

that nearly 30 Republicans voted against it when it failed to pass the House Thursday evening by a vote of 191–237.

In July, Republicans passed out of the Appropriations Committee an Agriculture appropriations bill that provides just \$17.2 billion—a funding level so low, it was last seen in 2007—and \$9 billion below what was provided in 2023. It slashes loans that provide support for distressed farmers and funds for rural electric cooperatives. It underfunds direct loans for water and waste removal, money that ensures rural Americans have access to clean drinking water, and cuts the cash value voucher in the Women, Infants, and Children Program (WIC), undermining more than 100,000 Minnesotans' access to nutrition assistance.

But Mr. Chair, it seems as though the bill passed out of the Appropriations Committee didn't go far enough. With the passage of the rule on Tuesday, an additional 14.15 percent across-the-board cut was implemented on every program contained within this bill. In addition, another \$1.2 billion was cut from the vital Food for Peace Program, a program that ensures people around the world have access to nutritious surplus food grown by America's farmers.

This bill also contains harmful and partisan policy riders meant to appease the most extreme right-wing members of the Republican Caucus. The bill reverses a decision by the FDA to allow mifepristone to be dispensed in certified pharmacies to patients with a certified prescriber, instead of only in hospitals, clinics, and medical offices. Mifepristone has been safely used by more than 5 million women over the last two decades for safe and effective medication abortion. Congress acting to overturn a science-based decision by the Food and Drug Administration is yet another attempt by the majority to limit women's access to reproductive health care.

Mr. Chair, this bill is dead on arrival in the Senate. Instead of using this final week of Fiscal Year 2023 passing bills that will never become law, House Republican leadership should have focused on keeping the government open for the American people.

HONORING WILLIAM (BILL)
EMANUEL BARNABY

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 29, 2023

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor William (Bill) Emanuel Barnaby's 45 years of service to The Doctors Company, the practice of medicine, California, and his country throughout his lifetime and career.

Mr. Barnaby was born in Ames, Iowa. His father was a contractor for the United States military during World War II, which caused the family to move around the Southern, and then Eastern parts of the country until they landed in Syracuse, New York. When Mr. Barnaby was 10 years old, his family moved to California and he graduated from Sacramento High School in 1954 at only 16 years old.

In 1956, Mr. Barnaby joined the United States Army, completed Army basic training, and spent time stateside before being stationed overseas for active duty. The same

year he married his wife, Jean Sanchez, and was stationed near Bordeaux, in the south of France. In late 1957, Mr. Barnaby was transferred from active duty to the United States Army Reserve, California Military District, in which he would serve until his Honorable Discharge in 1963. Upon his transfer from active duty to reserve duty, Mr. Barnaby returned to Sacramento with Jean. While working for the Department of Motor Vehicles and studying at Sacramento Junior College, Mr. Barnaby received an Associate of Arts degree in 1959. He and Jean continued their studies at University of California (UC), Davis, where Mr. Barnaby received a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science in 1961.

While at UC Davis, Mr. Barnaby was bitten by the political bug and founded the Young Democrats on the UC Davis campus for the 1960 presidential campaign. Mr. Barnaby then worked in the U.S. Capitol, first for a U.S. Representative from Sacramento, and then as a Congressional Investigator, where he was granted Top Secret Security Clearance by the U.S. Department of Defense. While in Washington, D.C., the Barnabys welcomed their first child, William Emanuel Barnaby III, in 1962.

In 1964, Mr. Barnaby returned to Sacramento and was hired to be a Consultant on the Assembly Ways and Means Committee and by KXTV Channel 10 in Sacramento as an election consultant. In 1966, the Barnabys welcomed their second child, Kenneth Sanchez Barnaby. In 1967, Mr. Barnaby became a Consultant to the Assembly Education Committee. In 1968, Mr. Barnaby was offered a job as Consultant to the Senate Health and Welfare Committee. From 1971 through 74, Mr. Barnaby attended the University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law, graduating with a Juris Doctor degree and was admitted to the California State Bar in 1974.

Mr. Barnaby left state service in 1976, when the chief lobbyist for the California Medical Association (CMA) hired him as CMA's first in-house lobbyist who was also an actively licensed attorney. Mr. Barnaby did not remain a CMA employee for long, as in 1978 he started his own lobbying firm. Mr. Barnaby added several clients in 1978, some of which he still represents to this day. Since Mr. Barnaby started his lobbying firm, he has worked with all his immediate family members, some longer than others. In 2018, the Barnaby lobbying firm merged with a new firm, which is now known today as Resolute.

Mr. Speaker, William (Bill) Emanuel Barnaby is known around the state capitol as a consummate historian of the legislature and for his deep institutional and healthcare policy expertise that are appreciated by all who know him.

