

tragically been shot so far this year, with 33 of them losing their lives. It is no wonder so many are retiring or resigning; 1,500 men and women in blue have stepped down just from the New York City Police Department this year.

Congressional Democrats need to take a stand against those in their party who push radical soft-on-crime policies, such as defunding the police, and, instead, leave wokeness behind to support our men and women of law enforcement to the fullest extent possible.

EVERY AMERICAN NEEDS A STABLE WATER SUPPLY

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

Mrs. LEE of Nevada. Mr. Speaker, I rise as the water level in Lake Mead sits at yet another all-time low. Today, Lake Mead, which provides water for 25 million Americans, holds just 27 percent of its capacity.

Just 40 years ago, as you can see here, Lake Mead was actually above full capacity. But now we face the threat of the worst megadrought in 12 centuries.

The clock is ticking, and we must act now.

That is why I am supporting the Wildfire Response and Drought Resiliency Act. This package includes three of my bills to tackle our drought, conserve water, enhance our research capabilities, and keep more water in Lake Mead for Nevadans.

We cannot let politics get in the way of this. Water is not a partisan issue.

Every Nevadan, every American, whether Democrat, Republican, or Independent, needs a stable water supply.

Let's pass this package and help secure our future.

WHERE IS YOUR MONEY

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

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, the Biden administration is canceling massive amounts of student debt. Many borrowers have seen thousands of dollars of debt canceled through Biden's actions, and that is just the start. The administration is getting ready to hand out more money courtesy of taxpayers.

So, for the two-thirds of Americans who never earned a degree, where is your money? Where is the money for the construction worker in North Carolina or the stay-at-home mom in Tennessee? Why should these Americans pay for someone else's degree when they never went to college?

You know who is getting the money, though? Doctors, lawyers, and graduate students. Many of these borrowers will receive \$100,000 or more.

It is unfair for taxpayers to pay the debts of lawyers and doctors who earn six figures.

By appeasing the progressives, President Biden is throwing the middle class under the bus.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST LEAD TO A CRISIS OF CONFIDENCE

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

Ms. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, conflicts of interest lead to a crisis of confidence.

Government officials shouldn't be able to use their Federal contracting authority to line their own pockets. Pentagon officials owning stock in big defense contractors not only invites waste and abuse, it causes Americans to doubt whether the Department of Defense always spends taxpayer dollars in the public interest.

I am proud that the House passed my proposal to ban Pentagon officials from owning stock in companies that receive over \$1 billion in defense contracts.

This safeguard will better protect the hundreds of billions of taxpayer dollars we send to the Pentagon each year. It will help prevent sweetheart deals for big defense contractors, and it will reduce the self-dealing that erodes trust in our government and undermines national security.

Americans deserve confidence that their government is working for them.

HONORING BUCK O'NEIL

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

Mr. DUNN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the newest Baseball Hall of Fame inductee, Buck O'Neil.

John Jordan "Buck" O'Neil is a native of Carrabelle, Florida, and signed with the Memphis Red Socks in 1937, then with the Kansas City Monarchs the next year.

O'Neil was a three-time all-star and became a Negro World Series champion in 1942.

O'Neil later served as manager of the Monarchs and a scout for the Chicago Cubs.

Buck made history as the first Black National League coaching staff member and was determined to keep the memory of the Negro Leagues alive and helped establish the Negro Leagues Baseball Museum.

Last Sunday, Buck was inducted posthumously into the National Baseball Hall of Fame, a well-deserved and long-overdue honor.

Because of legends like Buck O'Neil, America's favorite pastime is what it is today.

CELEBRATING BYRON BUXTON

(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. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Byron Buxton being named to the Major League Baseball All-Star roster this season.

This great accomplishment is the culmination of a life dedicated to the perfection of his craft.

Byron is a great example of hard work paying off. At Appling County High School, Byron was a top player on his team, and was considered by many to be the top prospect entering the 2012 Major League Baseball draft.

While at Appling County High School, Byron played baseball, basketball, and football.

He eventually committed to play baseball at the University of Georgia with the intention of playing both baseball and football.

The Minnesota Twins selected Byron with the second overall pick of the 2012 Major League Baseball draft.

Byron is having an excellent season this year in which he was selected to participate in the Major League Baseball All-Star Game.

We are so proud of everything Byron has accomplished and will continue to accomplish. It has been a blast following your career, Byron. We are looking forward to big things to come.

AMERICA IS AT A CROSSROADS

(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, our Nation is at a crossroads.

After 1½ years of one-party Democrat rule, America is on the brink of a recession, violent crime is on the rise, and our freedoms are under attack like never before.

Homicide rates across the Nation are up nearly 50 percent compared to 2020. There have been at least 80 incidents of pro-abortion vandalism, intimidation, and violence since May.

At a time when 85 percent of Americans are concerned about rising crime rates, the left is pushing to ban one of the most popular firearms in America. Not only is this reckless, it is a violation of America's Second Amendment rights.

Our country needs leadership. When the left is in charge, the only thing Americans get is an attack on our freedoms.

I will never stop fighting for Missourians and our conservative values.

CHILDREN MUST BE PROTECTED

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

Mr. CLINE. Mr. Speaker, as a former prosecutor, I saw many different types of crimes committed and many different criminals through court, but

none so heinous as the targeting and abuse of our Nation's children.

