

celebrating the career of Chief Jorge Cisneros and congratulate him on his well-deserved retirement.

## REPUBLICANS ADDRESS THE DEBT CEILING

(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. Mr. Speaker, last month, I was grateful to join House Republicans in passing the Limit, Save, Grow Act, which will limit government spending, reduce the Federal regulatory state, and promote pro-growth energy and economic policies, creating jobs. House Republicans, led by Speaker KEVIN MCCARTHY, have acted responsibly to address the debt limit deadline.

On behalf of American families now and in the future, this legislation should next pass the Senate.

Americans are struggling every day with 40-year-high inflation, jobs destroyed, rising gas prices, and the highest interest rates in decades. Unfortunately, President Biden has insisted on a blank check to increase the debt ceiling without any reforms on how Biden spends and wastes taxpayer money.

This legislation will save an estimated \$4.8 trillion over 10 years, maintaining a strong national defense and protecting Medicare and Social Security.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, who successfully protected America for 20 years as the global war on terrorism continues moving from the Afghanistan safe haven to America.

## END GUN VIOLENCE

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

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, since we were last together on the floor, gun violence has been unending. There were eight dead, seven injured at a shopping mall in Allen, Texas; one dead, four injured at a medical office in Atlanta, Georgia; six dead in Henryetta, Oklahoma; and five dead in Cleveland, Texas. These are just the high-visibility mass shootings.

Gun violence is the leading cause of death for children and teenagers and is costing our country \$280 billion a year. Kids shouldn't worry about being shot if their basketball rolls into a neighbor's yard or if they knock on a door. Teenagers shouldn't worry about being shot if they pull into the wrong driveway. Families shouldn't worry about being shot if they go shopping.

Republican leadership must listen to the majority of Americans, including Republicans and gun owners who support gun violence prevention laws.

Mr. Speaker, I am calling on my Republican colleagues in the majority to bring lifesaving gun violence prevention legislation to this House floor for a vote as soon as we can.

## FAMILIES DESERVE ACCESS TO NUTRITIOUS FOOD

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

Mr. ALFORD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the SHOPP Act.

At its core, the legislation addresses a simple truth: Families deserve access to nutritious foods in all of its forms.

The SHOPP Act broadens the current produce prescription program, which, as it stands, limits recipients to the purchase of fresh produce only.

However, this restriction overlooks a crucial fact: Not all produce is equally accessible in all areas at all times. Frozen fruits and veggies can offer a nutritious, convenient, and year-round solution for families.

This is not about valuing one form of produce over another but about meeting families where they are in everyday life. It is about giving families the flexibility to choose the produce that works best for them, whether it is fresh or frozen.

Research clearly shows that when families have access to a variety of fruits and veggies, they eat more produce. By diversifying the options available through GusNIP, the SHOPP Act doesn't just increase access to nutrition. It also empowers families to make healthier choices.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support the SHOPP Act and, in doing so, support health, support well-being, and ensure year-round nutrition for all Americans.

## ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. CARL). The Chair will remind all persons in the gallery that they are here as guests of the House and that any manifestation of approval or disapproval of proceedings is in violation of the rules of the House.

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## DEBT CEILING

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

Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to highlight the chaos the Republicans have created by playing with our debt limit. The GOP's default on America plan is disastrous for American families and our economy.

There is no reason why we should debate whether America should honor its obligations and pay its debt on time. Extreme Republicans would even prefer us to default for purely political and partisan means.

Instead of bringing a serious proposal that could be passed in the Senate and signed by the President, Republicans brought a bill to the floor that would threaten Medicare, Medicaid, Social Security, and veterans benefits.

Time and again, we have asked Republicans to show us their budget and to present us with a comprehensive plan for our Nation. They can't do it. Instead, they come to the table with extremist policies that fail to do the one thing it is supposed to do: pay our bills on time.

President Biden and leaders JEFFRIES and SCHUMER have all made it crystal clear that we must pass a clean debt limit and honor our commitments. There is no other option.

As we get closer to June 1, I implore my Republican colleagues to see how much they are hurting the American families they claim to serve and present us with a real solution for the debt limit.

## HONORING MRS. JANE JESSEN

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

Mr. FLOOD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor one of Nebraska's finest elementary educators, Mrs. Jane Jessen of Norfolk, Nebraska. Mrs. Jessen has taught at Sacred Heart Elementary School and Norfolk Catholic School since 1984.

Every single day in the classroom, she worked hard to inspire each student to find their own path and to celebrate what makes them a very important person.

Jane has lived her life to help others. She has touched the lives of so many not only in the classroom, but she has also touched the lives of those who have witnessed her resilience by living her faith during times of tragedy and sorrow.

Norfolk Catholic School won the lottery of teachers when Mrs. Jane Jessen went to work for the students.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of everybody in the First Congressional District, I thank my fifth grade teacher, Sacred Heart School, and Norfolk Catholic, Jane Jessen, for everything she has done for our State and our Nation.