COMMENDING DONNA WATTS FOR
HER SERVICE TO ALABAMA DIS-
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HON. JERRY L. CARL

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 29, 2023

Mr. CARL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Donna Watts for her 38 years of service in the Chamber of Commerce world. Donna has been an integral part of our district's

Chamber of Commerce. She began her career as director of the Bay Minette Area Chamber of Commerce. After 12 years, she moved to the South Baldwin Chamber of Commerce and has worked there since 1997. Her dedication and contributions to the Chamber of Commerce were incredibly influential to Baldwin County's businesses.

We are so grateful for all that she has done for our community.

RECOGNIZING MAJOR JOHN RAY-
MOND KNUE, USAF, RETIRED
WITH A CONGRESSIONAL VET-
ERAN COMMENDATION

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 29, 2023

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I am honored to present retired Major John Raymond Knue, United States Air Force, of Robinson, Texas with a Congressional Veterans Commendation.

John was born the oldest of six children in a large and loving family in rural southern Indiana. Graduating from North Dearborn high school in 1968 and after a short time working in construction in civil engineering, he decided to enroll in the Air Force in December 1968 at the height of the Vietnam War.

He took his basic training at Lackland Air Force Base and was awarded his tech specialty in civil engineering. During his 22 years on active duty, John was overseas over five years to include tours in the Vietnam War as well as a tour in Germany. He was sent to advanced training for Vietnam, and in November 1970 arrived in Cam Ranh Bay with Unit 554 Civil Engineering Squad in heavy repair construction. This was part of the famous "Red Horse" squad, and in fact, the 554 was the last Red Horse unit in Vietnam.

Through hard work, he attained the rank of Technical Sergeant and earned an appointment at the Air Force Officers Training School and was commissioned in November 1978. Following a very successful career as a Commissioned Officer, he retired at the rank of Major in August 1998.

During his military career, Major Knue earned many prestigious decorations including three Meritorious Service Medals, three Air Force Commendation Medals, six Air Force Outstanding Unit Awards, four Vietnam Service Medals, the Humanitarian Service Medal, Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross, and the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal.

Following his retirement, he received his Doctor of Education degree from the University of North Texas in 1998 and continued to serve others through employment, charity, and volunteer activities. In education, he was Facility Development Officer at Texas State Technical College and Senior Lecturer at Baylor University Hankamer School of Business. In civic duty, he was a Robinson City Council Member, McLennan County 911 District Board of Manager, and served in various capacities as a Robinson firefighter and Emergency Medical Technician.

For fellow veterans, he works tirelessly for Heart of Texas Waco Veterans One-Stop for earned military benefits as Lead Trainer for new volunteers, assists in holding Baylor University law clinics, and helps coordinate all

special events including weekly meals. He is a Veterans of Foreign Wars Lifetime Member and Officer and Vietnam Veterans Association of America Lifetime Member. John was honored as the State of Texas 2020 Appointment of the Year for Continued Service to Veterans of Vietnam War and All Wars.

John is very active in Meadowbrook Baptist Church where among other things, John and his wife Carol plan and supervise Wednesday night family night meals for one-hundred and fifty members from August to May of each year.

For an American who lives by "Never Stop Serving", I proudly award retired United States Air Force Major John R. Knue the Congressional Veteran Commendation.

CHILDHOOD CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

HON. MAXWELL FROST

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 29, 2023

Mr. FROST. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge that September is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. Childhood cancers force the most vulnerable among us to be the most courageous and call upon loved ones to overcome the unimaginable. Luckily, the federal government, universities, hospitals, and nonprofits are driving the research needed to treat and ultimately, cure these diseases.

I'm proud to say that one such non-profit is located in my district: Cannonball Kids Cancer Foundation. Thanks to the efforts of Cannonball Kids' staff, volunteers, and donors, the organization has awarded millions of dollars in research grants to top universities and clinics across the country that are striving to find a cure. Because of their important work, children and their loved ones will one day never have to experience the devastating news of a pediatric cancer diagnosis.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF WOODY KAPLAN

HON. JARED HUFFMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 29, 2023

Mr. HUFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, along with my colleague, Rep. JAMIE RASKIN, to honor the memory of Woody Kaplan, a civil rights champion, freethinker, and philanthropist who passed away at the age of 80 on August 3, 2023.

Woody was a prince of a human and a trusted friend. It is impossible to fully capture how much he contributed to our Nation and to furthering the secular movement.

Woody's fierce advocacy for freedom of expression, church-state separation, reproductive freedom, racial justice, LGBTQ+ rights, and other causes spanned decades.

A lifelong atheist who fought for every person's freedom of conscience, Woody co-founded the Secular Coalition for America, the largest coalition of national atheist, humanist, and secular organizations in the United States.

