five Californians live in poverty. Yet Republicans in Congress are pursuing one priority: tax breaks for billionaires and corporations.

Their tax package is Robin Hood in reverse: it steals from the poor and gives to the rich. And it will decimate Medicare. It will cripple many essential programs like the child tax credit and the earned income tax credit.

This billionaires-first plan will devastate many States, including my home State of California. California will suffer tremendously. The earned income tax credit and child tax credit really has saved more than 1 million Californians from falling below the poverty line. Undermining the earned income tax credit and child tax credit would push millions of Californians even deeper into poverty.

Americans should not be forced to pay more than their fair share in order to give tax breaks to the ultrarich. Any tax plan that pushes even one more American deeper into poverty and forces middle-income people to pay more should not even be on the table.

Mr. Speaker, we need to reject this plan that lavishes tax breaks on President Trump, his billionaire buddies, and giant multinational corporations.

CONGRATULATIONS TO JEFFERSON COUNTY DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL

(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 congratulate Jefferson County Development Council for being named Partner of the Year by the Pennsylvania Economic Development Association.

The Jefferson County Development Council has demonstrated outstanding accomplishments and, over the past year, has gone above and beyond in carrying out its mission to serve existing and new businesses in Jefferson County, Pennsylvania. Led by Brad Lashinsky, director of economic development and planning, the Jefferson County Development Council works to help new businesses start up, relocate, or expand.

The Jefferson County Development Council was named Partner of the Year for effectively utilizing various funding sources to complete a number of community and economic development projects. It also facilitated the formation of the Jefferson County Resource Partnership, which is a collection of professionals who make up the economic development delivery system in the county and who focus on providing assistance to businesses in all stages of business development and growth.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud of the Jefferson County Development Council for the work it does, and I wholeheartedly congratulate them on this outstanding achievement.

HONORING THE LIFE OF SENATOR ARNETT GIRARDEAU

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

Mr. LAWSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the life and legacy of former Florida Senator Dr. Arnett Girardeau, who passed away last Thursday.

Senator Girardeau represented Jacksonville in the Florida Legislature. He was among the first African Americans to serve in the Florida Senate, and the first African American to serve as a senate president pro tempore.

During the 16 years that he served in the Florida Legislature, he provided principled leadership and service to our State, to our country, and he served as a role model of excellence to many of us who would follow in his footsteps.

As a young legislator, Senator Girardeau helped to mentor me and many of my other colleagues in north Florida. He was a founding member and chairman of the Florida Conference of Black State Legislators.

We extend our condolences to not only his wife, Carolyn, but especially to his family. He truly was an outstanding leader and a trailblazer in the State of Florida.

THANKING MARY BOTTINI FOR EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE

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

Ms. TENNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mary Bottini, a generous and dedicated constituent of the 22nd Congressional District of New York.

In 2010, after a fruitful 29-year career, Mary retired and began to volunteer her time at the Oneida County Historical Society, where she was recently named Volunteer of the Year for 2017.

Mary is an active member of our community, a grandmother of three, and a passionate purveyor of our history. Her commitment and civic engagement are the impetus for this well-deserved award.

Oneida County has a rich history, and it is through the efforts and hard work of volunteers like Mary that its heritage and collective memory is preserved. Mary serves as a shining example of what it means to give back.

Please join me today in thanking Mary for her commitment to our community and her years of exceptional service.

HELP AMERICA VOTE ACT ANNIVERSARY

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

Mr. LANGEVIN. Mr. Speaker, 15 years ago this week, Congress passed the Help America Vote Act, which provided much-needed Federal aid to overhaul our aging election infrastructure.

I was proud to support this investment in our elections, which helps States expand opportunities for all Americans to cast ballots and know that they were properly counted.

Unfortunately, today, much of our election infrastructure is again in need of a refresh. Among many challenges, Russia has mounted a direct attack on our elections, and it is absolutely imperative that we shore up our defenses.

To address this issue, among others, I introduced the PAPER Act with Congressman MARK MEADOWS, to provide States with resources to assess the security risks posed to their election systems and implement cybersecurity best practices, including postelection audits of paper ballots.

Mr. Speaker, it is time to recommit to the ideals of HAVA. I urge my colleagues to pass the PAPER Act and restore the integrity of our elections.

SUPPORT CHAMPIONING HEALTHY KIDS

(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, I rise today in support of the Championing Healthy Kids Act.

For years, programs such as CHIP and community health centers have been lifelines to underserved, especially rural communities: 9 million children rely on CHIP for health coverage; 25 million patients use community health centers; and 750 residency spots were created by teaching health centers to combat doctor shortages.

Yet, despite months of assurances to work together, Democrats continue to stall the reauthorization. It is not unreasonable to ask Medicare recipients making over \$500,000 to pay a little extra in premiums or to roll back lengthy enrollment periods so people can't game the system. It is certainly not unreasonable to ask lottery winners who hit the jackpot to forego Medicaid coverage.

We can't afford any more delay. These programs are supported time after time in a bipartisan fashion. This bill is worthy of that same support. I urge my colleagues to come together to get this bill done this week.

CELEBRATING WOMEN'S SMALL BUSINESS MONTH

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

Mr. MCNERNEY. Mr. Speaker, throughout the month of October, we have celebrated the Women's Small Business Month.

According to the National Women's Business Council, there are around 9.8 million women-owned businesses in our country. Collectively, women-owned businesses produce about \$1.4 trillion in annual receipts and employ over 8 million employees, as this graphic shows.

The largest number of women-owned businesses are in my home State of California. California has about 1.3 million women-owned firms. In addition, in my district, the cities of Stockton and Lodi were ranked by WalletHub in 2016 as the second best place in California for women entrepreneurs.

Despite the challenges women-owned firms encounter, women entrepreneurs employ many residents that make up the vitality of our local communities across the United States. That is why I stand here today to acknowledge and celebrate women-owned small businesses such as the Valley Brewing Company in Stockton, California, owned by Kellie Jacobs, a friend of many years.

Let's support and thank all of the women entrepreneurs in our country and honor all of these businesses.

SUPPORT NAFTA RENEGOTIATION

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

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, smart dealmakers don't divulge their tactics. Yet, according to a report from Inside Trade, President Trump told a group of