Mr. Speaker, I wish Mrs. Jessen a happy retirement.

## WILDFIRE SEASON

(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, I would like to highlight a potential catastrophe that may befall the Western United States in this upcoming 2023 fire season. Indeed, it is underway. A total of 196 fires have already burned a total of over 50 acres so far, and it is going to be much, much more than that since it is on the heels of winter-time when they are easier to contain.

The worst wildfires in the West are due to overgrowth and neglect of our Federal lands that are overpopulated with trees. They get too hot for conventional firefighting methods. When this occurs, fire retardant dropped

from aircraft is our best and sometimes only option.

Dropping retardant from aircraft ahead of advancing wildfire helps our firefighters who are on the ground in harm's way to maybe not get enveloped in fire and be able to do their jobs. It allows us time to organize evacuations and eventually contain and put the fire out.

A radical environmental organization is suing to have an injunction put on the use of fire retardants until firefighting agencies complete a yearslong permit process to use fire retardants.

It is ridiculous and amazing how out of touch they are to take away the tool of fire retardant dropped from aircraft to help put fires out in the West.

Congressman PANETTA and I are working on a bill that we are introducing called the Forest Protection and Wildland Firefighter Safety Act. We need this sort of thing. We need that protection.

#### APPOINTMENT OF GENERAL COUNSEL OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule II, and the order of the House of January 9, 2023, the Chair announces that the Speaker appointed Mr. Matthew B. Berry as General Counsel of the United States House of Representatives, effective February 1, 2023.

#### COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, May 10, 2023.

Hon. KEVIN MCCARTHY,  
Speaker, House of Representatives,  
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to section 1(k) of House Resolution 895, One Hundred Tenth Congress, and section 4(d) of House Resolution 5, One Hundred Eighteenth Congress, I transmit to you notification that the following individuals each have signed an agreement not to be a candidate for the office of Senator or Representative in, or Delegate or Resident Commissioner to, the Congress for purposes of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 until at least 3 years after they are no longer a member of the board or staff of the Office of Congressional Ethics:

Michael D. Barnes  
Paul Vinovich  
Lynn Westmoreland  
Lorraine C. Miller  
William H. Cable  
Annie Cho  
William P. Luther  
Helen Eisner  
Karen L. Haas  
Kristina M. Crump  
Dockett Cromartie  
Omar Ashmawy  
Caleb S. Moore  
Aaron Wilensky  
Indhira Benitez

Copies of the signed agreements will be retained by the Office of the Clerk as part of the records of the House.

With best wishes, I am,  
Sincerely,

CHERYL L. JOHNSON.

#### CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO THE CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (H. DOC. NO. 118-38)

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following message from the President of the United States; which was read and, together with the accompanying papers, referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed:

##### *To the Congress of the United States:*

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, within 90 days prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent to the *Federal Register* for publication the enclosed notice stating that the national emergency with respect to the Central African Republic declared in Executive Order 13667 of May 12, 2014, is to continue in effect beyond May 12, 2023.

The situation in and in relation to the Central African Republic has been marked by a breakdown of law and order; intersectoral tension; the pervasive, often forced recruitment and use of child soldiers; and widespread violence and atrocities, including those committed by Kremlin-linked and Yevgeniy Prigozhin-affiliated entities such as the Wagner Group. These dynamics threaten the peace, security, or stability of the Central African Republic and neighboring states, and continue to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States. Therefore, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13667 with respect to the Central African Republic.

JOSEPH R. BIDEN, JR.  
THE WHITE HOUSE, May 10, 2023.

#### CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO SECURING THE INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY AND SERVICES SUPPLY CHAIN—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (H. DOC. NO. 118-39)

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following message from the President of the United States; which was read and, together with the accompanying papers, referred

to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed:

##### *To the Congress of the United States:*

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, within 90 days prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent to the *Federal Register* for publication the enclosed notice stating that the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13873 of May 15, 2019, with respect to securing the information and communications technology and services supply chain, is to continue in effect beyond May 15, 2023.

The unrestricted acquisition or use in the United States of information and communications technology or services designed, developed, manufactured, or supplied by persons owned by, controlled by, or subject to the jurisdiction or direction of foreign adversaries augments the ability of these foreign adversaries to create and exploit vulnerabilities in information and communications technology or services, with potentially catastrophic effects. This threat continues to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security, foreign policy, and economy of the United States. Therefore, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13873 with respect to securing the information and communications technology and services supply chain.

JOSEPH R. BIDEN, JR.  
THE WHITE HOUSE, May 10, 2023.

#### RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 24 minutes p.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 pro tempore (Mr. FLOOD) at 4 o'clock and 12 minutes p.m.

#### PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2, SECURE THE BORDER ACT OF 2023; PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 1163, PROTECTING TAXPAYERS AND VICTIMS OF UNEMPLOYMENT FRAUD ACT

Mr. ROY. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 383 and ask for its immediate consideration.