

direct the Chief Administrative Officer to record proceedings during a joint meeting of Congress on April 27, 2023, to provide a virtual reality experience for educational use by the public.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

--- **HOOR OF MEETING ON TOMORROW**

Mr. STEIL. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. tomorrow.

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

There was no objection.

--- **CORNERSTONE OF SUCCESSFUL COMMUNITIES**

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

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize members of the Lions Clubs, the Rotary Club, the Kiwanis Club, and the Optimist organizations who are on Capitol Hill today.

Volunteer service is the cornerstone of a successful, strong, and healthy community. It is also an important staple of American life.

I have been a member of my hometown organization, the Howard Area Lions Club, so I know firsthand the good this club does around the world.

To share the impactful work of service clubs and their volunteers, I founded the Congressional Service Organization Caucus in 2019 with Congressman JIMMY PANETTA of California, a past Rotarian.

Earlier today, the Congressional Service Organization Caucus hosted a Member and staff briefing. Speakers from Lions, Rotary, Kiwanis, and Optimist clubs shared how their members strive to make the world a better place one community at a time.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join the Congressional Service Organization Caucus to ensure service to others remains a viable part of American life for generations to come.

--- **PEOPLE OVER POLITICS**

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

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to discuss H.R. 2811, the Limit, Save, Grow Act of 2023.

This bill is more proof of the Republicans' anti-American agenda. It would create more water and air pollution nationwide. It would cost the country trillions of dollars in taxes from corporations and the richest 1 percent. It would deny food assistance to hard-working American families who need it. And it would deny American college

students and schoolchildren a quality education.

Republicans only care about budget cuts during Democratic administrations. They said nothing when Donald Trump added \$8 trillion to the national debt. Thankfully, Democrats put people over politics.

President Biden's budget saves trillions of dollars and helps American families. It benefits all Americans, and it is the plan we need right now.

--- **CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF REVEREND CHARLES STANLEY**

(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 the life of Reverend Charles Stanley, an influential Baptist pastor who for more than 50 years preached from First Baptist Church of Atlanta.

A native of Dry Fork, Virginia, it was his mother, Rebecca, who first introduced him to the Bible. His paternal grandfather was also a preacher, and at age 14 Reverend Stanley felt a calling to the ministry.

He graduated from the University of Richmond with a bachelor's degree in history in 1954, and 2 years later was ordained at a Baptist church.

He later became a pastor at churches in Hendersonville, North Carolina; Fairborn, Ohio; and Miami and Bartow, Florida, before joining First Baptist Church of Atlanta in 1969 as associate pastor.

As the senior pastor at First Baptist Church of Atlanta, he was known as one of the leading American preachers of his time, alongside figures like Reverend Billy Graham. In 1984, he was elected president of the Southern Baptist Convention, the Nation's largest Protestant denomination.

His leadership and dedication to spreading the word of God has impacted many generations of Christians. He will be dearly missed by all who knew him.

--- **WORKERS MEMORIAL DAY**

(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, I rise today to speak up for keeping Americans safe at work. On April 28, Workers Memorial Day, we remember all those workers who lost their lives or became disabled on the job.

In 2021, one worker died every 101 minutes from an occupational injury.

Congress must take steps so all Americans can go to work without needlessly endangering themselves. Fifty-two years ago, we took a leap forward when the Occupational Safety and Health Act went into effect.

The labor movement fought tirelessly to make it happen, but their

work continues today, and so must ours. We need OSHA to expand protections to all industries and all workplace hazards.

One person who doesn't return home from work is one too many. I join my friends in labor in fighting for every single worker to have a safe job.

--- **DISASTROUS WITHDRAWAL FROM AFGHANISTAN**

(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, more than a year after it happened, Americans still have not heard the truth about President Biden's disastrous withdrawal from Afghanistan. It seems this administration would rather pretend the whole affair never happened.

The disastrous, ill-executed withdrawal cost the lives of 13 American servicemen. Despite this horrific failure, not one person in the State Department, military, or any Federal agency that planned and executed the withdrawal from Afghanistan has resigned in disgrace. No one has apologized. No one has owned up to their mistake.

Now, the State Department is ignoring a congressional subpoena from the House Foreign Affairs Committee. The American people sacrificed blood and treasure in Afghanistan for almost two decades. They deserve the truth about what happened, but trying to hide requested information by the State Department is preventing the accountability that we should demand.

Mr. Speaker, we have to get to the bottom of how the withdrawal from Afghanistan went off the rails, so our Nation does not repeat such things in the future.

--- **NAMING A FEDERAL BUILDING FOR JOHN CONYERS, JR.**

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

Mr. THANEDAR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to request support for naming a Federal building after the late Congressman John Conyers, Jr.

Mr. Conyers was a civil rights legend, the dean of the House of Representatives and, above all else, a faithful and devoted public servant for the city of Detroit.

In this House, Mr. Conyers had many firsts. He was one of the first members of the Congressional Black Caucus. He was the first African American to serve on the Judiciary Committee and to become its chairman. He was the first to introduce the bill making Martin Luther King Jr. Day a Federal holiday.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask for your support in naming a Federal building after this Detroit icon.

FISCAL SANITY RETURNS TO WASHINGTON, D.C.

