

go through that system to keep our communities safe. But they don't because of a dangerous loophole like the one that allowed Manny to buy an AR-15 at a gun show without a background check.

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The background check system is the foundation of gun safety in America. When that foundation is weak, like it is today, it makes all of us less safe.

We need universal background checks. States with laws requiring background checks on all sales have lower gun homicide rates than States that don't. Guns from States that lack background check laws often end up recovered from crime scenes in neighboring States without those tough laws.

That is why we need a uniform national requirement to end weak gun laws that contribute to trafficking.

The President visited New York City recently after two police officers were fatally shot, and he urged the need for universal background checks. He rightly said our country needs a comprehensive strategy to dramatically reduce gun violence. The Attorney General of the United States has directed U.S. attorneys to confront gun trafficking across State lines and in cities.

I strongly support the President's call for a comprehensive strategy. As part of that strategy, Congress should do what many States are currently working on to ban untraceable ghost guns, similar to the law that was signed in New York in October of last year. Congress can do this.

Congress should also pass safe storage legislation to protect kids from being harmed by loaded weapons kept unsafely in their homes. We should ban weapons of war that don't belong in our community and are regularly used to hunt innocent people. Who needs to be able to fire off 50 or 100 rounds at a time?

Congress should recognize that high-capacity magazines have no place in our communities and that their only purpose is to make it easy to cause mass casualties.

These proposals have significant support. Ninety percent of Americans, including gun owners, want universal and stronger background checks.

Would a stronger background check system prevent every instance of gun violence? No, of course not. Would ending large-capacity ammunition magazines prevent mass casualties caused by guns? No, but they will make us safer. They will make our communities safer. They will make our schools safer. They will make the workplace safer. They will make people feel safer as they attend religious services. They will make it easier for law enforcement to do their jobs safely every day.

Continued inaction on confronting gun violence will only lead to more innocent people dying from firearms. Congress must take action to get strong gun violence prevention legisla-

tion for Joaquin and the 16 others who were taken at Stoneman Douglas, for their families, and for America.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF PRIVATE ANDREW LADNER

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Mississippi (Mr. PALAZZO) for 5 minutes.

Mr. PALAZZO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the homecoming of World War II Private Andrew Ladner, whose remains finally came home 80 years after being killed in action.

Private Ladner was assigned to the 126th Infantry Regiment, 32nd Infantry Division. On November 30, 1942, during a blockade to prevent a Japanese assault on the island of New Guinea, he was killed during the initial wave and was reportedly buried 26 yards west of the road the unit was blockading.

After the war, his remains could not be found and eventually were declared nonrecoverable. However, between a little luck and the never-quit Army attitude and exhaustive research, they located his remains in 2016.

Now Private Ladner can be laid to rest in a way he deserves. I know his family takes comfort in his example of a life well lived and the legacy he left behind all those years ago.

Private Ladner was part of the Greatest Generation of Americans. His family can find solace in knowing his legacy will never die but lives on with every American who puts on the uniform of the United States military.

On behalf of the Fourth Congressional District of Mississippi, we honor the memory of Private Andrew Ladner, who gave his life for his family and the country he so dearly loved.

Private Ladner, may you rest in peace. God bless you, and Semper Fidelis.

MAKING HEALTHCARE MORE AFFORDABLE AND ACCESSIBLE THAN EVER

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Florida (Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK) for 5 minutes.

Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise to applaud President Joe Biden's executive order to bring down the cost of health insurance and expand health coverage. The executive order represents the most significant action to strengthen the Affordable Care Act since it was signed into law.

Consistent with the administration's mission, my colleagues and I in Congress voted in favor of the Affordable Insulin Now Act, which will lower costs for hardworking families by capping the out-of-pocket costs for insulin at \$35 per month.

President Biden's executive order delivers a longstanding Democratic priority for strengthening the Affordable Care Act and fixing the so-called family glitch. Without this step, current

regulations define employer-based health insurance as affordable if the coverage is provided solely for the employee and not for family members.

For family members of an employee offered health coverage through an employer, the cost for that family coverage can sometimes be very expensive and make health insurance out of reach. The family glitch affects 5 million people and has made it impossible for many families to use the premium tax credit to purchase an affordable, high-quality marketplace plan.

Fixing the family glitch builds on several steps Democrats have taken to lower health costs and build on the Affordable Care Act, including the American Rescue Plan, which was signed into law last year. The American Rescue Plan is saving families an average of \$2,400 in annual premiums and has helped enroll 14.5 million Americans in marketplace plans.

Thanks to Democratic leadership, healthcare is more affordable and accessible than ever. Our American Rescue Plan dramatically lowered the cost of marketplace plans and helped enroll millions of Floridians into quality, affordable coverage.

As House Democrats fight to build a better America for all people, I will continue to work to lower healthcare costs and prescription drug prices for all Floridian families.

RECESS

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

Accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 6 minutes a.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 at noon.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

Sovereign God, nothing in all of creation is hidden from Your sight. Your eyes, O Lord, are everywhere. You see everything from the wars that rage around the world and into the recesses of each heart. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before Your eyes that all must give account.

Call to account, then, the wicked and the good. Unspeakable atrocities have taken place throughout Ukraine. Bring to justice those who have failed to demonstrate any evidence of human decency. Bring to Your court those who have disregarded the precious life of the innocent.

Raise up the good and strengthen the noble, and give success to their efforts to shield and shelter the displaced and

defeated. Embolden the voices of those who would speak truth to power and amplify their words that Your truth would reach even the hardest of hearts.

Give wisdom to the leadership, to our own, as they balance the moral responsibility to aid those in danger with the evident risk of escalation; and to President Zelenskyy and his advisers, that they would remain courageous and inspiring in their quest for peace and security in their country.

Keep Your eyes upon us, O Lord. Conceal not our sin from Your sight, but let Your righteousness be revealed and Your justice accomplished.

In the power of Your name, we pray.
Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to section 11(a) of House Resolution 188, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Texas (Mr. WEBER) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. WEBER of Texas led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

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

SUPPORTING BIPARTISAN SUPPLY CHAIN PROVISIONS

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

Mrs. DINGELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today in strong support of the bipartisan supply chain provisions included in the House-passed America COMPETES Act.

Every day, we are hearing from our constituents about inflation and rising prices, and one critical factor contributing to these issues is continued disruptions in the domestic supply chain.

The America COMPETES supply chain subtitle establishes an office of manufacturing security and resilience within the Department of Commerce to monitor, identify, map, and mitigate supply chain vulnerabilities.

It also authorizes billions in grants and loans to support the manufacturing of critical goods, equipment, and cutting-edge technologies that are essential to our national and economic security.

The investments included in the bipartisan America COMPETES supply chain subtitle will allow us to preempt

future shocks to our supply chain, and we must be proactive in strengthening our manufacturing capacity to secure our future.

I hope that this critical subtitle remains in the bill and is retained in any final package the conference process yields.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Ms. Byrd, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed without amendment a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 5681. An act to authorize the reclassification of the tactical enforcement officers (commonly known as the "Shadow Wolves") in the Homeland Security Investigations tactical patrol unit operating on the lands of the Tohono O'odham Nation as special agents, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the Senate has passed a bill of the following title in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 2123. An act to establish the Federal Clearinghouse on Safety and Security Best Practices for Faith-Based Organizations and Houses of Worship, and for other purposes.

SUPPORTING SOUTH CAROLINA EXPORT SALES

(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, I am grateful to report that the total export sales from the State of South Carolina topped nearly \$30 billion last year.

Increasing their influence, State exporters reached over 195 countries, with Germany and Canada tops. Korean investments are monumental by Samsung, and I praise today the Korean delegation of Dr. Jin Park and Tae-yong Cho.

Most notably, the Palmetto State leads the Nation in export sales of tires produced by Michelin, Bridgestone, Giti Tire, Continental, and Trelleborg Wheel Systems.

South Carolina also leads in passenger motor vehicle exports, including BMW, Volvo Cars, Honda, and Mercedes-Benz Vans.

In order to further support this vital market, South Carolina ports have invested over \$2 billion in infrastructure, according to South Carolina Port Authority President Jim Newsome, soon to be succeeded by COO Barbara Melvin, backed up by Governor Henry McMaster.

In conclusion, God bless Ukraine. God save Ukraine. God bless Volodymyr Zelenskyy as he fights to maintain his freedom for all the people of the world.

SUPPORTING THE AMERICA COMPETES ACT

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

Ms. PELOSI. Mr. Speaker, for generations, America's innovations, from electricity to automobiles, robotics to plastics, have shaped the course of history.

We prevailed because we were preeminent in our investments in science, research, and technology.

But today, America's preeminence is being challenged. Other countries have followed our lead in research, science, and technology.

As a result, more of the technology that we are relying on today is made abroad, driving up the cost at home, contributing to inflation, threatening our workers' financial security and their jobs, and eroding our Nation's competitiveness.

That is why Chairwoman EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON and the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology, along with 13 other committees of the House, crafted a data-driven, results-oriented package to help our Nation meet and win in the 21st century.

I associate myself with the remarks of the gentlewoman from Michigan in support of the COMPETES Act. The House America COMPETES Act is precisely what is needed to ensure America's might in manufacturing and innovation while creating good-paying jobs and lowering costs for our Nation.

Our bill helps bring manufacturing back to our shores, including \$52 billion for chips, which are crucial for making cars, cell phones, and more.

Our bill will help reinvigorate America's industry, securing \$45 billion to strengthen our supply chain, reduce dependence on foreign nations, and lower costs.

Our bill invests in research and education so that we diversify our STEM workforce with apprenticeships and the rest.

And our bill will promote U.S. global leadership.

In the spirit of patriotism and unity, the House will champion these priorities when we go to conference to craft a bold, bipartisan, bicameral package to send to the President's desk.

I hope that we will have the opportunity to go to conference soon. We are waiting for the signal from the Senate.

LEAVE STRATEGIC PETROLEUM RESERVE FOR WARTIME

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

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, our strategic oil reserves are meant to be for emergency use, an emergency resource in time of war or other disaster.

At such an uncertain time that we have, with Eastern Europe embroiled in a big conflict, it would be wise for us to keep the reserve full.

Indeed, President Trump filled the reserve up at the time when prices were low on fuel. Now, President Biden thinks that by releasing this oil, it is going to somehow affect the price of oil