

# ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to 15 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

## RECOGNIZING THE LEGACY OF FREDERICK "DUKE" SLATER

(Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the memory and legacy of a glass-shattering athlete from Iowa's Second Congressional District.

Frederick "Duke" Slater's passion for football began when his family moved to Clinton, Iowa, where Duke started playing football at Clinton High.

Duke went on to receive his education at the University of Iowa, where he won a national championship in 1921 and was named an All-American. An incredible athlete, Duke also competed for the Hawkeyes' track and field team, placing third in the hammer throw and fourth in the discus while helping Iowa win the 1921 national title.

When Duke joined the NFL's Rock Island Independents, he became the first Black lineman in NFL history. He went on to become a five-time first-team All-Pro selection, retiring after 10 great years.

Following his retirement, Duke was inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in 1951 and was posthumously selected to the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 2020. Last year, the University of Iowa announced that the field at Kinnick Stadium would now be known as Slater Field in honor of Duke.

I am pleased to hear that the local community is planning to erect a statue of Duke at Clinton High School. Duke is the embodiment of hard work and overcoming obstacles, and I cannot wait to see that statue in person.

## BIDEN BUDGET BUST

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

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, President Biden's recently submitted budget for fiscal year 2023 is a literal dumpster fire.

His budget confirms what we have known all along: He does not have the slightest clue what fiscal responsibility means.

Right now, families are facing a \$3,500 yearly inflation tax, but President Biden wants to spend a whopping \$73 trillion over the next decade, a 66 percent increase over the previous 10 years. Over the next 5 years, inflation rates would increase by 2.8 percent.

In fact, this scheme would be the highest sustained government spending endeavor in American history.

Mr. Speaker, President Biden has failed to read the room yet again. The American people do not want another Biden budget bust.

## HELP UKRAINE ACHIEVE VICTORY NOW

(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. Mr. Speaker, on Friday, The Wall Street Journal editorialized: "Let Ukraine Go on Offense Against Russia."

"As Russia's war on Ukraine enters its sixth week, the script has flipped. Russia's advance has stalled, and Ukraine now wants to go on offense to push back Russian forces from the land they have taken. But the country needs U.S. and NATO help to do it."

"Now is the time to help Ukraine take the offensive. Reports of demoralized Russian forces are more frequent, including defectors who have taken equipment with them."

"Throughout this conflict, the Biden administration has been slow. . . . Now 'is the time to keep the pressure on to truly achieve a strategic victory for Ukraine and NATO.'"

I have faith in the Russian people, a great culture betrayed by war criminal Putin. There is legislation for defecting Russian troops, diplomats, and Duma members to be provided immediate refugee status in America and up to \$100,000 for any Russian military equipment turned over to Ukraine.

God bless Ukraine, God save Ukraine, and long live Volodymyr Zelenskyy.

## CELEBRATING APRIL AS FAITH MONTH

(Mrs. MILLER of Illinois asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. MILLER of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, this month, Americans all over the country are celebrating April as Faith Month. I rise in support of this effort and call on all people of faith to join in prayer and celebration.

As a Member of Congress, I am happy to reaffirm my commitment to our Judeo-Christian values and freedom of religion for all that this country was founded on.

Religious organizations in America have a rich history of charitable engagement, helping the sick, poor, and afflicted. They should be celebrated for their contributions to our way of life.

## HONORING THE SALEM LAKES FIRE DEPARTMENT

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

Mr. STEIL. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to honor the men and women of the Salem Lakes Fire Department.

As war has ravaged Ukraine, the firefighters in Salem Lakes, Wisconsin, took action. Led by volunteer firefighter Art Stypula, the Salem Lakes Fire Department organized a massive equipment drive. The effort involved fire departments throughout southeast Wisconsin and even the Chicago area.

Turnout gear and other locally collected lifesaving equipment was shipped to Poland to help Ukrainian firefighters do their job and keep people safe.

I am extremely proud of the Salem Lakes Fire Department and the firefighters for organizing desperately needed aid to the Ukrainian people.

I know that Wisconsinites and Americans across our country will join me in thanking them for their efforts. They came up with a creative way to help Ukraine in its fight for freedom.

Ukraine's firefighters and its people will be given important resources because of their charity and their compassion.

Thank you again to the men and women of the Salem Lakes Fire Department for their lifesaving work each and every day.

## VOTE AGAINST JUDGE KETANJI BROWN JACKSON

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

Mr. CLYDE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to continue to highlight the abhorrent record of President Biden's U.S. Supreme Court nominee, Ketanji Brown Jackson, commonly known as KBJ.

In a posthearing written question and answer from members of the Senate Judiciary Committee, KBJ refused to comment on whether she believes an individual possesses natural rights.

This is unacceptable. The Declaration of Independence is crystal clear. "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness."

Yet, Ketanji Brown Jackson does not hold a position on whether individuals possess natural rights. This is disqualifying, plain and simple.

Any Senator, Republican or Democrat, that votes to confirm KBJ later this week isn't just voting for a soft-on-crime, woke judge. They are also voting for a judge who does not recognize the natural rights, or civil rights which come from the natural rights, given to us by our heavenly creator, dangerously ignoring the fundamental foundation of our American values.

## RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 2 o'clock and 12 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 (Ms. KELLY of Illinois) at 5 o'clock and 3 minutes p.m.

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The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

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

DATA MAPPING TO SAVE MOMS'  
LIVES ACT

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 1218) to require the Federal Communications Commission to incorporate data on maternal health outcomes into its broadband health maps, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 1218

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

## SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

*This Act may be cited as the "Data Mapping to Save Moms' Lives Act".*

SEC. 2. MAPPING BROADBAND CONNECTIVITY  
AND MATERNAL HEALTH OUTCOMES.

(a) INCORPORATION OF MATERNAL MORTALITY AND SEVERE MATERNAL MORBIDITY DATA.—Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Federal Communications Commission shall incorporate publicly available data on maternal mortality and severe maternal morbidity, including for not less than 1 year postpartum, into the Mapping Broadband Health in America platform of the Commission.

(b) CONSULTATION WITH CDC.—The Federal Communications Commission shall consult with the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention regarding the maternal mortality and severe maternal morbidity data that should be incorporated under subsection (a).

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. PALLONE) and the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. LATTA) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New Jersey.

## GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on H.R. 1218.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Madam Speaker, I rise in strong support of H.R. 1218, the Data Mapping to Save Moms' Lives Act.

Tragically, the United States has the highest rate of maternal mortality across developed nations. While maternal mortality and morbidity are problems that affect women across the country, these concerns are especially pronounced in Black and Native American communities. Maternal mortality rates for Black women are three times higher than those of White women, and the rate of death for American Indian and Alaska Native women is two times higher.

This legislation seeks to provide a visualization for the public on how connectivity and these health data intersect. It will help guide policymakers on how to target telehealth services to vulnerable populations and communities at risk in an effort to reduce maternal mortality and morbidity in this country.

For pregnant women, access to telehealth services like routine checkups, health monitoring, and updated prescriptions can go a long way in ensuring the health and safety of both the mother and child.

Specifically, under this legislation, the FCC is required to integrate publicly available data related to maternal health, including mortality and severe morbidity, into its Mapping Broadband Health in America platform. The FCC will be required to consult with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to determine the right data to include for this effort.

I commend Representatives BUTTERFIELD, BILIRAKIS, and BLUNT ROCHESTER for their bipartisan efforts on this legislation. I also thank Subcommittee Chairman DOYLE for working to get this legislation through the Communications and Technology Subcommittee.

I also commend you, Madam Speaker, as the vice chair of the Energy and Commerce Committee, because you have spent quite a bit of time dealing with these maternal mortality issues.

This initiative, combined with other good work we and the executive branch have done, will help us better understand the communications barriers some pregnant women face so that we can then explore connectivity policies that help keep these women safe and healthy.

I know the Senate has passed a companion bill recently, led by Senators ROSEN and FISCHER. Although there are some technical differences between the two bills, my hope is that we can get those worked out as quickly as possible and get this legislation to the President's desk.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support the Data Mapping to Save Moms' Lives Act in a bipartisan manner, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. LATTA. Madam Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Madam Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 1218, the Data Mapping to Save Moms' Lives Act, which was introduced by Representatives BUTTERFIELD and BILIRAKIS.

Maternal mortality continues to affect mothers and children across the United States, particularly in rural areas. The Energy and Commerce Committee has worked to address this preventable issue, but unfortunately, challenges remain.

Congress has previously taken steps to understand which communities are most affected and what we can do to reverse this alarming trend.

Today's legislation will build on existing tools of the Federal Communications Commission by incorporating publicly available data on maternal health outcomes into its Mapping Broadband Health in America tool. The FCC would be required to work with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to determine which maternal health outcomes to include.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this bill, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. LATTA. Madam Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Florida (Mr. BILIRAKIS), the cosponsor of this legislation.

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Madam Speaker, we know that maternal mortality has been increasing in the U.S. while declining in other countries, unfortunately. We know these rates are even worse for Black women, Madam Speaker.

We also know that lack of broadband in today's society can lead to isolation, poorer education outcomes, and fewer work opportunities. What we don't know is how broadband access impacts maternal health outcomes. Finding this out is our goal.

At the end of the day, we all want to lower maternal mortality rates and ensure that babies are both healthy and grow up with the love and support of their mothers.

I am proud to co-lead this legislation, a bipartisan piece of legislation, with my good friend, Mr. BUTTERFIELD, who we are going to miss because he is retiring after this term, and Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER, another fellow member of the Energy and Commerce Committee.

Madam Speaker, I urge passage of this great bill.

Mr. PALLONE. Madam Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. LATTA. Madam Speaker, I yield such time as he may consume to the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. BALDERSON).

Mr. BALDERSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of the Data Mapping to Save Moms' Lives Act.

The United States is one of the few Nations in the world experiencing a rise in pregnancy-related deaths, claiming the lives of hundreds of moms each year. Behind each of these cases are stories of heartbreak and devastation for families and communities.

We must do more to improve health outcomes for moms and babies across this country, and telehealth services will play a critical role in doing so.