

how critical it is for Congress to make Roe the law of the land.

These moving, shared memories spoke of very private life situations, from sexual assault to personal family planning decisions. Yet, they still told me in hopes of uniting in our fight against attacks by far-right extremists, extremists who are determined to strip women of their reproductive rights and criminalize abortion care in all 50 States.

To these women, I say thank you. Thank you for your bravery, your honesty, and your courage. Your stories were not told in vain and will serve as inspiration to continue our fight to protect, defend, and restore the right to decide.

Madam Speaker, a woman's fundamental healthcare decisions are hers alone to make and should never be mandated by politicians.

This week, I stand proudly with my fellow House Democrats to reaffirm my support, and I will vote for the Right to Contraception Act.

Reproductive healthcare should be available to everyone regardless of where they live. This week, we are another step closer to restoring critical access for all.

#### PRESERVING THE ALABAMA BLACK BELT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Alabama (Ms. SEWELL) for 5 minutes.

Ms. SEWELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the passage of H.R. 3222, the Alabama Black Belt National Heritage Act, which passed this House by a vote of 365–57.

As a daughter of Alabama's historic Black Belt, I am proud to be the lead sponsor of this legislation to ensure that this region's meaningful history is preserved for generations to come. As the birthplace of the civil rights and voting rights movements, the Black Belt represents the tireless efforts of the foot soldiers to end discrimination against African Americans and the continued struggle for full racial equality in our Nation.

This new designation will not only bring about national attention to the rich history and culture of Alabama's Black Belt, but it will also increase tourism, investment, and economic opportunity for many of the rural communities that I so proudly represent.

I thank Senator SHELBY for leading this bipartisan legislation in the Senate, and I also thank the University of West Alabama and the National Parks Conservation Association for their tireless work to promote this legislation.

Madam Speaker, I urge the Senate to pass H.R. 3222 as soon as possible.

#### 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 10 o'clock and 48 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 pro tempore (Mr. HIGGINS of New York) at noon.

#### PRAYER

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

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires are known, and no secrets are hidden, we lay before You the concerns of our hearts for peace in this world and the desires we have that Ukraine would be liberated from the oppression they now endure.

Nothing in all of creation is concealed from Your sight. We ask, then, that You expose tyranny and reveal its true motive of power and self-promotion.

Uncover the traitors to freedom and the enemies of sovereignty and convict them of their deceit. Unmask those who scheme for their own interest at the expense of their own country and have them answer for their transgressions.

May all who fail to contribute to the common good, all those who thwart the ideals of freedom and democracy in Ukraine, be laid bare before You and may Your judgment be swift.

Call us all to account for our deeds—things done and left undone, the overt and the contrived, the noble and the malicious. And align our lives, our Nations, and our world to Your perfect will for Your creation.

In Your omnipotence be merciful to us. In Your holy name we pray.

Amen.

#### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1 of rule I, the Journal stands approved.

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentlewoman from Michigan (Ms. TLAIB) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. TLAIB 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 PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to 15 requests

for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF PHYLLIS J. EDWARDS

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

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, today, I want to celebrate the exceptional leadership and commitment to service by Phyllis J. Edwards, who I warmly refer to as Director Edwards. She has dedicated her work to protect and advocate for the underrepresented communities within Michigan's 13th District Strong, specifically our senior citizens in Detroit.

Director Edwards was the executive director of Bridging Communities in southwest Detroit for over a decade, and prior to that, she was the social service program manager for more than 30 years within the Wayne County Department of Health and Human Services.

Her work and proactive community involvement has made an immeasurable impact on the lives of countless residents. As a longtime Detroit resident, her efforts to improve the quality of life for our seniors demonstrated her love, commitment, and compassion for community-based work.

Please join me in recognizing her many outstanding contributions to Michigan's 13th District Strong as we wish her well on the next chapter of her life.

#### GOVERNMENT OVERREACH ON FARMERS

(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, with all the issues people are dealing with, the inflation, the high cost of everything, now we have the Securities and Exchange Commission's incredulous new proposed rule requiring small, privately run family farms to produce huge volumes of climate-related information to be able to then sell their products to public companies, which is going to be nearly impossible for small farms. Inflation being driven by SEC new regs.

Farmers are facing an assault of repeated increases in regulations and rises in inputs cost. When world leaders are warning of coming food shortages, don't make it harder for farmers to do their jobs and grow food for people to use.

Small family farms are struggling financially to keep their operations up and running. They don't have the funds to hire a full-scale environmental compliance department to meet the SEC's ridiculous proposed demands. Farmers are producing more food and fibers with less inputs, like water, land, and labor than ever before.

The SEC needs to think about the unintended catastrophic consequences this new rule will have on our Nation's farmers, and in turn, on our food supply, which is already going to be short.

We need to fight together in a bipartisan effort to combat this blatant government overreach.

#### WOMEN'S HEALTH RIGHTS UNDER ATTACK

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

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Madam Speaker, under the Affordable Care Act, contraception is covered as an essential benefit, recognizing its importance to overall healthcare. Yet, this essential health component is one of the many rights under attack by an extreme, politicized Supreme Court.

Congress must act now to protect the freedom of individuals to make their own decisions about reproductive health and family planning.

I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting the Right to Contraception Act and ensure this fundamental healthcare benefit isn't the latest right stolen from the millions of Americans who rely on it.