That is why I urge the House to consider legislation that I introduced last year, the Child Rescue Act, which is currently in the House Judiciary Committee.

This bipartisan bill, which I introduced with Congresswoman SPANBERGER, requires the Department of Justice to convene with experts to focus on protecting children who are suffering abusive situations, whether this be trafficking, sexual abuse by family and trusted adults, or pornography.

Technology companies report more than 45 million photos and videos online of children being sexually abused in 2018, and the U.S. Sentencing Commission also released a report last year which studied child sexual abuse image producers and found that these crimes had increased by 422 percent over the last 15 years.

I am proud to join this bipartisan effort to develop proactive solutions to protect our Nation's youth and safeguard them from heinous predators. The Child Rescue Act is a targeted solution supported by child protection advocacy organizations, and I urge Chairman NADLER and the Judiciary Committee to act on this legislation as quickly as possible.

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RECOGNIZING DR. JON PAUL RODRIGUEZ

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

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, the American Humane Association, the country's first national humane organization, is saving, sheltering, feeding, and protecting more than 1 billion animals around the world each year.

In honor of noted conservationist Wolfgang Kiessling, the American Humane Association created the Wolfgang Kiessling International Prize for Species Conservation, recognizing and supporting the work of those who achieve significant positive change in the field of conservation practice, theory, and research.

After considering the achievements of extraordinary candidates from 16 countries, Dr. Paul Rodriguez, chairman of the International Union of the Conservation of Nature Species Survival Commission, was selected as the inaugural honoree of the Wolfgang Kiessling International Prize for Species Conservation.

I recognize and commend the efforts of the American Humane Association, Wolfgang Kiessling, and the 2022 award winner, Dr. Jon Paul Rodriguez, for their outstanding work on behalf of the endangered animals which enrich our world.

AMERICANS DETAINED IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES DESERVE ANSWERS

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

Mr. BURCHETT. Mr. Speaker, dozens of Americans are being detained in foreign countries, and this has been brought to everybody's attention by the latest deal in Russia. These families deserve answers from our State Department about what is being done for their cases.

One of these folks is an east Tennessean, a marine named Matthew Heath, who is being held in communist Venezuela. Right now, his family is back in Tennessee, wondering when their boy will come home and what will happen to him in the future.

Mr. Speaker, they deserve real answers from the State Department, not just some bureaucratic nonsense. When it comes to cases like this, the Federal Government needs to be totally transparent, at least with folks' families.

On the poster beside me, you can see a picture of a mural placed here in Washington, D.C., by artist Isaac Campbell. I spoke with Isaac this week. The mural is meant to draw attention to the dire situation. It depicts 18 of the 64 detained Americans, including Matthew Heath.

The mural isn't permanent. It will wash away with the rain and with normal wear and tear. That is what it is meant to do. As we watch the mural deteriorate, we are left to wonder what is going to happen to these individuals by the time it disappears. Are they going to come home, or will they be abandoned by our government?

Their moms and dads, brothers and sisters, loved ones and kids deserve answers from our State Department about what is really happening to their loved ones.

CHINA NOT KEEPING TRADE AGREEMENTS

(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, in January 2020, the United States signed a Phase 1 trade agreement with China in which China agreed to purchase at least \$80 billion worth of U.S. agricultural products through 2020 and 2021. In 2020, the U.S. exported over \$27 billion worth of ag products to China, including soybeans, corn, pork, and wheat.

America's farmers and ranchers were eager to get back to business globally, and restoring our ability to be competitive in China was key to that. Unfortunately, China has deflected on their part of the agreement, thanks in part to President Biden's softness on the world stage.

Now, President Biden is considering rolling back tariffs on cheap Chinese-

made import products. Let's be clear. Rolling back these tariffs won't reduce inflation; it will only reward bad policy.

Instead, the Biden administration should be rolling back the regulatory assault on American manufacturing and production to encourage innovation here on U.S. soil, as well as moving forward on energy production domestically.

In the meantime, China should start pulling their weight and import the American products that they agreed to. Otherwise, why do we import so much stuff from China?

We need to send the signal to China and others that we will not stand for the predatory economic policies that we are enduring and that are hurting American jobs and hurting the American economy.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 263, BIG CAT PUBLIC SAFETY ACT; PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 4040, ADVANCING TELEHEALTH BEYOND COVID-19 ACT OF 2021, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Mrs. TORRES of California. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 1256 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 1256

Resolved, That upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to consider in the House the bill (H.R. 263) to amend the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 to clarify provisions enacted by the Captive Wildlife Safety Act, to further the conservation of certain wildlife species, and for other purposes. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived. The amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Natural Resources now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted. The bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. All points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended, are waived. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill, as amended, and on any further amendment thereto, to final passage without intervening motion except: (1) one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Natural Resources or their respective designees; (2) the further amendment printed in part A of the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution, if offered by the Member designated in the report, which shall be in order without intervention of any point of order, shall be considered as read, shall be separately debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question; and (3) one motion to recommit.

SEC. 2. Upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to consider in the House the bill (H.R. 4040) to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to extend telehealth flexibilities under the Medicare program, and for other purposes. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived. An amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee