

WELCOMING THE HONORABLE  
BRAD FINSTAD TO THE HOUSE  
OF REPRESENTATIVES

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the gentlewoman from Minnesota (Ms. MCCOLLUM) is recognized for 1 minute. There was no objection.

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Madam Speaker, on behalf of myself and the entire delegation from Minnesota, I would like to welcome Representative BRAD FINSTAD to the House of Representatives.

Hailing from New Ulm, Minnesota, Representative FINSTAD continues a proud tradition within the Minnesota Congressional Delegation of a life of public service and a commitment to agricultural issues and rural development.

From 2003 to 2009, he served as a member of the Minnesota House of Representatives, including a term as assistant minority leader.

In the previous administration, Representative FINSTAD served as Minnesota's Director of USDA Rural Development. He has also held leadership positions in the Center for Rural Policy and Development and the Minnesota Turkey Growers Association. And I will brag for a second that Minnesota is the largest turkey producer in the United States. You don't have Thanksgiving without us.

Today, Representative FINSTAD continues a proud generational tradition with his wife, Jackie, of running their family farm in the New Ulm area, and I am sure all the children pitch in and help with chores.

We look forward to warmly welcoming Representative FINSTAD and his family to Congress.

Madam Speaker, I now yield to the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. EMMER), my colleague.

Mr. EMMER. Madam Speaker, we come together to honor a friend and colleague who we lost earlier this year, and to welcome a new Member into the House of Representatives, our friend, Mr. BRAD FINSTAD.

Six months have passed since we lost our friend Jim Hagedorn to cancer, and his absence continues to be felt in this Chamber and throughout southern Minnesota. Our thoughts remain with his family, as we all know how significant a loss it has been for them and for all of us.

Earlier this week, however, the residents of Minnesota's First Congressional District elected BRAD FINSTAD to carry out Congressman Hagedorn's legacy of relentless representation in the House of Representatives. They could not have made a better choice.

As a fourth generation Minnesotan, BRAD truly represents the best values of our State. Honesty, integrity, and the willingness to answer the call to serve. Born and raised on his family farm in New Ulm, Minnesota, BRAD grew up understanding the importance of a hard day's work, a trade he still appreciates and carries with him every single day.

After graduating from the University of Minnesota, his work on the family

farm led BRAD to join the Minnesota Farm Bureau and eventually to serve three terms in the Minnesota House of Representatives.

In 2017, BRAD was appointed by President Trump as the Director of Rural Development of USDA in the State of Minnesota. While there, he worked to improve the lives of farmers throughout our home State. That earned him the respect and admiration of his community in southern Minnesota.

Even through his successful election to the House of Representatives, BRAD, his wife, Jaclyn, and their seven children, continued to operate the family farm in New Ulm. He and his wife met on a school bus in the second grade, and as a husband and father of seven, BRAD and Jackie have raised their children on the values of faith, family, and hard work.

On behalf of the entire Minnesota delegation, please join us in welcoming Representative BRAD FINSTAD, his wife, Jaclyn, and their seven wonderful children to the United States Congress.

Madam Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. FINSTAD), our new Representative.

Mr. FINSTAD. Madam Speaker, I thank Leader MCCARTHY, and the Minnesota delegation.

Madam Speaker, it is an extraordinary honor to be here and to be chosen by my southern Minnesota friends, families, and neighbors to serve in this Congress.

First, let's take time to remember my predecessor, the late Congressman Hagedorn. He was a true fighter for southern Minnesota, and he was a great example of hard work and what we strive to be in Minnesota.

I thank my wife, Jackie, and these hooligans up front, my seven kids.

Thank you, guys.

I thank my parents, my brother, sister-in-law—everyone, just thank you so much. We really couldn't do this without you, so I just appreciate you being here and the support and love that you have given us our entire lives.

Madam Speaker, people in my district sent a farmer to Congress. I tell people that when I wake up, I have dirt under my fingernails—sorry, Jackie. I don't clean up that well. But I drive a John Deere tractor, and on the farm, when we wake up in the morning, we know something will be broke. So we wake up trying to figure out, How am I going to fix things?