#### END INFLATIONARY SPENDING

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

Mr. ROSE. Madam Speaker, inflation is at the highest rate it has been since 1981. Meanwhile, Congressional Democrats are spending this week passing a funding bill full of liberal initiatives that will fan the flames of the already red-hot inflation Tennesseans are facing due to Democrats' reckless spending.

When will enough be enough?

Madam Speaker, Democrats' socialistic spending spree includes an overall 14 percent increase in domestic funding, a 20 percent increase to the Environmental Protection Agency, and a 10 percent increase to the FDA, the same department that failed to quickly address the baby formula shortage when we all knew it was coming.

Borrowing more money from China, throwing it out the door and forcing our grandchildren to pay it back only creates more problems, not solve them. We need to return to our commonsense roots and end this inflationary spending now.

I urge my colleagues to join me in voting "no."

#### DESERT SAGE YOUTH WELLNESS CENTER

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

Mr. RUIZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the House passage of my bill, the Desert Sage Youth Wellness Center Access Improvement Act, which is now on its way to the President's desk. This much-needed legislation will bring a paved access road to the Desert Sage Youth Wellness Center in Hemet.

The Desert Sage Youth Wellness Center is the only operational Indian Health Service youth treatment center in the entire State. It is the only place in California where Native youth can receive culturally relevant mental health care and substance use disorder treatment.

Yet, to get to the center, patients and staff have to traverse a dirt road that often cracks in the heat and washes out in the rain and hinders deliveries and services.

As a physician, I know how crucial culturally based care is to the health and well-being of our communities. That is why I advocated for the construction of Desert Sage since day one, and why I secured funding for its completion in 2016, and why now, I am working to deliver safe, reliable access to this facility.

Madam Speaker, I urge President Biden to sign this into law immediately to help pave a road worthy of the dignity of the people at Desert Sage Youth Wellness Center.

#### WORLD TRADE CENTER HEALTH PROGRAM

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

Ms. MALLIOTAKIS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to bring attention to the fact that the World Trade Center Health Program is facing a looming deficit of \$3 billion. In a few weeks we are going to be commemorating the 21-year anniversary of 9/11, the horrific terrorist attacks, where we told firefighters, police officers, families who lost loved ones, and those who today are battling cancers and illnesses, that we would never forget, and that we would stand by them and give them what they needed on their journey in this great country.

They gave so selflessly. They put their lives on the line, and so many lost their life on that dreadful day. But to this day, we still have heroes who are battling these illnesses, and we should not be leaving this session, we should not be leaving next week without passing this incredibly important bill, H.R. 4965, the 9/11 Responder and Survivor Health Funding Correction Act.

This bill has bipartisan support. I am proud to be a prime sponsor of this bill, but we must call on the Speaker of the House to bring this to the floor before we leave next week. We owe it to those who put their life on the line for our city and our great country.

#### TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2023

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. TLAIB). Pursuant to House Resolution 1232 and rule XVIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the further consideration of the bill, H.R. 8294.

Will the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. LEVIN) kindly take the chair.

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IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Accordingly, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 8294) making appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, and Housing and Urban Development, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2023, and for other purposes, with Mr. LEVIN of Michigan (Acting Chair) in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The Acting CHAIR. When the Committee of the Whole rose on Tuesday, July 19, 2022, the sixth set of en bloc amendments offered by the gentleman from Connecticut (Ms. DELAURO) had been disposed of.

AMENDMENTS EN BLOC NO. 7 OFFERED BY MS. DELAURO OF CONNECTICUT

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Chair, pursuant to House Resolution 1232, I offer amendments en bloc.

The Acting CHAIR. The Clerk will designate the amendments en bloc.

Amendments en bloc No. 7 consisting of amendment Nos. 104, 106, 107, 113, 115, 116, 123, 125, 136, 141, 142, 152, 153, 155, 156, 158, 159, 161, 164, 172, 174, 180, 181, 182, 186, 187, 188, 189, and 190 printed in part A of House Report 117-420, offered by Ms. DELAURO of Connecticut:

AMENDMENT NO. 104 OFFERED BY MR. CROW OF COLORADO

Page 497, line 4, after the dollar amount, insert "(reduced by \$6,700,000)".

Page 500, line 23, after the dollar amount, insert "(reduced by \$6,700,000)".

Page 525, line 10, after the dollar amount, insert "(increased by \$6,700,000)".

AMENDMENT NO. 106 OFFERED BY MR. DEUTCH OF FLORIDA

Page 419, line 19, after the dollar amount, insert "(reduced by \$500,000)".

Page 510, line 24, after the dollar amount, insert "(increased by \$500,000)".

AMENDMENT NO. 107 OFFERED BY MS. ESCOBAR OF TEXAS

Page 524, line 8, after the first dollar amount, insert "(reduced by \$2,000,000)".

Page 525, line 10, after the dollar amount, insert "(increased by \$2,000,000)".

AMENDMENT NO. 113 OFFERED BY MR. GOTTHEIMER OF NEW JERSEY

Page 497, line 4, after the dollar amount, insert "(reduced by \$1,000,000)".

Page 500, line 23, after the dollar amount, insert "(reduced by \$1,000,000)".

Page 526, line 4, after the dollar amount, insert "(increased by \$1,000,000)".

AMENDMENT NO. 115 OFFERED BY MR. GOTTHEIMER OF NEW JERSEY

Page 421, line 25, after the first dollar amount, insert "(increased by \$3,000,000)".