

Schweikert	Stewart	Wagner
Scott (VA)	Stivers	Walberg
Scott, Austin	Suozzi	Walden
Scott, David	Swalwell (CA)	Walker
Sensenbrenner	Takano	Walorski
Serrano	Taylor	Waltz
Sewell (AL)	Thompson (CA)	Wasserman
Shalala	Thompson (MS)	Schultz
Sherman	Thompson (PA)	Waters
Sherrill	Thornberry	Watkins
Shimkus	Timmons	Watson Coleman
Simpson	Tipton	Weber (TX)
Sires	Titus	Webster (FL)
Slotkin	Tlaib	Welch
Smith (MO)	Tonko	Wenstrup
Smith (NE)	Torres (CA)	Westerman
Smith (NJ)	Torres Small	Weston
Smith (WA)	(NM)	Wild
Smucker	Trahan	Williams
Soto	Trone	Wilson (FL)
Spanberger	Turner	Wilson (SC)
Spano	Underwood	Wittman
Speier	Upton	Van Drew
Stanton	Womack	Vargas
Stauber	Woodall	Veasey
Stefanik	Wright	Yarmuth
Steil	Yela	Young
Steube	Velázquez	Zeldin
Stevens	Visclosky	

NAYS—5

Amash	Buck	Yoho
Biggs	Massie	

NOT VOTING—8

Abraham	Clyburn	McEachin
Bass	Gallego	Peters
Cicilline	Garamendi	

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

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

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF THE VICTIMS OF THE EL PASO SHOOTING

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

Ms. ESCOBAR. Madam Speaker, I invite all Members to join me in the well who wish to stand in support with members of the Texas and Congressional Hispanic Caucus delegations.

Madam Speaker, on Saturday, August 3, at a local El Paso Walmart, parents were shopping for school supplies, elderly couples were paying for their groceries, and kids and parents were fundraising for their soccer team. But that day, everything changed.

A killer drove over 600 miles to my community. He massacred 22 people and injured another 26. He confessed to driving over 10 hours so that he could target Mexicans and immigrants. It was a horrific act of domestic terrorism fueled by America’s gun violence epidemic and the hate epidemic.

The killer’s screed was filled with bigoted, anti-immigrant language that has been used by people in power and those with the most powerful bully pulpit.

El Paso, as usual, rose to the challenge before us. We grieved together; we went to the hospital together; we

prayed together; we buried loved ones together.

My community has a long journey ahead, and I thank the first responders, healthcare providers, spiritual leaders, and all the community members who have shown tremendous courage during our darkest moment.

I thank my colleagues and people from all over the country and the world who reached out to us, sent their condolences, visited with us.

El Paso will continue to set the example for the Nation because we will continue to treat all people in our midst with kindness, generosity, and goodwill. We will always be El Paso Strong, and our resilience will guide the way.

I ask for your continued support, but more importantly, I ask that this awful event be the turning point that our country so desperately needs and that Americans so desperately want.

We must end the hate and gun violence epidemics because, for many of us, these issues have become a matter of life and death.

I ask that all Members and guests in the gallery rise for a moment of silence, please.

PRAYER FOR THE VICTIMS IN
ODESSA, TEXAS

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

Mr. CONAWAY. Madam Speaker, I rise to offer a prayer for the victims of the tragic violence in Odessa, Texas, on August 31.

The victims were: Mary Granados, Leilah Hernandez, Edwin Peregrino, Joe Griffith, Rodolfo Julio Arco, Kameron Karlless Brown, and Raul Garcia.

Heavenly Father, we come to You today asking for prayer, asking for peace that passes all understanding on the men and women in Odessa, Texas, and the families of the suffering.

We ask that You wrap Your loving arms around them at this dark hour in their lives. Thank You, dear Heavenly Father.

We ask these things in Jesus’ name.

I would also like to recognize the law enforcement officers and first responders of Midland and Odessa who acted quickly and courageously in their response to this tragedy. We owe these brave men and women more gratitude than words can express.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER
AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 2407

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that my name be removed as a cosponsor from H.R. 2407.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. MURPHY). Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from Michigan?

There was no objection.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER
AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 838

Mr. DESJARLAIS. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to remove myself as a cosponsor from H.R. 838.

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

There was no objection.

THE HEALTH OF FLORIDA’S
ECOSYSTEM

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

Ms. MUCARSEL-POWELL. Madam Speaker, today I rise in support of the Coastal and Marine Economies Protection Act and the Protecting and Securing Florida’s Coastline Act.

It is estimated that 11 percent of Florida’s plant species and 883 vertebrate and invertebrate species are endemic to our State. Florida has 114 federally endangered or threatened species in our community.

The Florida reef is the third largest reef in the world and the only living coral reef in the continental United States.

Florida’s unique ecosystem is too delicate to put at risk to the hazards of the drilling process. Offshore drilling puts our tourism industry and fishing industry at risk, two of the biggest factors in our economy here in Florida.

Drilling should never take priority over keeping our ecosystems healthy or our fishermen’s jobs. It is time to put the health and the well-being of our community over the greed of corporate polluters.

100TH ANNIVERSARY OF BOY
SCOUT TROOP 578

(Mr. COLLINS of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. COLLINS of New York. Madam Speaker, today I rise to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Boy Scout Troop 578, one of the oldest troops in our Nation.

Troop 578 was chartered on September 11, 1919, by the First Church of Evans in Derby, New York. Historically, they were known as Troop 78, and, unlike any other Boy Scout troop in America, they remained active during World War II. During that war, these Scouts were official dispatch bearers, and they collected recycled metals and other goods to support the war effort.

In the 1950s, redistricting changes required the troop to add a number 5 to the 78, making them Troop 578, as they are known today.