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

Mr. HARRIS. Mr. Speaker, fiscal sanity has returned to Washington, D.C. I didn't think I was going to live long enough to see this, but today, minutes ago, the House of Representatives passed H.R. 2811, the Limit, Save, Grow Act.

We agreed with the majority of the American public that inflation is tied to runaway Federal Government spending and that it is about time the President realized that his fairyland budget that never, ever, ever balances is actually bad for America.

Maybe this will bring him to the negotiating table so that when we raise the credit limit on America on our American credit card, we actually do what we would do in our own households—we would actually begin to control spending. That is a huge step. It is about time it is happening in Washington. Mr. Speaker, I hope it is not too late.

GOP BUDGET CUTS HURT OHIOANS

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

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, dangerous budget shenanigans by House Republicans play with fire that can blunt economic growth and cruelly hurt countless Ohioans.

Speaker McCarthy's roulette creates economic instability that can yield disastrous consequences for students, families, seniors, veterans, and public safety across our Buckeye State.

His plan would endanger public safety and impact public health by shutting down five air traffic control towers in our State, cutting 330 safety inspections in rail, and denying 2,000 Ohioans admission to opioid treatment.

His plan would raise costs for working families and students by eliminating 12,300 preschool and childcare slots in Ohio, stripping food assistance from nearly half a million Ohioans, making college tuition expensive for 200,000 Ohioans, and raising housing costs for 23,000 Ohioans. How about that for a start?

The McCarthy plan is reckless and inches us closer to default. In sum, the McCarthy plan would thwart economic progress and should be shelved for a commonsense, bipartisan solution that serves all of America. Let's put people before politics.

CLEANLY RAISING DEBT CEILING

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

Mrs. McCLELLAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to underscore the pressing

need to protect the full faith and credit of the United States and cleanly raise the debt ceiling.

The debt default would be catastrophic for my constituents in Virginia's Fourth District and for Americans across the Nation. It would jeopardize Social Security payments for 98,000 families in my district and disrupt over \$160 million a month in Social Security income, not to mention its detrimental impacts on mortgage payments, student loans, car loans, and more.

Yet, congressional Republicans are holding the American economy hostage, threatening a default unless their extreme proposals are met. Let's be clear, H.R. 2811, or the default on America act, would slash funding and limit access to crucial social safety net programs like SNAP benefits, school funding, and childcare options, which would disproportionately impact low-income communities and communities of color.

It would also immediately rescind \$2 billion in funding of veteran medical care, impacting countless veterans and families in our communities.

Mr. Speaker, we need to cleanly raise the debt ceiling without strings attached that affect our national security interests.

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RECOGNIZING SASHA KEKAUOHA COLBY

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

Ms. TOKUDA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Hawaiian-born Sasha Kekauoha, more famously known as Sasha Colby, on being crowned the winner of "RuPaul's Drag Race" Season 15.

I am so proud that a fellow Windward girl, hailing from the homesteads of Waimanalo, has earned the title of "America's Next Drag Superstar."

From the very beginning of the competition, Sasha, a seasoned drag legend, drew upon her ethnic heritage and childhood trauma as sources of inspiration for her performances.

Throughout "Drag Race," she authentically represented her Hawaiian culture, talking about the legacy she is building for our home State and about being mahu.

In ancient Hawaiian days, mahu were considered extraordinary individuals of male and female spirit who brought their healing powers to Oahu from Tahiti.

Today, trans people are among the most revered members in the Hawaiian community. Amidst ongoing attacks on our LGBTQ+ rights that particularly target trans people and drag queens, her win is not only well deserved, it gives us all hope.

Congratulations to Sasha Colby. She is a leader. She is a proud mahu, and

she is every drag queen's favorite drag queen.

THE DEBT CEILING

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

Ms. SALINAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to the default on America act. This dangerous bill is nothing more than an attempt to extract extreme concessions that will benefit big corporations, poison our environment, and hurt working families.

To extract those concessions, House Republicans are threatening to default on our debt, something that could push us headlong into a recession.

If we were to default on our debt, 84,000 families in Oregon's Sixth District alone would have their Social Security payments jeopardized.

Mr. Speaker, 278,000 members of my community could lose their healthcare benefits, and small businesses in Oregon's Sixth District could be forced to pay an additional \$2,500 in total loan payments.

This bill is DOA in the Senate, which gives my colleagues the chance to go back to the drawing board and present a clean debt ceiling bill.

I urge them to take this opportunity to do right by the American people.

PROTECTING WEST INDIAN MANATEE

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

Ms. SCHOLTEN. Mr. Speaker, as west Michigan's Congresswoman, it is my top priority to support the next generation. That means regularly engaging with kids and students across the district.

Since I took office, I have heard from so many young people, having them write to me about the need to protect endangered species. In direct response to their concerns, I chose to cosponsor the bipartisan Manatee Protection Act.

Manatees are wonderfully intelligent mammals. They can be over 10 feet long and hold their breath underwater for nearly 20 minutes.

We are at risk of losing these wonderful creatures forever. There are only 6,500 West Indian manatees left in the waters off the coast of Florida.

This piece of legislation will give the West Indian manatees the protection status they deserve and ensure they do not go extinct forever. It is time to take action.

I thank the students for sharing their passion for animals and their love of our world. I heard them, and I am responding to them.