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

Mr. GUEST. Mr. Speaker, today I recognize an outstanding athlete from the State of Mississippi. Jake Mangum is Mississippi State University's center fielder who has recently led the Bulldog baseball team to its fourth straight Super Regionals and second straight College World Series.

Jake ranks fourth on the all-time NCAA hits list with 380 hits. During the regular season, Mangum earned a .375 batting average, scored 65 runs, and totaled 95 base hits, the most in the Southeastern Conference. Achievements of this magnitude come only with discipline and determination, characteristics that all Americans should strive to promote in their everyday lives.

I would like to congratulate Jake on this impressive accomplishment and thank him for 4 great years at Mississippi State.

I wish him and the Bulldogs the best of luck in Omaha.

Hail State.

MALICIOUS BEHAVIOR FROM IRAN

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

Mr. BANKS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to address the most recent pattern of malicious behavior coming from Iran.

Recently, Speaker PELOSI said that President Trump: "... inflames the U.S.-Iran issue." Respectfully, I couldn't disagree more. The Iranians are the ones inflaming the relationship by attacking commercial vessels, designating U.S. troops in the Middle East as terrorists, challenging the freedom of navigation in the Persian Gulf, and intending to surpass uranium stockpile limits in just days.

Mr. Speaker, we cannot turn a blind eye to the hostile actions of Iran. The President is right to end the failed Obama-era strategy of appeasement toward Iran, and to call for our allies to stand up to this regime's threatening behavior.

I stand with the President and urge my colleagues to do the same, to protect Americans' security and economic interest in the region.

TEMPLE TERRACE DECLARERES ITSELF A TRAFFICKING-FREE ZONE

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

Mr. SPANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the city of Temple Terrace and Mayor Mel Jurado for officially declaring the city a trafficking-

free zone. As part of the effort, the city of Temple Terrace has pledged to take important steps to crack down on buyers in the sex trade, which will reduce the demand for sex workers and decrease the number of victims trafficked, specifically.

Temple Terrace is implementing a zero-tolerance policy where city employees will be automatically terminated if they are caught soliciting prostitutes. The Temple Terrace Police Department has also been encouraged to increase enforcement against buyers of sex work by conducting more stings.

And, finally, city staffers are required to take mandatory training on how to spot signs of trafficking and how to help potential victims.

This is a monumental step forward for our community, and I am honored to join the city of Temple Terrace and Mayor Mel Jurado in the fight against human trafficking.

STOP OFFENDING BORDER PATROL

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

Mr. ROY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today troubled that one of my colleagues on the other side of the aisle compared the activities of the United States Government and Border Patrol on the southern border of the United States to concentration camps.

For the life me, I cannot understand why we have allowed discourse to get to this place where the efforts by Border Patrol to secure our border, to house children, to house women, to house families, to deal with the fact that the cartels are attacking our border and profiting while doing it, and trying to care for these people while we are trying to enforce our laws, comparing that to the horrors of World War II, and saying that my friend Hector Garza is somehow the Gestapo today, and comparing what is happening at the border to concentration camps.

I am really troubled and offended, and I think that the people of south Texas and Border Patrol are offended after what they are doing to try to defend the United States of America against cartels attacking the United States and profiting by moving people across the border.

REQUEST TO CONSIDER H.R. 962, BORN-ALIVE ABORTION SURVIVORS PROTECTION ACT

Mr. GUEST. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be discharged from further consideration of H.R. 962, the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under guidelines consistently issued by successive Speakers, as recorded in sec-

tion 956 of the House Rules and Manual, the Chair is constrained not to entertain the request unless it has been cleared by the bipartisan floor and committee leaderships.

Mr. GUEST. Mr. Speaker, I urge the Speaker to immediately reschedule this important bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman is not recognized for debate.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, June 18, 2019.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
The Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on June 18, 2019, at 9:05 a.m.:

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 3151.

With best wishes, I am
Sincerely,

CHERYL L. JOHNSON.

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CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO THE WESTERN BALKANS—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (H. DOC. NO. 116-41)

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following message from the President of the United States; which was read and, together with the accompanying papers, referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed:

To the Congress of the United States:

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, within 90 days before the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent to the *Federal Register* for publication the enclosed notice stating that the national emergency with respect to the Western Balkans that was declared in Executive Order 13219 of June 26, 2001, is to continue in effect beyond June 26, 2019.

The threat constituted by the actions of persons engaged in, or assisting, sponsoring, or supporting (i) extremist violence in the former Republic of Macedonia (what is now the Republic of North Macedonia) and elsewhere in the Western Balkans region, or (ii) acts obstructing implementation of the Dayton Accords in Bosnia or United Nations Security Council Resolution 1244

of June 10, 1999, in Kosovo, has not been resolved. In addition, Executive Order 13219 was amended by Executive Order 13304 of May 28, 2003, to take additional steps with respect to acts obstructing implementation of the Ohrid Framework Agreement of 2001 relating to the former Republic of Macedonia (what is now the Republic of North Macedonia).

The acts of extremist violence and obstructionist activity outlined in these Executive Orders are hostile to United States interests and continue to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States. For this reason, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency with respect to the Western Balkans.

DONALD J. TRUMP.
THE WHITE HOUSE, June 18, 2019.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until approximately 2:45 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 2 o'clock and 16 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. CLAY) at 2 o'clock and 45 minutes p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

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

EMPOWERING BENEFICIARIES,ENSURING ACCESS, AND STRENGTHENING ACCOUNTABILITY ACT OF 2019

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 3253) to provide for certain extensions with respect to the Medicaid program under title XIX of the Social Security Act, and for other purposes, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 3253

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

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the “Empowering Beneficiaries, Ensuring

Access, and Strengthening Accountability Act of 2019”.

