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HOUR OF MEETING ON TOMORROW

Ms. DEGETTE. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow.

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

There was no objection.

SUPPORTING ERA RESOLUTION

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

Ms. FRANKEL. Madam Speaker, today, I rise in support of the resolution to remove the arbitrary deadline for ratification of the equal rights amendment, which is designed to end the legal distinctions between men and women.

Madam Speaker, signed in 1776, the Declaration of Independence states: “All men are created equal.” Really? Following the birth of our Nation, it took women 144 years to secure the right to vote and even longer for women of color. It took 187 years to be promised equal pay, 197 years to get reproductive rights, and 198 years to get a credit card or buy a home.

Yet, Madam Speaker, the women in this country are still fighting for equality. Madam Speaker, we are tired of waiting.

RECOGNIZING FIFTH CORPS AT FORT KNOX

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

Mr. GUTHRIE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Fort Knox.

Yesterday, the U.S. Army selected Fort Knox as a new corps headquarters called V Corps. V Corps will bring over 600 soldiers and their families to Kentucky.

I like to say that Fort Knox has the assets and the attitude for this new corps. The assets are the training grounds, housing, schools, and other resources that V Corps will be able to use when they arrive in the fall. The attitude is that of Fort Knox and the surrounding communities.

Kentucky is a great place to be a soldier, and I know that the Commonwealth will welcome these soldiers and their families with open arms.

I want to thank Senate Leader McCONNELL for his steadfast leadership in helping Fort Knox get selected for the new V Corps. I look forward to continuing to work with Fort Knox, the Department of Defense, and the U.S. Army.

PENN STATE IS IMPORTANT NATIONAL RESOURCE

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

Mr. KELLER. Madam Speaker, last month, I toured Penn State University Park campus located in Pennsylvania’s 12th Congressional District.

During that time, I had the opportunity to speak with students, staff, and faculty about ongoing projects and why they are proud to be part of an internationally sought-after education program.

Penn State University was founded as a land grant university, meaning its mission is to serve the public, especially the people of Pennsylvania.

After my tour of the campus and seeing their impressive research facilities, I can say with confidence that Penn State remains focused on that original mission. Whether it is helping the agriculture community with ag extensions or working on important defense-related research for the Federal Government, Penn State is an important State and national resource.

I look forward to continuing to work with Penn State in carrying out its public mission and remaining a premier national institution.

ALLOW TREASURY TO WAIVE VOTING AUTHORITY

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

Mr. HILL of Arkansas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to bring attention to a bill that I will be introducing this week.

My legislation allows the Secretary of the Treasury to waive voting authority for the international financial institutions on a case-by-case basis.

The World Bank and the International Monetary Fund receive U.S. funding and are subject to legislative oversight, which often dictates by a mandate what projects and policies they can endorse.

For example, when the World Bank takes a vote to approve a lending project, the United States may have to abstain or vote against it due to the parameters put forward by a mandate from Congress. Even further, Congress keeps adding to the mandates and has never tried to streamline them, resulting in mandates that are antiquated and can actually conflict with one another.

As a result, the Financial Services Committee has increasingly come to a bipartisan consensus that new mandates should have waiver authority and sunset clauses.

This legislation would allow the Treasury Secretary to waive a mandate and be able to properly vote on a financing, subject to a written report as to why to Congress. This means more flexibility to pursue our national inter-

ests, but also strong accountability to Congress.

COME TOGETHER TO SERVE THE PEOPLE

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

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the birthday of the great Abraham Lincoln, an attorney, a Congressman, and the 16th President of the United States.

In this day and age, let us honor President Lincoln by remembering his words: “A house divided against itself cannot stand.”

While these words rang true 3 years before the Civil War, they are just as true today, Madam Speaker. As we move past the cloud of impeachment, let us come together and remember why we are here in this Chamber: to serve the American people. That is why we are here.

Let today be the day that we come together and serve the people of our great Nation in a way that would make Abraham Lincoln proud.

RAISING AWARENESS OF AMERICAN HEART MONTH

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

Mr. SPANO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to draw attention to American Heart Month, a topic that is extremely important yet also personal to me.

Almost 10 years ago, I was diagnosed with severe three-vessel coronary artery disease, and I have since had 13 stents placed in my heart. So while this is deeply personal to share, I also recognize the unique position that I have been given to raise awareness about cardiovascular health.

Half of all Americans have at least one key risk factor: high blood pressure, high cholesterol, or history of smoking. By changing our diets, avoiding nicotine products, and exercising, roughly 83 percent of premature deaths from heart disease can be avoided.

Along with annual checkups and prescribed medicines, I urge all to remain alert to the symptoms of heart problems, including shortness of breath, heart palpitations, or numbness in the arms.

Heart disease is currently the world’s leading cause of death, claiming 17.9 million lives annually, yet it doesn’t have to be.

With modern medicine, and by the grace of God, I am here today. So I urge everyone to take control of their heart health before it is too late.

CONTROL OUR BORDERS

(Mr. GUEST asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GUEST. Madam Speaker, as a member of the Committee on Homeland Security, I rise today to express my strong opposition to the New Way Forward Act, which would completely eliminate our Nation's ability to control our borders and determine who enters our country.

It would cripple the efforts of our law enforcement officers to remove dangerous criminals from our streets, and it would undermine the sacrifice that the men and women of law enforcement make every day.

