

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

around the world and our own economy. It is not.

So far, 80 million barrels have already been released, but it hasn't driven down prices. Instead, the reserves we have in the ground that oil people can produce for us are the things that are going to change oil prices, not tapping into our reserves.

There is only going to be a few days' worth to run the country on, or bleeding it out over 180 days, 1 million barrels at a time.

Tap into our energy we have so abundantly in this country. That will affect the market for us, for our allies in Europe, and actually truly make a big difference, instead of playing this little game with our oil reserves that doesn't do anything other than look like we are doing something.

Let's get back to work on putting Americans to work and our energy dependability on us and not on others. I ask the President to change directions on this policy.

PUTIN IS DESTABILIZING THE WORLD ECONOMY AND ORDER

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

Ms. HOULAHAN. Mr. Speaker, last week, I held an in-person townhall to hear how inflation impacts our community. Too many Pennsylvanians are making tough choices to put food on the table, gas in their tanks, and other budgetary choices.

Today, I rise to discuss why confronting Putin abroad helps address inflation issues here at home.

It is no secret that we live in a global market. We became acutely aware of that fact during the pandemic. Ukraine and Russia provide us, and the world, grain, oil, gas, and even things like fertilizer.

When we are at war in these areas or people are at war in these areas, this impacts our economy colossally. We are again seeing how connected we are, this time not from a global disease but, rather, from a diseased man.

Vladimir Putin is infected, and he is inflicting untold horrors on the people of Ukraine and simultaneously destabilizing our world economy and order.

To fully address these rising costs and inflation in part caused by this Russian war, our top priority has to be bringing a just, durable, and lasting peace to this conflict in Ukraine.

The longer the war rages on, the longer it will take for our economy to recover. That is why we must impose strong sanctions against Russia, coordinated with our allies; we must expedite weaponry to Ukraine; and we must return to prepandemic domestic oil production levels to meet our domestic needs and to help bring down global market costs.

For the people of the Sixth Congressional District of Pennsylvania, I promise to keep doing everything in

my power to make sure we can alleviate pressures that are felt at home from abroad.

RECOGNIZING CHRIS DELESANDRI

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

Mr. WEBER of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Mr. Chris Delesandri on his retirement after a dedicated 41 years of service with United Way of Galveston County Mainland, where he served as the executive director for the past 10 years.

Not only did Chris serve Galveston County during his time with United Way, but Chris has also served as the president of the Rotary Club of Texas City. He was elected to the Roll of Fame for Rotary District 5910 and earned the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards volunteer.

Chris always prioritized giving back to his community, and as such, he has earned several awards through the Chamber of Commerce, such as Citizen of the Year in 2008 and the Leslie Hayley Community Service Award in 2014.

I commend Chris for his numerous accomplishments and his dedicated service to our district and congratulate him on his retirement. I am so glad to represent him and call him a friend. He deserves a great retirement.

Have a good one, buddy.

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DEMOCRATS CONTINUE TO DRIVE STABILITY AND GROWTH IN SMALL BUSINESSES

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

Ms. PLASKETT. Mr. Speaker, I thank my colleagues for all the good work that they have done to support American small businesses during the pandemic.

Democrats working with President Biden have helped businesses to keep their lights on and employees on payroll.

Biden's plan has enabled a remarkable rebound in small business activity with small business demand for labor and inventory near record high.

The share of small businesses that have created new jobs in the first quarter of this year is higher than at any point in the Trump administration.

Democrats are continuing to drive stability and growth in small businesses. H.R. 3807 is in furtherance of that. The bill provides \$13 billion to establish a Hard Hat Industry's Award Program to provide awards to small businesses across all industries and sectors that were hardest hit by the pandemic, regardless of industry or business.

My colleagues and I are proposing solutions focused on assisting small busi-

nesses, the true engine of our Nation's economy, to rebuild and help our economy be better than before.

CRISIS AT THE SOUTHERN BORDER

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

Mrs. KIM of California. Mr. Speaker, I have visited our southern border three times since I have been in office, and the crisis is only getting worse.

Not only have we seen the most illegal crossings on record over the past year, but also fentanyl overdoses are the leading cause of death for Americans ages 18 to 45, and the top source of fentanyl is the U.S.-Mexico border.

The Biden administration's decision to end title 42 without a plan will only worsen this crisis.

It is past time to stop playing politics with border security. Federal law requires the Department of Homeland Security to create and implement a strategy to secure our northern border, but we currently don't have one that addresses the southern border crisis.

I introduced the Comprehensive Southern Border Strategy Act to change that and direct the Department of Homeland Security to create a strategy to secure our U.S.-Mexico border.

Our economic prosperity, national security, and public safety requires secure borders.

DEMOCRATS ARE BUILDING A BETTER AMERICA

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

Mr. LIEU. Mr. Speaker, President Joe Biden has done an awesome job creating jobs. He is a jobs President.

Last year, 6.6 million jobs were created. In the last 14 months working with congressional Democrats 7.4 million jobs were created, the most in United States history.

Democrats are building a better America for the future and for the people.

What are Republicans doing? I don't know.

Last week, Republican Congressman MADISON CAWTHORN bragged about being invited to cocaine-fueled sex orgies by senior Republicans. Don't believe me? Search for "MADISON CAWTHORN Republican Caucus" on the internet.

TITLE 42 MUST BE REINSTATED

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

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, the administration is removing healthcare workers, Federal employees, and members of the Armed Forces