

amendments into H.R. 1. Both amendments are important fire prevention measures that make northern California and rural America safer.

While we can't prevent the outbreak of every fire, we can certainly take steps to reduce the likelihood and severity of wildfire outbreaks.

The first of the amendments was called the CARR Act, which would allow the Forest Service, National Park Service, and Bureau of Land Management to thin forests and manage vegetation within 300 feet of roadways along these Federal lands.

This amendment is in response to the 2018 Carr fire, which happened near Redding, California. It spread rapidly due to overgrown vegetation near the road on Park Service land. Even the term "firenado" came from that fire.

The second amendment, the CLEAR Zones Act, allows us to easily clear unhealthy or hazardous trees within 50 feet of power lines. It is especially important for my district, as several fires in the past, most notably the devastating 2018 Camp Fire which devastated Paradise, California, started near power lines—in these cases either by trees falling into power lines or by equipment that is faulty.

Both of these amendments are prudent fire prevention measures that reduce the risk of fire outbreaks. They will help keep our air and water clean, our wildlife safe, and our forests green. This is good reform to help keep our forests as we would see them.

FOSSIL FUELS MAKING US SICK

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

Mrs. RAMIREZ. Madam Speaker, I rise today in total opposition to H.R. 1, the Republican polluters over people act that just passed a few minutes ago.

Why? Because our fossil fuel-driven economy is making us sick, and H.R. 1 can, literally, kill us.

It comes back to community. I have heard directly from constituents in my district, mayors and environmental activists who shared with me how badly they need resources and support to address increased flooding.

We know that it is happening because of increased extreme weather events, and we know that it is happening worldwide. Catastrophic floods, deadly heat waves, wildfires choking us with smoke. Oil, gas, and coal are polluting our air and killing Americans every single year. We have a climate catastrophe that is hitting Black and Brown communities the hardest.

Instead of further subsidizing the fossil fuel industry with no protections for people, we need to tackle the man-made climate crisis with green investments that Democrats secured in the Inflation Reduction Act.

CONGRATULATING CITY OF FLORENCE

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

Mr. FRY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to extend my congratulations to the city of Florence for being awarded the 2023 Great American Main Street Award by Main Street America, an award that hasn't been given to another South Carolina city for 20 years.

This is such a well-deserved recognition of the city of Florence's dedication to preserving its history and culture and maintaining a thriving community.

Downtown Florence is booming with restaurants and local businesses, residential growth, and community involvement, and I am thrilled that the city has received this national recognition of their dedicated work to create such a great place to live.

I am looking forward to seeing the continued success of the city of Florence, as it is such a vital part of the Pee Dee region of our State.

SPRINGFIELD 1908 NATIONAL RACE RIOT NATIONAL MONUMENT

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

Ms. BUDZINSKI. Madam Speaker, more than a century ago, the Black community in Springfield, Illinois, came under attack by a violent mob, resulting in the loss of lives and livelihoods.

While the 1908 Springfield race riot demonstrates our Nation's deep history of racial violence, it also gave rise to the NAACP, an organization that would lead the charge in securing civil rights for millions of Black Americans in the decades to come.

Today, I am honored to introduce bipartisan legislation with Congressman DARIN LAHOOD to make the site of this historic event a national monument, providing long overdue recognition for our local history and its impact on our Nation.

I am grateful to Senators DICK DURBIN and TAMMY DUCKWORTH for their work on this bill in the Senate, and I look forward to working together to make this vision a reality.

CONGRATULATING ELIZABETH DAVIS MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS ON WINNING STUDENTCAM COMPETITION

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

Mrs. MCCLELLAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the incredible work of three students from my district. Evan McKinney, Ayden Greer, and David Bell from Elizabeth Davis

Middle School in Chester, Virginia, were recently selected as winners of C-SPAN's 2023 national StudentCam Competition.

This year, students addressed the theme of, "If you were a newly elected Member of Congress, which issue would be your first priority and why?"

It is a topic I am particularly interested in.

Evan, Ayden, and David created a documentary titled, "Do the Twist: The Startling Truth About Opioid Abuse in America."

Their work looked into some of the root causes of the opioid crisis and its devastating impacts.

I thank Evan, Ayden, and David for helping shine a light on such a pervasive issue in our district and our Nation. I congratulate them on winning the prize out of nearly 3,000 participants. They made their school, their community, our district, and their Congresswoman proud.

LINCOLN WARE MAKING AN IMPACT FOR 50 YEARS

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

Mr. LANDSMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize one of my favorite people and a Cincinnati radio icon, Lincoln Ware.

For 50 years now, across southwest Ohio, folks have listened to Lincoln Ware. From deejaying aboard the USS Midway as a marine to WCIN, one of the oldest, Black radio stations in the country, to helping "The Buzz" get off the ground with the very famous "Lincoln Ware Show" to his talk show "Cincinnati Issues" on Star 64, Lincoln has made an enormous impact on our city and region.

Off the airwaves, Lincoln is always out in the community. From celebrations to protests, he is there. You can even join him as part of his walking club at Winton Woods on Saturdays during the spring, summer, and most of the fall.

He brings humor, wisdom, and clarity to thousands of Cincinnatians every day. I thank Lincoln, and I congratulate him.

GUN VIOLENCE IN OUR COMMUNITIES

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

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, I rise today, yet again, to speak about gun violence in our communities.

I would like to read the words of Troy Forbush, a survivor of last month's horrific mass shooting at Michigan State University in my home State. Troy said, "Seconds after being shot clean through the lung, two entrance wounds and two exit wounds, laying in a state of shock, that will never leave my mind and forever haunt me."