As an Eagle Scout myself, I am proud to honor Troop 578 as they continue to be an important part of the western New York community and Scouting history. I wish Troop 578 many more active years of Scouting.

IN CELEBRATION OF NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH

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

Mr. PAYNE. Madam Speaker, we have seen how climate change has made natural disasters, such as hurricanes and tornadoes, more frequent and much more severe.

This is not the time to debate climate change. This is the time to act on it. And the best time to act, the best time to prepare for natural disasters is before they occur.

September is National Preparedness Month. It is the perfect time to celebrate the brave men and women who respond when a crisis happens and the perfect time to coordinate our emergency response efforts.

We need to be ready for the next emergency before it strikes. As chairman of the Emergency Preparedness, Response and Recovery Subcommittee of the Committee on Homeland Security, I want FEMA and other Federal agencies to have the power and resources to coordinate relief efforts before, during, and after an emergency happens.

We do not have to relive the horrors of Hurricanes Andrew, Katrina, and Maria. Let us be proactive about the next disaster instead of waiting until it strikes.

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BRINGING INDUSTRY AND EDUCATION TOGETHER IN PENNSYLVANIA'S 12TH DISTRICT

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

Mr. KELLER. Madam Speaker, our Nation's economic prosperity and national security interests are secured due to energy-rich districts like Pennsylvania's 12th Congressional District.

That is why, during the recent August district work month, while in Montrose, Susquehanna County, Pennsylvania, I visited Cabot Oil & Gas, one of Pennsylvania's largest natural gas producers.

On any given day, Pennsylvania's 12th District is well positioned to help make the United States a net energy exporter by producing as much as 10 percent of the country's natural gas. Equally important is the great partner that energy producers have become with local governments and educational institutions.

As a member of the House Education and Labor Committee, I know the importance of bringing industry and education together to enhance workforce development, especially in rural areas. That is why it made me proud to see Cabot partnering with Lackawanna College School of Petroleum and Natural Gas as a means to provide career-ready job skills in the natural gas industry. Thanks to this partnership,

students are able to make family-sustaining wages and have a career in an industry that will remain in Pennsylvania for generations.

Congress should use this example, set in Susquehanna County and throughout Pennsylvania's 12th Congressional District, for how partnerships with private-sector job creators can lead to a better future.

COMMENDING EAGLE THEATER IN HAMMONTON, NEW JERSEY

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

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, the New Jersey Fringe Festival is hosted by the local Eagle Theater in Hammonton in southern New Jersey.

The festival is a driver in the cultural boom taking place in this town. The Eagle Theater is south Jersey's only year-round professional Equity theater and is dedicated to redefining regional theater through innovation, enlightened production techniques, and the development of eclectic theatics.

The Eagle Theater originally opened its doors in 1914 as a silent movie theater and was a playhouse from 1914 until 1944. Since then, the theater has built itself to be an award-winning, culturally diverse epicenter boasting state-of-the-art technical equipment and hosting a core of theming artists dedicated to experimental storytelling through medium-advancing technology.

It enriches south Jersey culturally and creatively, and I commend them for what they do. South Jersey is proud of them; New Jersey is proud of them; and the United States of America is proud of them.

Congratulations.

RECOGNIZING CHATHAM COUNTY'S BILL LEWIS UPON HIS RETIREMENT

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

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Bill Lewis, who retired on Monday, August 12, after nearly 40 years working in the Chatham County judicial system.

Chatham County's chief assistant public defender, Mr. LEWIS found his calling in 1980 after trying out a number of other careers first. The combination of helping people while also being able to stand up, arguing in the courtroom, drew him to the career.

And it paid off. In his own words, Mr. LEWIS loved every day of his job, and he liked defending people's freedom rather than fighting over their money.

It also paid off for Chatham County because of Mr. LEWIS' exceptional reputation for being a calming voice in the courtroom and his care of his clients.

During his tenure, he earned some of the most prestigious awards in the Savannah area: the Robbie Robinson Award for his success in public defense and the Thomas More Award for his religious affiliation and commitment to humanity.

Madam Speaker, I thank Mr. LEWIS for his service to our community. His work will be missed.

CONSTITUENTS WANT CONGRESS TO WORK TOGETHER

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

Mr. ALLEN. Madam Speaker, as my colleagues and I come back into legislative session this week, I would like to take this opportunity to share what I learned from the 12th District of Georgia during the recent district work period.

Like many of my colleagues, I spent the last 6 weeks meeting with constituents, and I hope my colleagues got the same earful I did. Our constituents want to know why Congress can't work together to deliver results for the American people.

In fact, just last night, I hosted a telephone town hall, and constituents said that the two top issues they want Congress to focus on before the end of the year are healthcare and immigration reform.

How do we solve these problems when Democrats are determined to ensure that our President is not successful? It is not fair to the American people to put politics ahead of the American people's interests.

We have a President who is willing and eager to work with us on many issues, including healthcare and immigration, so let's get to work. The American people won't accept anything less.

PROTECT PATIENTS FROM SURPRISE MEDICAL BILLS

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

Mr. SPANO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to announce a bill I recently introduced in the House, the Protecting Patients from Surprise Medical Bills Act, which is a companion bill to Senator SCOTT's recent legislation.

No one seeking medical care should ever have to worry about incurring unexpected, crippling expenses, especially when they have done everything right by obtaining health insurance. That is why then-Governor RICK SCOTT and I worked to pass a bill in Florida to solve this issue.

This law takes patients completely out of the billing process, protecting patients from surprise medical bills for emergency services and for mistakenly seeing an out-of-network healthcare provider at an in-network hospital.

This bill has experienced widespread success in Florida, which is why we are