Under Woody's leadership, the Secular Coalition for America went from representing four

disparate national organizations to uniting 21 organizations in a formidable political movement. The Secular Coalition for America also established the first full-time lobbyist in Washington, D.C. representing atheist, humanist, and secular Americans.

Woody also served admirably in leadership and advisory roles at organizations including the Defending Dissent Foundation, American Atheists, American Humanist Association, the Foundation for Individual Rights in Education (FIRE), and the Secular Student Alliance. As a former member of the ACLU's National Board of Directors, he helped establish the organization's endowment fund. As a young man, Woody traveled to Mississippi to work on voter registration drives.

Woody is survived by his wife Wendy Kaminer, an author and lawyer who shares Woody's passions and beliefs; his daughters Abigail and Emily; 11 grandchildren; his sister Nancy Fischman and her husband Steve; and many other family members, friends and admirers who he touched with his formidable life.

Mr. Speaker, I respectfully ask that you join my colleagues and me in extending condolences to Woody's family and friends, and in expressing our collective appreciation for his decades of work for the public good.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2024

SPEECH OF

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, September 27, 2023

Ms. McCOLLUM. Mr. Chair, I rise in opposition to H.R. 4367, the Republican FY24 Department of Homeland Security Act.

This bill is another example of House Republican leadership appeasing the most extreme members of their caucus and is another funding bill that has no path to become law. With the passage of the rule on Tuesday, Republicans decided to hold this bill hostage. For H.R. 4367 to even be sent to the Senate, Republicans are demanding that the Senate pass and the president sign their extreme immigration bill, the Secure the Border Act (H.R. 2). When it passed the House in May, President Biden had already stated he would not sign it.

This week, Republicans continued to add to the chaos when the House Rules Committee met late at night Wednesday and sent another rule to the floor with self-executing provisions that cater to the most extreme Republicans. Members like Representatives GAETZ and BOEBERT demanded significantly reduced H-2B visas that help fill workforce shortages and Republican leadership caved to their demands in order to pass the bill. By continuing to only negotiate with the farthest right members of their conference, House Republican leaders are not serious about preventing a government shutdown.

H.R. 4367 contains misguided investments that double down on failed border policy by redirecting \$2.1 billion to border wall construction while divesting from proven, modern detection technology. The bill also contains more extreme rightwing policy riders targeting the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency's ability to defend Americans against

disinformation campaigns from foreign adversaries and domestic extremists.

As we continue to feel the effects of a changing climate, Republicans have also cut all climate resiliency funding from the Homeland Security bill—over \$748 million in investments to ensure that as the global climate changes, America is prepared for the effects of stronger storms, higher temperatures, and increased migration. The Department of Defense has declared climate change a national security threat, as regions become uninhabitable, and people are forced to move from their homes. By passing this Homeland Security bill, Republicans continue to ignore the fact that climate change is a real and imminent threat to American lives and communities.

I cannot support a partisan Homeland Security bill that does not focus on real solutions to the issues our country faces.

HONORING DR. CAPTANE "CAP" PETER THOMSON

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 29, 2023

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Dr. Captane "Cap" Peter Thomson. Dr. Thomson grew up in Berkeley, California and lived in Davis, California. He was a beloved husband, father, brother, friend, mentor, public servant, and leader in the field of mental health.

Dr. Thomson was the second generation of his family to attend the University of California (UC), Berkeley and box for their Varsity team. After receiving his M.D. from the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF), interning at Denver General Hospital, and serving four years in the U.S. Public Health Service, Dr. Thomson completed a residency in psychiatry at the Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston. Dr. Thomson then earned an M.S. in Community Mental Health at the Harvard School of Public Health and spent the next year at the University of Edinburgh in Scotland.

After completing his education, Dr. Thomson settled in Davis and became the director and program chief of Yolo County Mental Health Services. He held this post for almost three decades, crafting ground-breaking programs to treat the severely mentally ill and help reintegrate people back into our communities. Dr. Thomson also served as a clinical professor of psychiatry at UC Davis and UCSF, joyfully passing along his wisdom to the next generation of psychiatrists. Always going where he was needed, Dr. Thomson gained his Board Certification in Forensic Psychiatry and served as an expert witness at trials and parole hearings of mentally ill persons caught up in the criminal justice system.

A lifelong adventurer, Dr. Thomson treated the indigenous peoples of Alaska as a U.S. Public Health Service Officer on the Bering Sea Patrol, sailed between Hawaii and Japan on a Coast Guard weather ship, and evaluated aspiring American citizens at the U.S. Consulate in Palermo, Italy. He severed as a doctor at the 1960 Squaw Valley Olympic Games and returned as a member of the Doctor's Ski Patrol at Sugar Bowl for 50 years.

Beyond his work, Dr. Thomson loved traveling with his family, going on adventures