

Watson Coleman	Wild	Wright
Webster (FL)	Williams	Yarmuth
Welch	Wilson (FL)	Young
Wenstrup	Wittman	Zeldin
Westerman	Womack	
Wexton	Woodall	

## NAYS—31

Allen	Grothman	Perry
Babin	Harris	Rice (SC)
Biggs	Hice (GA)	Rouzer
Buck	Higgins (LA)	Steube
Burchett	Kelly (MS)	Taylor
Carter (TX)	King (IA)	Waltz
Cloud	LaMalfa	Weber (TX)
Davidson (OH)	Murphy (NC)	Wilson (SC)
Flores	Norman	Yoho
Gohmert	Olson	
Gosar	Palazzo	

## NOT VOTING—37

Abraham	Duncan	Loeb sack
Aderholt	Gabbard	Marchant
Bishop (UT)	Graves (GA)	McClintock
Brady	Graves (LA)	Richmond
Byrne	Grijalva	Roby
Cicilline	Guest	Ruppersberger
Clay	Hunter	Rush
Clyburn	Jackson Lee	Scalise
Costa	Johnson (LA)	Simpson
Crawford	Kennedy	Stivers
Cunningham	Kirkpatrick	Walker
Davis, Danny K.	Lesko	
DesJarlais	Lewis	

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Mr. GROTHMAN changed his vote from "yea" to "nay."

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.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mrs. KIRKPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I was absent today due to a medical emergency. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall No. 14, and "yea" on rollcall No. 15.

# PERMISSION FOR MEMBER TO BE CONSIDERED AS PRIMARY SPONSOR OF H.R. 2569

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that I may hereafter be considered as the primary sponsor of H.R. 2569, a bill originally introduced by Representative Cummings of Maryland, for the purpose of adding cosponsors and requesting reprintings pursuant to clause 7 of rule XII.

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

There was no objection.

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## PRAISING ROBERT COTTINGHAM

(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, I rise today to honor a local gentleman and distinguished resident of Orange, New Jersey, Mr. Robert Cottingham. His life has been one of inspiring public service and dedication to his community. He is a military veteran who served as a combat infantryman during the Korean war.

When he returned, he sought opportunities to help others. During the 1970s and 1980s, he mentored new African American workers at the Xerox Corporation to help them thrive. In his community, he sought to help youth and others through service organizations such as Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity and the Montclair YMCA. He even dedicated his weekends to service and taught Sunday school as a member of the Church of the Epiphany and Christ Church in Orange. In addition, he was a nationally accomplished high hurdle runner and high school track star.

I had the privilege of attending Mr. Cottingham's 90th birthday yesterday and I can tell you that he still inspires and serves as an example of the best in our community.

# RECOGNIZING PETER VAN CISE'S APPOINTMENT TO THE U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY

(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. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Peter Van Cise of Julian, Pennsylvania. Peter is a senior at the Bald Eagle Area High School. When considering his post-graduation options, Peter honorably chose to commit himself to serving his country.

I am proud of Peter and pleased to announce that he has accepted a fully qualified appointment to the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado.

Peter is the son of Ann Van Cise and Dana Van Cise, an Air Force veteran. He is the youngest of seven children. Peter excelled in the classroom, on the soccer field, and in his community as a true leader. I know that his hard work as a student will serve him well as he starts his military career in the Air Force Academy.

Peter has continually demonstrated a sincere commitment to service, and I wish him all the best in this exciting new venture.

## NATIONAL MENTORING MONTH

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

Mr. LANGEVIN. Madam Speaker, every young person needs a mentor, someone to provide real-life guidance as they navigate the challenging, formative years of youth. Mentoring is closely linked with positive behaviors, including school attendance, regular volunteering, and college enrollment. Unfortunately, one in three young people in America is growing up without a mentor.

During National Mentoring Month this January, I rise to honor the organizations, mentors, and others who are working every day to close this gap—organizations like MENTOR Rhode Island and Big Brothers Big Sisters of

Rhode Island. I am proud to represent them as a member of the Congressional Youth Mentoring Caucus and to push for strong funding for youth mentoring each and every year.

Madam Speaker, our young people are our most precious resource, and it is our duty to support them and the mentors who help them thrive.

# REMEMBERING THE LIFE OF MR. TOM WRIGHT

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 remember the life of Mr. Tom Wright, who passed away on January 3 at the age of 76.

Mr. Wright dedicated his life to serving both his country and his local community. He served for 21 years as a commander in the United States Navy, including one tour in Vietnam. After his retirement, he continued his work supporting veterans' groups in the local Savannah area. Mr. Wright also dedicated a great deal of his time and efforts to the civilian maritime community in Savannah, including the Savannah Propeller Club and the Savannah Maritime Association.

A family man through and through, he could often be found watching North Carolina Tar Heel basketball with his family.

His presence will be deeply missed throughout our area. Mr. Wright's family and friends will be in my thoughts and prayers during this most difficult time.

# RECOGNIZING U.S. FIREFIGHTERS HELPING AUSTRALIA

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

Mr. PANETTA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 200 firefighters from the United States, including California, who packed up and deployed out to help our friends from Down Under in Australia fight one of the biggest fire disasters we have ever seen on this Earth.

A fire that has burned millions of acres, destroyed thousands of businesses, farms, and homes, killed 25 people, and incinerated close to 1 billion animals.

For over 15 years the United States and Australia have shared firefighters to help each other contain their growing wildfires; but as we are experiencing—and, yes, due to climate change—our fire seasons are getting longer and longer, our droughts are getting drier and drier, and our fires are getting bigger, costlier, and deadlier.