So really, to me, serving in Congress is all about that. Rolling up my sleeves, taking that farmer mentality, figuring what is broke, and how we are going to fix it, and move on. That is the farmer in me, and that is the southern Minnesotan in me, born and raised. That is the DNA that Jackie and I have had in our generations of families that have built a farm and agribusiness in south central Minnesota.

We inherited the best country on Earth from the last generation. I think quite often of those that have given blood, sweat, and tears to give us the

greatest country in the world. As I look at my seven children and the children across southern Minnesota and across this country, I know that we can do better, and it is up to us to make sure that we are leaving them a better country than we have been left.

Madam Speaker, with that attitude, with that work ethic, and with my compassion and hope to meet all of you and work with you, I just very humbly say thank you. I am ready to get to work.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. Under clause 5(d) of rule XX, the Chair announces to the House that, in light of the administration of the oath of office to the gentleman from Minnesota, the whole number of the House is 431.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER  
PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LEVIN of California). Pursuant to clause 4 of rule I, the following enrolled bill was signed by the Speaker on the following dates:

Friday, August 5, 2022:

S. 3373, a bill to improve the Iraq and Afghanistan Service Grant and the Children of Fallen Heroes Grant.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER  
PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 4 of rule I, the following enrolled bills were signed by the Speaker on Wednesday, August 10, 2022:

H.R. 2992, to direct the Attorney General to develop crisis intervention training tools for use by first responders related to interacting with persons who have a traumatic brain injury, another form of acquired brain injury, or post-traumatic stress disorder, and for other purposes;

H.R. 5313, to protect children and other consumers against hazards associated with the accidental ingestion of button cell or coin batteries by requiring the Consumer Product Safety Commission to promulgate a consumer product safety standard to require child-resistant closures on consumer products that use such batteries, and for other purposes;

H.R. 6943, to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to authorize public safety officer death benefits to officers suffering from post-traumatic stress disorder or acute stress disorder, and for other purposes;

S. 3451, a bill to include certain computer-related projects in the Federal permitting program under title XLI of the FAST Act, and for other purposes.

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REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF SENATE AMENDMENT TO H.R. 5376, BUILD BACK BETTER ACT

Mr. MCGOVERN, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 117-451) on the resolution (H. Res. 1316) providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to the bill (H.R. 5376) to provide for reconciliation pursuant to title II of S. Con. Res 14, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF SENATE AMENDMENT TO H.R. 5376, BUILD BACK BETTER ACT

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 1316 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 1316

*Resolved*, That upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to take from the Speaker's table the bill (H.R. 5376) to provide for reconciliation pursuant to title II of S. Con. Res. 14, with the Senate amendment thereto, and to consider in the House, without intervention of any point of order, a motion offered by the chair of the Committee on the Budget or his designee that the House concur in the Senate amendment. The Senate amendment and the motion shall be considered as read. The motion shall be debatable for three hours equally divided among and controlled by the respective chairs and ranking minority members of the Committees on the Budget, Energy and Commerce, and Ways and Means, or their respective designees. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the motion to its adoption without intervening motion.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Massachusetts is recognized for 1 hour.

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, for the purpose of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. BURGESS), pending which I yield myself such time as I may consume. During consideration of this resolution, all time yielded is for the purpose of debate only.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members be given 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, on Wednesday, the Rules Committee met and reported a rule, House Resolution 1316.

The rule provides for consideration of the Senate amendment to H.R. 5376, the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022. It makes in order a motion offered by the chair of the Committee on the Budget or his designee that the House concur in the Senate amendment to H.R. 5376.

Finally, it provides 3 hours of debate on the motion equally divided among and controlled by the respective chairs and ranking minority members of the Committees on the Budget, Energy and Commerce, and Ways and Means, or their respective designees.