Additionally, the New Way Forward Act would encourage and open new pathways for convicted criminals to enter and remain in the United States. Meanwhile, conservative policies like building the wall and supporting law enforcement agencies reduced the number of apprehensions by almost 75 percent since May and led to the seizure of more than 50,000 pounds of drugs across our southwest border.

Madam Speaker, I strongly urge my colleagues to oppose the New Way Forward Act.

RECOGNIZING EGG HARBOR TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL MOCK TRIAL TEAM

(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, I would like to recognize the Egg Harbor Township High School's mock trial team from south Jersey.

Egg Harbor Township High School unseated reigning Atlantic County trial champion Mainland Regional in the county final.

Led by coaches Michael Martirone, Trevor Zompa, and Dara Quattrone, the Egg Harbor mock trial team won for the first time in 9 years.

Students take on roles of prosecutors, defense attorneys, witnesses, and jurors before New Jersey judges and attorneys at the New Jersey Law Center. Egg Harbor's team will now compete in the semifinals, with the final competition being in March.

I am going to mention all of their names: Raza Abbas, Tyler Weller, Madeline Coyle, Annette Diaz, Michael Donchey, Gabriela Garcia, Malini Gulati, Tasmiah Haque, Megan Herbin, Jason Hill, David Lee, Matthew Levine, Nicholas Seppy, Ethan Saul, Carina Sharra, Danielle Sharra, Evan Shuttleworth, Isabella Spena, and finally Skyler Szilagyi.

Congratulations, and good luck. We look forward to big things from all of you. We are so unbelievably proud of you.

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EQUAL RIGHTS FOR WOMEN

(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. Madam Speaker, in 1970 in this very Chamber the first African American woman elected to Congress, Shirley Chisholm, said:

There is an unspoken assumption that women are different. Artificial distinctions between persons must be wiped out of the law.

Congresswoman Chisholm was calling for the passage of the equal rights amendment. Fifty years later and a century after securing the right to vote, I stand before you, Madam Speaker, with the same call to action.

I stand before you as a Member of the 116th Congress with the greatest proportion of women Members in our history and a female Speaker, but yet as a woman, my rights remain unprotected in the Constitution.

The majority of Americans are women, but yet our Constitution does not fully and explicitly include our mothers, daughters, grandmothers, aunts, and neighbors.

Our Constitution is not just a founding document. It is a foundational document to equality under the law. It is time to reflect the truths that have become self-evident, that all people are created equal. It is time to pass the equal rights amendment.

WATER INFRASTRUCTURE

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

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to talk about the importance of investing in our Nation's infrastructure. And, in particular, to fix our broken and aging water delivery systems, not only in California but throughout the country.

In California's San Joaquin Valley, the availability of a clean and reliable water supply is absolutely essential for the foundation of our economy. Farmers need water to feed the world, and life becomes obviously very difficult if residents don't have a clean drinking water supply.

The waterways that carry our water were built decades ago in California and throughout the country.

Last week, I introduced legislation to fix two pieces of critical water infrastructure, the Delta-Mendota Canal and the California Aqueduct, that were built decades ago.

The Conveyance Capacity Correction Act will provide \$400 million to fund these needed projects. This legislation is just one of the many tools we have that can fix the water system that we have; one of the water tools in our water toolbox.

We need to invest in our water infrastructure now for the future sustainability of our State and the livelihood of our residents.

Food is a national security item.

THE PRESIDENT'S BUDGET

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. CRAIG). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 3, 2019, the gentlewoman from California (Ms. PORTER) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.

Ms. PORTER. Madam Speaker, when Donald Trump was running for President, he promised that he would balance the budget, eliminate the national debt, and protect programs that support American families.

He continues to promise to balance the budget, but his latest math is based on fantasy. The President's budget cuts the programs that Americans rely on and those that Americans have invested in in order to fund more tax cuts for the wealthy, a bigger defense budget, and an ineffective border wall.

If it isn't clear yet, the President failed to be truthful. He is putting special interests above the health and safety of hardworking American families.

Our national debt is bigger than ever, and taxpayer dollars have been wasted paying for tax cuts that benefit the rich and powerful.

Here is the stone-cold truth: President Trump is reneging on his promise to protect older Americans and those with disabilities. His proposed budget cuts billions from Social Security and Medicare. These drastic cuts and his failure to keep his word will devastate millions of Americans.

Social Security has lifted millions of older Americans out of poverty, but the President doesn't think it is necessary to continue supporting our most vulnerable older Americans.

The President would also slash the budget for the Administration for Community Living. Americans need this agency to support those who are aging and those who have disabilities, as well as their caregivers, so that they can age in place and live their best life every day of their lives. I have heard countless times from Orange County residents that they want the choice to grow older in their homes in our beautiful community that they have spent much of their lives in. The President's budget takes these choices away.

Right now, our country is struggling to keep up with our global competitors. And apparently right now the President thinks this is a good time to gut funding for medical research and innovation.

The President wants to cut investments in medical research at the National Institutes of Health that provide the pipeline for new cures and that spur innovation.

The President wants to cut funding for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Health Resources and Services Administration, and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. These agencies ensure that there are qualified health professionals who can move new medical discoveries into healthcare and public-health delivery, support Americans while they are awaiting new