That is why we are so grateful to the firefighters, not only for their service to our communities but for their willingness to travel and fight fires in

other countries. That appreciation for those firefighters will be demonstrated in Congress later this week when I introduce a resolution recognizing their work, their will, and their courage.

But let that resolution also be a reminder of the work and commitment needed by all nations to not just fight fires for our safety, but to continue to fight climate change for our future.

#### PRESIDENT TRUMP KEEPS PROMISES

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

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, in the December Jobs Report, job numbers remain strong. Over 140,000 jobs were added, and wages are up. The unemployment rate remains at a 50-year low at 3.5 percent. These new, consistent numbers show that President Trump is continuing his effective record of promises made, promises kept.

The December Jobs report also showed that the total employment level rose to 158.8 million—another record high. By creating jobs, lowering unemployment, increasing wages, and consistently working to promote opportunities, President Trump continues keeping his promises.

Baseless attacks on the President by Democrats and the biased fake news attempted to conceal his successes, but make no mistake: President Trump is focused to work for American families and jobs.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September the 11th in the global war on terrorism.

Best wishes to Coach Dabo Swinney, go Clemson Tigers tonight.

#### IMPEACHMENT TRIAL

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

Ms. NORTON. Madam Speaker, the conventional wisdom that Speaker PELOSI and the Democrats gained nothing from the delay in sending the Articles of Impeachment to the Senate is contradicted by the results. Some Republican Senators are said to be working to assure witnesses, as Speaker PELOSI demanded.

There are 53 Republican Senators and 47 Democrats. Notwithstanding where they stand on impeachment itself, it would benefit Republican moderates and even others to avoid the stigma of unprecedented unfairness by at least allowing witnesses, which requires only a 51 percent majority. Witnesses would help mitigate Majority Leader MITCH MCCONNELL's undisguised unfairness in working directly with the White House.

As a result of the Pelosi delay, even Senator MCCONNELL now says he will follow the Clinton impeachment process. Depositions from witnesses were ultimately allowed there.

#### CELEBRATING NATIONAL MENTORING MONTH

(Ms. FOXX of North Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. FOXX of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, since 2002, January has been recognized as National Mentoring Month. We should all recognize the positive impact that mentoring has on young people.

From our servicemembers at Cherry Point to the volunteers of the Winston-Salem United Way, the coaches of LifeConnections in Alexander County to the Western Youth Network in Boone, North Carolinians remain actively engaged in mentoring opportunities across my State.

According to Mentoring.org, at-risk youth who were paired with a mentor are 55 percent more likely to enroll in college; 78 percent more likely to volunteer regularly in their communities; and 130 percent more likely to hold leadership positions in their careers.

Madam Speaker, the numbers speak for themselves. Mentoring is a cornerstone of the growth and development of young people across our country.

#### GIPSA PROPOSED RULE

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

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, today the United States Department of Agriculture published its long-awaited proposed rule to fix the Packers and Stockyards Act to address institutional bias against small livestock and poultry farmers.

For decades I have fought alongside our livestock and poultry farmers to ensure their hard work is respected and standards exacted by their processing firms were fair and honest. Unfortunately, small producers have been taken advantage of, retaliated against, marginalized legally in favor of larger meatpackers, swine contractors, and poultry companies, and forced to swallow opaque contracts just to pay their bills.

The proposed rule falls short to address their very serious grievances. Once again, this administration is happy setting minimal, powder-puff requirements that sidestep hardworking families in favor of mega-business integrators.

Let us continue to work hard to improve the proposed rule to ensure that those who feed America get a fair shake and are treated right by all of America.

#### GLASSTOWN PRODUCTIONS

(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, today I want to acknowledge the Millville-based production company, Glasstown Productions in south Jersey.

Glasstown Productions is an exemplary company that has excelled in telling their clients' stories through film. Their work has been recognized by the Dog Film Festival, CinemaFest, and the International Christian Film and Music Festival.

Under the leadership of CEO Robert Penza and Creative Director Jason Penza, Glasstown has brought home multiple awards and recognitions to the State of New Jersey and, most proudly, to south Jersey.

Last year Glasstown Productions was honored with a Gold Telly Award for its film, "Ask Seek Knock: The Story of Brianna Wittman."

Glasstown Productions is just one example of the opportunities to build something great in south Jersey. The coveted Gold Telly Award speaks to the quality of work being produced in our district, and I commend Glasstown Productions for their excellent accomplishments. We are truly, sincerely and extremely proud of them and what they have accomplished.

#### CELEBRATING VILLAGE EXCHANGE CENTER

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

Mr. CROW. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the third anniversary of the Village Exchange Center in Aurora, Colorado.

Founded in 2017, the Village Exchange Center has become a thriving, collaborative nonprofit and a home for immigrants, refugees, and community members throughout the Aurora-Denver metro area.

In Aurora, we recognize that our diversity is our strength. In our public schools alone, over 150 languages are spoken by students. This is where VEC comes in, helping build bridges between the multiple cultures, faiths, and nationalities that now call Colorado home.

This year VEC is embarking on an ambitious new initiative called Village Farms at Stanley, a vertical farm near Stanley Marketplace. Village Farm will help empower diverse, intergenerational communities through education, training, food, and farming.

On its third anniversary, I wish VEC continued success in bringing people together in paving the way toward health and economic opportunities for our diverse communities. Together, we can build a vibrant community.

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#### RECOGNIZING ZENA CARDMAN

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

Mr. KELLER. Madam Speaker, it is my honor today to recognize the achievements of Zena Cardman, a resident of Pennsylvania's 12th Congressional District who just became one of America's newest astronauts.