Mr. Speaker, for too long too many people in this country have felt like the work that happens in Washington isn't meant to help them. Like the people who work in this city are not on their side. You know what? For a long time they have been right. For decades, corporate special interests and their out-of-touch friends in the Republican Party have blocked progress in Washington. They got what was good for the rich and powerful, not what was right for working families and the middle class.

No more. That time is over. President Biden and Democrats are putting people over politics. We are fighting to create better jobs, safer communities, and a brighter future for our planet. This is a historic bill, Mr. Speaker, and at the end of the day it is not a complicated vote. It all comes down to what your values are.

Democrats have been fighting for years to lower drug prices, and this bill lets Medicare negotiate with drug companies to lower the price of prescription drugs. It caps the out-of-pocket cost of insulin at \$35 for people on Medicare. It stops excessive price hikes on drugs and says, if you are on Medicare you won't have to pay more than \$2,000 a year for your prescriptions. Meanwhile, Republicans oppose this bill because it will cut into Big Pharma's corporate profits. Boo-hoo. I mean, really? They oppose this bill because they want to let pharmaceutical companies continue price gouging. Give me a break.

This bill listens to the climate experts who tell us that melting glaciers and record heat are not normal. It puts us on a path to cutting carbon emissions 40 percent by 2030, helping create millions of new jobs along the way. This is a huge investment in energy security made in America by American workers that lowers energy costs for working families. It is the biggest investment in fighting climate change in history. Ever. This is a turning point in the fight to protect our planet.

Republicans oppose this bill because they have never given a damn about pollution or climate change—they are more interested in protecting Big Oil's bottom line. That is whose side they are on.

Let's look at healthcare costs. This bill cuts healthcare costs for millions of people by locking in lower Affordable Care Act premiums, saving people \$800 a year on average. Republicans oppose it because they want insurance companies to make more money by ripping people off. You can't make this stuff up.

Democrats want a tax code that is fair, where rich and powerful people pay what they owe, just like everyone

else. Honest, hardworking middle-class families have to pay their fair share, but the top 1 percent dodge \$160 billion in taxes each year.

The Republican answer? They want to make it easier for the rich and powerful to cheat. Whose side are they on?

Mr. Speaker, this is historic. It is bold. Just so everyone understands, it lowers the deficit, and it is fully paid for with no new taxes on families making \$400,000 per year or less, and no new taxes on small businesses. Those who oppose this bill don't want to talk about how it will help people. Instead, they are pushing total made-up BS.

The money in this bill for the IRS isn't going to result in increased audits on anyone making under \$400,000 a year. Don't take my word for it.

Who appointed Charles Rettig, the current Commissioner of the IRS?

Oh, it was Donald Trump.

Charles Rettig, Trump's appointee, says the money in this bill will go towards better customer support, quicker turnaround times, so people can get long-overdue refunds, and enforcing tax laws against rich people cheating on their taxes. Don't take it from me, take it from Trump's own hand-picked IRS Commissioner.

I get calls into my district office every day from people who are frustrated that their calls to the IRS go unanswered and their tax returns are late. This bill will help fix it. Look, here is the truth. This bill puts our government back on the side of working people in this country.

Like I said earlier, this is about values: Democrats put people over politics. We are fighting to reduce inflation for the people, lower the cost of healthcare and prescription drugs, make heating, cooling, and electricity bills cheaper, combat climate change with green energy, and lower the deficit.

Let's just tell the truth. Republicans are cheering for inflation. Every day they come to this floor cheering for us to fail. In my opinion, they are cheering for this administration and this country to fail because they think it will help them politically. They don't put people over politics. They put Big Pharma, oil CEOs, corporate tax evaders, and greedy insurance companies over everything else. It is rotten, it is wrong, and it is hurting America.

Enough with the cynicism. This is a great day for America. I am proud to be here. It is not very often we get to pass bills that are going to change the course of history for generations to come. I will sleep better tonight knowing that when we pass this bill we are putting people over politics to leave a better world for our kids and grandkids. This is a historic moment. Let's get this bill passed and to the President's desk.

Mr. Speaker, I urge all of my colleagues to support this rule, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. BURGESS. I thank the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr.