

“Gosar has been leading the charge against these bills since they were first brought up in Natural Resources Committee. He offered two amendments to both bills in committee—both failed,” the spokeswoman said.

H.R. 312 and H.R. 375 were originally scheduled for votes on May 8, but were yanked after Trump tweeted that they would be “unfair” to Native Americans.

The Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe wants to build a \$1 billion casino on its land, but the deal has been delayed by the Interior Department and Rhode Island lawmakers worried the development will undercut profits generated by its own casino industry.

The opposition has resulted in the Massachusetts congressional delegation, including Democratic 2020 presidential candidate Sen. Elizabeth Warren, to push for the measure so the tribe can have full control of the reservation. Matt Schlapp, American Conservative Union chairman and husband of White House communications director Mercedes Schlapp, additionally runs a firm that lobbied against the casino.

“Republicans shouldn’t vote for H.R. 312, a special interest casino Bill, backed by Elizabeth (Pocahontas) Warren,” Trump tweeted last Wednesday. “It is unfair and doesn’t treat Native Americans equally!”

Schlapp did not immediately respond to request for comment.

HONORING THE 2019 UNITED STATES SERVICE ACADEMY-BOUND STUDENTS

HON. VAN TAYLOR

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 20, 2019

Mr. TAYLOR. Madam Speaker, it is my great honor to come before my colleagues today to recognize those young men and women from Texas’ Third Congressional District who have accepted an appointment to one of our prestigious United States Service Academies.

The United States Services Academies have a long-standing tradition of offering its students the highest caliber education and officer military training in the world. Each of the individuals recognized today began their journey of service by applying through their Member of Congress or qualified source via a highly competitive process. However, only a select few are found to meet the necessary standards set forth by the Academies.

These outstanding students have proven they are the gold standard by demonstrating their excellence in academics, athletics, and commitment to their community both inside and outside of the classroom. I am confident these young men and women will achieve great success while further developing the qualities of leadership, honor, and self-sacrifice as they prepare to lead our Nation’s Armed Forces.

As one who has worn the uniform, I thank these young patriots for their courage and commitment to our Nation. It is my privilege to congratulate these leaders as they embark on a new mission of service to America.

CLASS OF 2023 APPOINTMENTS

U.S. Air Force Academy: Hayden Archer, Frisco Liberty High School; Allie Dyer, Plano East Senior High School; Andrew Ferkany, Plano Senior High School*; Aidan Gardiner, Wylie High School; Marcus Hill, U.S. Air Force Academy Preparatory School;

Madison Martin, Texas Connections Academy; Jordan Simmons, Greenhill School*; Conley Walters, U.S. Air Force Academy; Jace Waters, Allen High School.

U.S. Naval Academy: Joseph Carter, Plano East High School; Alexander Kramer, U.S. Naval Academy Preparatory School; Morgan Krepp, Mercersburg Academy; Aidan Waits, U.S. Naval Academy Preparatory School; Jaylen Walker, U.S. Naval Academy Preparatory School.

U.S. Military Academy: Jonah Barton, U.S. Military Academy Preparatory School; Melic Belong, U.S. Military Academy Preparatory School; Elijah Boyd, U.S. Military Academy Preparatory School; Logan Brown, U.S. Military Academy Preparatory School; Caleb Doyle, McKinney Christian Academy; Eric Han, U.S. Military Academy Preparatory School; Makenna Kelty, McKinney Boyd High School; Samuel Kim, Frisco High School; Jalen Morgan, Plano West Senior High School; Christopher Sowinski, Allen High School; Parker Stevens, Allen High School; Austin Widner, Liberty High School.

U.S. Merchant Marine Academy: Mitchell Boone, McKinney Christian Academy; Jonathan Greer, Allen High School; Paul Han, Independence High School.

* Denotes acceptance to one of the academy preparatory schools.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GREG PENCE

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 20, 2019

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, I am not recorded for roll call vote No. 216 on Friday, May 17, 2019 because I was meeting with 8th grade Hoosiers from the Saint Bartholomew Catholic School in Columbus, Indiana. Since my first day in office, I have been squarely focused on what I was sent here to do: Represent Hoosiers of the 6th District.

As a man of faith, I am wholeheartedly opposed to H.R. 5—a bill that limits our nation’s founding principles of freedom of religion, conscience, and speech. We are a nation that allows and embraces diverse thoughts and opinions, but this bill would grant special privileges to individuals at the expense of the freedoms of others. Many women in Indiana’s 6th District depend on athletic scholarships to obtain higher education and career aspirations, and this legislation would unfairly force female athletes to compete against biological males.

Had I been present, I would have voted Yea on the Republican Motion to Recommit, RC No. 216. This Motion to Recommit would have amended H.R. 5 to ensure that nothing in the bill may be construed to diminish any protections under Title IX, therefore safeguarding the integrity of female sports.

RECOGNIZING BUILDING SAFETY MONTH

HON. ANTHONY G. BROWN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 20, 2019

Mr. BROWN of Maryland. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Building Safety Month and the men and women of the International Code Council (ICC) for their dedication to public safety and our communities.

Year round, building safety and fire prevention officials, architects, engineers, builders, tradespeople, design professionals, laborers, and others in the construction industry work to ensure the safe construction of buildings. They are dedicated members of the International Code Council, a national standards developing organization, that brings together local, state and federal officials to develop voluntary consensus codes that protect Americans in the buildings where we live, work, and play. The International Codes, the most widely adopted building safety and fire prevention codes in the nation, are used by most U.S. cities and counties, and in all 50 states, including the State of Maryland.

With natural disasters expected to increase in frequency and severity, building codes include important safeguards to protect the public from hurricanes, snowstorms, tornadoes, fires, floods, and earthquakes. In January 2019, the congressionally-established National Institute of Building Sciences (NIBS) released a study finding that adopting modern model building codes saves \$11 for every \$1 invested through earthquake, flood, and wind mitigation benefits, with a \$4 to \$1 wildfire mitigation benefit. These benefits represent avoided casualties, property damage, business interruptions, and insurance costs, and are enjoyed by all stakeholders—from developers, titleholders, and lenders, to tenants and communities.

This month is Building Safety Month, during which we should recognize the critical role our communities’ code officials in assuring us safe, efficient, and livable buildings. Madam Speaker, please join me in thanking International Code Council Board President, and my constituent from Anne Arundel County, Maryland, William R. Bryant, as well as ICC’s Chief Executive Officer Dominic Sims, the International Code Council leadership, and ICC’s Members and staff as they recognize Building Safety Month.

HONORING HANNAH KARANICK—
ONE OF THE TOP 10 YOUTH VOLUNTEERS IN THE UNITED STATES

HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 20, 2019

Mr. CORREA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Hannah Karanick, 13, of Anaheim, California, who was named one of America’s top 10 youth volunteers of 2019 by The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards during the program’s 24th annual national award ceremony on May 9 in Washington, D.C.

Selected from a field of more than 29,000 youth volunteers from across the country, Hannah has earned the title of National Honoree, along with a personal award of \$5,000, an engraved gold medallion, a crystal trophy for her school, and a \$5,000 grant from The Prudential Foundation for a nonprofit charitable organization of her choice.

An eighth-grader at Orangeview Junior High School, Hannah established a “closet” at her former elementary school that provides new clothing, laundry products, toiletries, quilts and school supplies to students there whose families can’t afford to buy such necessities. Her

project was sparked by a boy at her school who never had a backpack and wore the same clothes every day. "He was funny and smart, but he was often teased for his hygiene and his clothes, and I saw his eyes fill up with tears many times," said Hannah.

When the boy and several other students ended up living with Hannah's family as foster kids, "I watched their grades soar and their attitudes turn around," she said.

Since her family couldn't take every child in need into their home, Hannah had to find another way to help. After meeting with the principal of her old school and sending an opinion poll to its staff members, she decided to create a closet at the school where students could discreetly obtain basic necessities.

She asked friends and family members to help her buy supplies, and then began obtaining items from the congregation of a local church. Nearly 50 children benefited from "Hannah's Helpful Hands" closet in its first three months. "I am disappointed that I can't help more kids at this point," said Hannah, "but I am committed to expanding the program!"

Madam Speaker, Hannah Karanick has not only done important work in support of people in need—but has also shown her peers that young people can, and do, create meaningful change. I commend this young volunteer for all she's contributed to her community.

INTRODUCTION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY OFFICER PROTECTION ACT OF 2019

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 20, 2019

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, today, I introduce the Department of the Treasury Officer Protection Act of 2019. I appreciate the bipartisan original cosponsorship of Representative PETER KING, who introduces the bill with me today. Our bill would help ensure the safety of Treasury Department police officers by allowing those officers, including those who work at the Mint and the Bureau of Engraving and Printing (BEP), to carry their service weapons home with them after they are no longer on duty.

BEP officers were some of the first responders when a gunman opened fire at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in 2009. However, BEP officers also can be targets because they wear uniforms to and from work. Many officers carry personal weapons to and from work because they are not allowed to take their government firearms home, and some are forced to leave those personal firearms in their cars while they are on duty, creating a possibly dangerous situation.

Allowing BEP officers to carry their weapons home will put them in the same position as U.S. Mint officers. Although both are uniformed police officers working for the Treasury Department, under current agency rules, U.S. Mint officers are allowed to carry their service weapons home, while BEP officers are not. There is no meaningful distinction between officers for the two agencies. They should be treated equally.

Our bill would allow all uniformed officers in the Treasury Department to carry their service

weapons home to protect officers and the public and so that the Department does not have separate rules for different law enforcement agencies under its umbrella.

I ask my colleagues to support this bill.

RECOGNIZING BARRY "BONES" PATTON

HON. RON ESTES

OF KANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, May 20, 2019

Mr. ESTES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the musical accomplishments of Barry "Bones" Patton.

When traveling near Winfield in south central Kansas, there are two sounds that one might hear: cattle and bluegrass.

Winfield—home of the nationally recognized Walnut Valley Festival for bluegrass and acoustic music—is where Barry Patton uses cattle rib bones to create unique music that has put him on the world stage. His exceptional talent earned him the nickname Barry "Bones" Patton.

Refining his craft since the age of 13, Patton told KAKE-TV in a 2006 interview that he'd been encouraged to "carry that tradition on of bone playing because it's really an old lost art." And that's precisely what he's done.

The art of playing bones finds its roots in ancient history, from Mesopotamia and Egypt to the Roman Empire and ancient Greece. The instrument—often associated with folk music—takes the simple remains of an animal and turns it into a complex rhythm that takes skill and practice to perfect.

The fact that Patton can play bones well in both hands makes the sound of his music even more impressive.

Representing the United States at the Fleadh by the Feale music festival in Abbeyfeale, Ireland, Barry "Bones" Patton competed in their International Bone Playing Competition and earned the title of best bone player in the world on May 6.

I want to congratulate Patton on his international recognition and ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating his bona fide success.

MASHPEE WAMPANOAG TRIBE RESERVATION REAFFIRMATION ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. RAÚL M. GRIJALVA

OF ARIZONA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 15, 2019

Mr. GRIJALVA. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following article from the Daily Beast regarding consideration of H.R. 312.

[From the Daily Beast, May 14, 2019]

A DARK MONEY GROUP IS RUNNING STUNNINGLY RACIST ELIZABETH WARREN ADS IN ORDER TO KILL A CASINO

A racist ad targeting Sen. Elizabeth Warren (D-MA) and an obscure bill to allow a Native American tribe to open a casino in Massachusetts is connected to a longtime conservative, dark money operative, The Daily Beast has learned.

The Coalition to Restore American Values has been running ads since November 2018

that, among other things, feature Warren in an Indian headdress and warn against her "casino plan." The group was registered to David R. Langdon, a long time culture warrior, in July 2018, according to Ohio state records.

The online ad was one of the first public salvos linking Warren to the project in an attempt to rally conservatives against legislation recognizing a Native American tribe seeking a new casino in Massachusetts. President Donald Trump himself has since declared his opposition to the legislation last week in a tweet that dubbed Warren "Pocahontas."

The Coalition to Restore American Values has been trying to tie Warren to the measure since last year. In September, it ran an ad in The Hill newspaper, declaring in block letters "Pocahontas' End Run On POTUS and the U.S. DOI", using President Trump's favorite racist nickname for the Massachusetts Senator. An accompanying website, nofauxcasino.com, features Warren in Native American garb beside a graphic depicting "The Fauxcahontas Casino."

Langdon is an Ohio-based lawyer who also serves as treasurer for the Campaign for American Principles, the political arm of the American Principles Project, a conservative advocacy outfit. And APP, it turns out, put the Coalition to Restore American Values ad on Congress's radar.

Last week, Jon Schweppe, APP's director of government affairs, reached out to Jeff Small, executive director of the Congressional Western Caucus and a senior adviser to Rep. Paul Gosar (R-AZ), urging the congressman to oppose legislation recognizing the Mashpee Wampanoag tribe in Massachusetts. The tribe plans to build a casino in Taunton, MA, and Schweppe explicitly invoked Warren in pressing for Gosar to oppose the measure.

"Warren's involvement is especially strange, given her past ideological opposition to casino gambling and her record of voting against gambling expansion—could this be about image rehabilitation after years of embellishing her fake Native American ancestry?" Schweppe wrote, before linking to the Coalition to Restore American Values ad.

Warren, who was a co-sponsor of the bill in the last Congress, is not actually involved in the bill at issue. In fact, the legislation doesn't even have a Senate companion. But when Gosar circulated a "Dear Colleague" letter last week urging his colleagues to oppose the bill, he too invoked Warren's supposed involvement. He also included a link to Schweppe's email.

In an email to The Daily Beast, Schweppe downplayed ties between APP and CRAV. "I'm fairly certain [Langdon] does work for dozens of groups on the conservative side of things," he wrote.

Langdon did not respond to a request for comment.

But the connections don't end there. CRAV's website was designed by the Drogan Group, a conservative digital vendor, according to the firm's website. That website also boasts a testimonial from APP executive director Terry Schilling, who touts Drogan as "a well-rounded digital media vendor that is technically savvy and can also offer website design, brand strategy and messaging." The Campaign for American Principles engaged Drogan's services as late as October 2018 for digital advertising attacking Sen. Tim Kaine (D-VA), according to Federal Election Commission records.

Schweppe did not respond when asked directly if his group has any affiliation with CRAV.

Langdon's and American Principles Project's involvement in the push against