

Last May, I introduced the Prisoners of War and Missing in Action Trade Agreement Resolution. This resolution would urge our mutually beneficial trade agreements to include a commitment from our trade partners to continue to search for and recover our missing servicemembers.

Mr. Speaker, on this POW/MIA Recognition Day, I urge my colleagues to support this resolution and honor our commitment to bring our servicemen and -women home.

REMEMBERING SEPTEMBER 11

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, Sunday marked the 21st anniversary of the September 11 terror attacks. I rise today to remember the innocent lives we lost.

At 8:46 a.m., American Airlines Flight 11 flew into Tower 1 of the World Trade Center. Not long after, Flight 175 roared over Lower Manhattan into Tower 2.

While Americans around the country were grappling with the events that just transpired, a third plane, Flight 77, crashed into the Pentagon.

In southwest Pennsylvania, the fourth flight, United 93, was hijacked and made the abrupt turn toward Washington, D.C. But because of the brave passengers and crew members, it crashed into a field in Shanksville, Pennsylvania.

In the days, weeks, months, and now more than two decades that followed September 11, our country joined together to face the very evil which attempted to take us down.

We will forever be indebted to our servicemen and -women who joined the fight to protect our freedoms.

While today's world has grown no less dangerous, we, as Americans, are resilient. We will never forget, not 21 years later, not ever.

May God continue to watch over our first responders, our men and women in uniform, and all those who keep us safe.

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 9 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:

God our Savior, break into our world which is rife with bad news, and make known the redeeming proclamation of Your love for us and Your plans for our good and not our harm.

Preserve the welfare of countries and communities around the world from the disasters threatening them. Particularly on this day, we pray for the people of Puerto Rico and the Caribbean as once again they battle the devastation inflicted on them by damaging winds and raging seas.

Grant us redemption from all that seeks to distance us from Your love and distract us from faith in You. Restore our relationship with You that by Your mercy, we would all be welcomed once again into Your embrace.

Lord, You are the ruler of the universe. We appeal to You this day that Your saving hand would hold and protect Your people.

Renewed in Your name, we pray.
Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the Chamber her approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1 of rule I, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Mr. ALLEN 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.

MIGRANTS WHO SEEK ASYLUM AND REFUGE IN AMERICA

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

Ms. DEAN. Madam Speaker, last week, nearly 50 migrants who sought asylum and refuge in America were met with grossly un-American actions.

Governor DeSantis deceived them and shipped them across the Nation, like chattel, to Martha's Vineyard all in search of hollow political points.

Not only was this a failed political stunt, it was a failure of common humanity—of common decency.

To think of what men, women, children—a 1-month-old—endured to seek asylum in our great Nation. To think of the bravery and the agony to leave your home, your family, your country in search of a better way of life—fleeing communism, political and economic instability in Venezuela.

Madam Speaker, Members come to this floor to give 1-minute speeches

every session, and I hear Republican speeches and I see the signs, the stunts—Biden's border crisis.

No. This is America's problem, our problem. And a "wall" or these recent, cruel stunts by shameful Governors auditioning to be the next Trump offer no solutions, no hope.

Instead, it will take courage—courage by Republicans in both Chambers to come back to the table and work with Democrats to fix our long-broken immigration system. That is the American way.

EMPLOYEE RIGHTS

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

Mr. ALLEN. Madam Speaker, we should empower our workforce to flourish. However, Washington Democrats are fixated on dragging us back to an outdated model via their PRO Act, which would strip workers of their freedoms and force every American worker to either join a union or pay dues to a union in order to keep their jobs. This is not the American way.

Freedom of choice is what makes our economy strong, and every American should have that choice. Our workforce is constantly evolving, and we need creative, forward-thinking legislation that gives workers and small businessowners both stability and flexibility. That is why Senator TIM SCOTT and I introduced the Employee Rights Act.

Our bill protects independent contractors, entrepreneurs, gig workers, franchisees, and anyone else seeking to earn a living on their own terms. The Employee Rights Act puts workers in the driver's seat by giving them the protections they need to choose for themselves how to earn a living and build a future for their families.

Republicans stand with the 21st century worker. It is time our labor laws did the same.

HAWAIIAN HISTORY MONTH

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

Mr. KAHELE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to continue to honor September as Hawaiian History Month in my home State of Hawaii. Today, I am honoring Prince Jonah Kuhio Kalaniana'ole. Prince Kuhio was the second Native Hawaiian to represent Hawaii in Congress, when he was elected in 1903, and he served for two decades until his death in 1922.

He is best known for the establishment of the Hawaiian Civic Club of Honolulu in 1918 and the passage of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act in 1920. Throughout his life, Prince Kuhio, revered by Native Hawaiians as Ke Ali'i Maka'ainana, a prince for the people, was a tenacious leader and used his

voice to preserve and strengthen the Hawaiian people.

Prince Kuhio championed the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, which was signed into law by President Warren G. Harding in 1921. The Act enables Native Hawaiians to return to their lands in order to support self-sufficiency and self-determination. This Act created a homeland to build homes, farms, ranches, and otherwise engage in economic activities.