(b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents for this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title; Table of contents.

Sec. 2. Extension of Money Follows the Person Rebalancing Demonstration.

Sec. 3. Clarifying authority of State Medicaid fraud and abuse control units to investigate and prosecute cases of Medicaid patient abuse and neglect in any setting.

Sec. 4. Extension of protection for Medicaid recipients of home and community-based services against spousal impoverishment.

Sec. 5. Extension of the Community Mental Health Services Demonstration Program.

Sec. 6. Preventing inappropriately low rebates under Medicaid drug rebate program.

Sec. 7. Medicaid Improvement Fund.

Sec. 8. Determination of budgetary effects.

SEC. 2. EXTENSION OF MONEY FOLLOWS THE PERSON REBALANCING DEMONSTRATION.

(a) IN GENERAL.—

(1) FUNDING.—Section 6071(h) of the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 (42 U.S.C. 1396a note) is amended—

(A) in paragraph (1)—

(i) in subparagraph (E), by striking “and” at the end;

(ii) in subparagraph (F)—

(I) by striking “subject to paragraph (3), 132,000,000” and inserting “\$132,000,000”; and

(II) by striking the period at the end and inserting a semicolon; and

(iii) by adding at the end the following new subparagraphs:

“(G) \$417,000,000 for fiscal year 2020;

“(H) \$450,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2021 through 2023; and

“(I) \$225,000,000 for fiscal year 2024.”;

(B) in paragraph (2)—

(i) by striking “Subject to paragraph (3), amounts” and inserting “Amounts”; and

(ii) by striking “2021” and inserting “2024”; and

(C) by striking paragraph (3).

(2) RESEARCH AND EVALUATION.—Section 6071(g) of the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 (42 U.S.C. 1396a note) is amended—

(A) in paragraph (2), by striking “2016” and inserting “2024”; and

(B) in paragraph (3), by inserting “and for each of fiscal years 2019 through 2024,” after “2016.”.

(b) CHANGES TO INSTITUTIONAL RESIDENCY PERIOD REQUIREMENT.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 6071(b)(2) of the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 (42 U.S.C. 1396a note) is amended—

(A) in subparagraph (A)(i), by striking “90” and inserting “60”; and

(B) by striking the flush sentence after subparagraph (B).

(2) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by paragraph (1) shall take effect on the date that is 30 days after the date of the enactment of this Act.

(c) UPDATES TO STATE APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS.—Section 6071(c) of the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 (42 U.S.C. 1396a note) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (3), by striking “, which shall include” and all that follows through “2007”;

(2) in paragraph (7)—

(A) in the paragraph heading, by striking “REBALANCING” and inserting “EXPENDITURES”;

(B) in subparagraph (A), by adding “and” at the end; and

(C) in subparagraph (B)—

(i) in clause (i), by striking “and” at the end;

(ii) in clause (ii), by striking the period at the end and inserting a semicolon; and

(iii) by adding at the end the following:

“(iii) include a work plan that describes for each Federal fiscal year that occurs during the proposed MFP demonstration project—

“(I) the use of grant funds for each proposed initiative that is designed to accomplish the objective described in subsection (a)(1), including a funding source for each activity that is part of each such proposed initiative;

“(II) an evaluation plan that identifies expected results for each such proposed initiative; and

“(III) a sustainability plan for components of such proposed initiatives that are intended to improve transitions, which shall be updated with actual expenditure information for each Federal fiscal year that occurs during the MFP demonstration project; and

“(iv) contain assurances that grant funds used to accomplish the objective described in subsection (a)(1) shall be obligated not later than 24 months after the date on which the funds are awarded and shall be expended not later than 60 months after the date on which the funds are awarded (unless the Secretary approves a waiver of either such requirement).”; and

(3) in paragraph (13)—

(A) in subparagraph (A), by striking “; and” and inserting “, and in such manner as will meet the reporting requirements set forth for the Transformed Medicaid Statistical Management Information System (T-MESIS);”;

(B) by redesignating subparagraph (D) as subparagraph (E); and

(C) by inserting after subparagraph (A) the following:

“(B) the State shall report on a quarterly basis on the use of grant funds by distinct activity, as described in the approved work plan, and by specific population as targeted by the State;

“(C) if the State fails to report the information required under subparagraph (B), fails to report such information on a quarterly basis, or fails to make progress under the approved work plan, the State shall implement a corrective action plan and any lack of progress under the approved work plan may result in withholding of grant funds made available to the State; and”.

(d) FUNDING FOR QUALITY ASSURANCE AND IMPROVEMENT; TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE; OVERSIGHT.—Section 6071(f) of the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 (42 U.S.C. 1396a note) is amended by striking paragraph (2) and inserting the following:

“(2) FUNDING.—From the amounts appropriated under subsection (h)(1) for each of fiscal years 2019 through 2024, \$1,000,000 shall be available to the Secretary for each such fiscal year to carry out this subsection.”.

(e) BEST PRACTICES EVALUATION.—Section 6071 of the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 (42 U.S.C. 1396a note) is amended by adding at the end the following:

“(i) BEST PRACTICES.—

“(1) REPORT.—The Secretary, directly or through grant or contract, shall submit a report to the President and Congress not later than September 30, 2020, that contains findings and conclusions on best practices from the State MFP demonstration projects carried out with grants made under this section. The report shall include information and analyses with respect to the following:

“(A) The most effective State strategies for transitioning beneficiaries from institutional to qualified community settings carried out under the State MFP demonstration projects and how such strategies may vary