He continued to say, "I fell to the ground from my seat and tried to act as if I were already dead. As he panned the room with his handgun, I pled for my life and screamed, 'Please don't shoot me.' We were met face to face with pure evil."

No person, Madam Speaker, or child should ever have to go through what Troy and the countless others continue to experience in our country of being gunned down while learning, gunned down while praying, gunned down while shopping, gunned down, gunned down over and over again.

This is the reality of the United States of America, where gun violence is the number one cause of death for our children.

How is this acceptable?

We must pass comprehensive gun reform immediately. Enough of the bloodshed.

DERELICTION OF DUTY

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

Ms. BALINT. Madam Speaker, this week I have heard from grandfathers, moms, students, and even from my Uber driver the other night, all asking some version of the same question, which is, how can we continue to allow our children to get murdered in their schools?

This week, six Nashville families are heartbroken. The parents of three 9-year-olds are grieving. They will join the families of thousands and thousands and thousands and thousands of American families who have lost loved ones to gun violence. Four hundred American children have been gunned down this year already.

It is unbelievable that it is happening in this Nation.

I do not accept that this is the cost of freedom in this country. Americans have said overwhelmingly that they want us to do something about it. We in Congress actually could do something about it. We can vote on the floor of this Chamber for background checks and to ban assault weapons.

Throwing up our hands and saying there is nothing that we can do is a dereliction of duty.

I stand with the children of America.

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CONGRATULATING SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY'S MEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM

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

Ms. JACOBS. Madam Speaker, I rise today as an incredibly proud San Diegan and the proud daughter of an SDSU alum to congratulate San Diego State University for making it to the Final Four for the first time in program history.

After the tournament was canceled in 2020 during one of SDSU's best seasons, our dreams of a championship appearance were dashed.

This team has risen to the challenge, and this year's tournament has been electric for SDSU, defying the odds and expectations set against them.

Led by Coach Brian Dutcher, they have been focused, steady, and resilient. They beat No. 1 seed Alabama 71-64 in the Sweet 16. They beat Creighton 57-56 after senior Darrion Trammell sank a free throw with 1.2 seconds left in the game.

Out of 363 Division I men's basketball teams, SDSU has outlasted all but three. They will face off against Florida Atlantic this weekend.

With more than 400,000 alumni, our entire community and all of California are behind you and rooting for you.

Let's go, San Diego State.

PREPARING CHILDREN FOR LIFE

(Mr. LIEU asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. LIEU. Madam Speaker, extreme MAGA Republican policies on education resulted in the following: A Florida principal lost his job because they wanted to teach classical artworks like Michelangelo's classic, "David." A school in Florida banned "Ruby Bridges," a Disney movie that talks about desegregation. You have textbooks with Rosa Parks but not describing her race.

What is going to end up happening is that MAGA students are going to be so sheltered and unprepared for life. When they start work or go to a 4-year college or a trade school, they are going to be made fun of. They are going to be disrespected because they would have been kept ignorant.

Don't keep your kids ignorant. Teach them classic works of art. Teach them about civil rights. Teach them about slavery. Teach them about desegregation.

They are going to learn it anyway when they grow up. Don't shelter them.

BUDGET MUST RESPOND TO AMERICAN PEOPLE

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

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, in a Budget Committee hearing yesterday, I could not restrain my pain to raise the question of three little babies and three adults killed in Nashville with assault weapons.

Does anyone know the costliness—over \$200 billion of gun violence in America. I raised that in the Budget Committee because the witnesses were trying to blame all of the deficit on President Biden.

I believe in a balanced budget for States and cities like Houston. We can do that. Please understand that the

Federal Government is the umbrella on a rainy day.

A disaster in Mississippi—the Federal Government comes. A disaster in Ohio, in East Palestine—the Federal Government comes. Raging hurricanes—the Federal Government comes. Raging fires.

As a member of the Budget Committee, I can assure you we will look to the President's \$6.7 trillion budget, but we are looking to also bring down the deficit as we responsibly need to do.

I will not support eliminating Medicare payments for those who need it, Social Security payments for those who need it, education funding that the Federal Government does through Pell grants, climate change dollars, or being able to ensure that we are the umbrella on a rainy day.

The budget of the American people must respond to the American people. We will get the right budget and lift the debt ceiling.

RESTORING AMERICA'S ENERGY INDEPENDENCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 9, 2023, the gentlewoman from Virginia (Mrs. KIGGANS) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.

Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia. Madam Speaker, I rise to highlight the passage of H.R. 1, the Lower Energy Costs Act, which I voted for today, and this Chamber passed only minutes ago.

Over the past 2 years, we have seen record increases in energy prices coupled with inflation cause countless hardships for families in my district and across the country. In fact, gas prices have risen nearly every single month of President Biden's term, long before Putin's invasion of Ukraine. That is not to mention the fact that, in 2021, U.S. imports of Russian oil nearly tripled.

Despite these facts, this administration has consistently opposed American energy development.

Rather than restricting domestic energy and mineral production, we need to unlock American resources to provide energy security here at home and for our allies abroad.

H.R. 1 allows our domestic energy industry to flourish and puts us back on the path to energy dominance by removing unnecessary, complicated permitting regulations and modernizing outdated laws.

Many of the problems America's energy industry faces today stem from burdensome permitting requirements, the outdated NEPA process, and endless litigation over already leased lands and projects currently in progress.

H.R. 1 tackles these challenges head-on, unleashing American energy, reforming our broken permitting process, and imposing filing deadlines on litigation concerning energy and mining projects.