This legacy of championing Native Hawaiian causes and preserving Native Hawaiian history is what Prince Kuhio is most remembered for, and I am proud to continue that legacy here in the United States House of Representatives.

BIDEN ELECTRICITY COST SURGE

(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. Madam Speaker, American families are paying the highest electricity prices in over 40 years with a 16 percent increase from a year ago. Additionally, natural gas prices to heat homes are up 30 percent as winter nears due to the extremist Biden energy failing policies.

According to a HelpAdvisor survey in the last year, a quarter of Americans reduced food and medicine so they could pay the energy bill. Unfortunately, one in six people, more than 20 million households, are behind on utility bills and in danger of losing utility services. The Energy Information Administration anticipates an additional increase this year.

The policies of Biden and Democrats are responsible for high utility costs and destroying jobs.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, who successfully protected America for 20 years, as the global war on terrorism continues moving from a safe haven in Afghanistan to America. With the open Biden border for terrorists, American families today are at a greater risk of mass murder than ever before.

HONORING THE LIFE OF BATTA VUCIJIC

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

Mr. GARCIA of California. Madam Speaker, I would like to take a moment to honor the life of my dear friend, Batta Vucijic.

Batta was a leader in our community whose contributions to North LA County will live on for several generations. As a founding board member at the Ministry of Life Without Limbs, he spread the good word of our savior Jesus Christ to many, including those in prison ministries.

Batta is served by the love of his life, Rita; their seven children, Marco, Natalie, Elena, Lara, Daniela, Dario,

Ariana, and Nataliya, who he loved as his own; their spouses; and dozens more family members.

I will always remember Batta's commitment to our community and his friendship. We will miss him dearly. Today, he sits next to the one true king in heaven and looks down upon us all with pride with his warm, humble demeanor.

Batta was a dear friend, a great American, and a true believer. We love you and miss you, my friend. God blessed us with Batta's presence and now has brought him home.

NATIONAL RICE MONTH

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

Mr. LAMALFA. Madam Speaker, September is National Rice Month, and even though the month is two-thirds over with, it is never not time to have rice for your next meal.

I want to pay a special tribute to the hardworking farmers, millers, merchants, suppliers, and the consumers who make rice not only such a nutritious product, but an important part of our economy.

My home State of California is the second largest rice-producing State with the Sacramento Valley home to 95 percent of California's production. It is an important part also of the Pacific Flyway. California primarily produces medium grain sticky rice, otherwise known as sushi rice.

America's rice industry contributes 125,000 good-paying jobs and an estimated \$34 billion to our Nation's economy. Rice farmers take excellent care of their land, prioritizing resource conservation, nutrition, top yields worldwide, and product quality.

U.S. rice farmers produce more rice using less land, energy, and water than they did just 20 years ago, providing critical habitat for many species, which is really important, once again, to the Pacific Flyway as the ducks and geese move all the way from the north down to the south.

Unfortunately, drastic water cuts have taken half of the rice acreage out of California this year. We need to keep the industry going strong for all those good needs.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF S. 1098, JOINT CONSOLIDATION LOAN SEPARATION ACT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 1361 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 1361

Resolved, That upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to consider in the

House the bill (S. 1098) to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to authorize borrowers to separate joint consolidation loans. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived. The bill shall be considered as read. All points of order against provisions in the bill are waived. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill and on any 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 Education and Labor or their respective designees; and (2) one motion to commit.

SEC. 2. (a) At any time through the legislative day of Thursday, September 22, 2022, the Speaker may entertain motions offered by the Majority Leader or a designee that the House suspend the rules as though under clause 1 of rule XV with respect to multiple measures described in subsection (b), and the Chair shall put the question on any such motion without debate or intervening motion.

(b) A measure referred to in subsection (a) includes any measure that was the object of a motion to suspend the rules on the legislative day of September 19, 2022, September 20, 2022, September 21, 2022, or September 22, 2022, in the form as so offered, on which the yeas and nays were ordered and further proceedings postponed pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX.

(c) Upon the offering of a motion pursuant to subsection (a) concerning multiple measures, the ordering of the yeas and nays on postponed motions to suspend the rules with respect to such measures is vacated to the end that all such motions are considered as withdrawn.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN). The gentleman from Colorado is recognized for 1 hour.

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, for the purpose of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the gentlewoman from Minnesota (Mrs. FISCHBACH) 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. PERLMUTTER. Madam 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 Colorado?

There was no objection.

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, the Rules Committee met and reported a rule, House Resolution 1361, providing for consideration of S. 1098, the Joint Consolidation Loan Separation Act, under a closed rule.

The rule provides 1 hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member on the Committee on Education and Labor, as well as one motion to commit.

Finally, the rule provides the majority leader, or his designee, the ability to en bloc requested roll call votes on suspension bills considered on September 19 to September 22. This authority lasts through September 22, 2022.

Madam Speaker, I am pleased we are here today to provide consideration of