

HOOR OF MEETING ON TOMORROW

Mr. LAMALFA. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 11 a.m. tomorrow.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. CHAVEZ-DEREMER). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

RENT IS TOO HIGH

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

Mr. BOWMAN. Madam Speaker, the rent is too damn high. The rent is too damn high. We have people across the country struggling to keep a roof over their heads.

We are the wealthiest Nation in the history of the world, outside of ancient African civilizations, yet we cannot provide housing for every single person in our country.

We have CEOs making record profits. We have corporations making record profits. We have corporate landlords suppressing and oppressing and evicting tenants without just cause while continuing to raise the rent.

We call on President Biden to take executive action on this issue. We do not have a healthy democracy or a healthy society unless we take care of our tenants and our working-class people who are working 40, 50, 60, 70 hours a week just to survive.

READY TO SERVE CONSTITUENTS AS THEIR TRUSTED VOICE IN GOVERNMENT

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

Mr. SORENSEN. Madam Speaker, it is an honor to be here serving as Illinois' 17th Congressional District trusted neighbor in Congress.

I spent more than 20 years of my life as a broadcast meteorologist, making sure that people had the right information to make good decisions in times of dangerous weather.

Now I am here in Congress to serve my constituents as their trusted voice in government. I am focused on delivering results for my constituents, whether it is lowering food, energy, or prescription drug costs, increasing good-paying jobs in our communities, or protecting access to reproductive healthcare.

I promise to work with anyone on either side of the aisle, Democrat or Republican, on commonsense solutions that solve the problems central and northwestern Illinois families face every day.

I am ready to put partisan politics aside and get to work in the 118th Congress.

PROTECTING AMERICA'S STRATEGIC PETROLEUM RESERVE

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

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, America's economic independence is based in energy independence.

Today, I voted for H.R. 22, a bill that prohibits selling oil from our Strategic Petroleum Reserve to China. However, this bill does not go far enough.

I was one of the Members that saved the Strategic Petroleum Reserve with my vote several years ago. We have to do more to prohibit the sale of oil to other tyrants who wage war on peaceful people and nations.

In 2015, it was the Republican-controlled Congress that voted to begin exporting oil to all of our biggest adversaries: Iran, North Korea, Russia, and China included.

Well, how about that?

Americans cannot be dependent on any foreign adversaries for our way of life. Now more than ever is the time to ensure American energy independence in perpetuity. We protect our workers and our companies when we stand up to predatory adversaries.

We must continue to keep advancing new energy technologies here at home, and I look forward to Republican support in doing so. That is the recipe for American strength and liberty.

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YEAR OF THE CHILD

(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, let me, first of all, acknowledge Damar Hamlin for his courage and his fight to survive. Welcome home as he is discharged from a Buffalo hospital so that he can recover. That is the kind of strength that represents America, and though I am not from Buffalo, let me salute the Buffalo Bills.

I rise today, Madam Speaker, to speak about the child and to ask America: How does a 6-year-old shoot a teacher?

From the research from the University of Pennsylvania, the answer is that children become shooters because they have access to guns. So in my congressional year 2023, I am going to demand that this Congress claims this as the Year of the Child.

As a founder of the Congressional Children's Caucus, I am going to call upon my Democrat and Republican colleagues to join this caucus to be able to establish the premise that no child should go to bed hungry; no child should be without housing or good education; and no child should get off a school bus and be shot as two children were in Washington, D.C.

Stop the gun violence. Let this be the Year of the Child. Let us lift up our children so they can be healthy adults.

STRATEGIC OIL RESERVE

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

Ms. TITUS. Madam Speaker, I rise to discuss the Protecting America's Strategic Petroleum Reserve from China Act which the Republicans brought to the floor today to fix a mistake that their leadership in the 114th Congress made. You wouldn't know that, Madam Speaker, to hear them talking today of blaming other people and not themselves.

Back then, 235 Republicans voted to end our country's 40-year-long crude oil export ban. When they did that, Trump took full advantage of it, and under his administration over 391 million barrels went to China. Now they want to rewrite history. You can't rewrite the history. The evidence is there.

This bill was a step in the right direction. But like my colleague from Ohio said earlier: It doesn't go far enough.

Why don't we extend this ban to North Korea, Iran, and Russia?

That way we can prevent all our adversaries and not just China from using our oil to our disadvantage.

GRATITUDE FOR MY FAMILY

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

Ms. PETERSEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize two of my most important constituents and the milestones in the week to come.

This Sunday, January 15, marks the 12th anniversary with my husband, Ian Silverii. Twelve years ago, I said yes to our first date, and it was the best decision I have made.

I am so grateful for his love and support all along the way. No matter how difficult our paths have been, he has always been my rock and biggest cheerleader. I am thankful every day for the life we have built together.

Happy anniversary to my partner and best friend and the dad to my other most important constituent, my son, Davis.

January 19 is my son's third birthday. Davis has been the greatest gift to both of our lives. It has been amazing to watch him grow and to see him become the loving and empathetic little guy that he is. Nothing makes me happier and prouder than being his mom.

His Dad and I love him so much. I can't wait to celebrate him and all that he brings to our lives and the people around him.

Happy birthday to my sweet boy.

KEEPING EASTERN NORTH CAROLINIANS HEALTHY

(Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina asked and was given permission to address

the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, I rise on behalf of eastern North Carolina.

Nearly 100,000 eastern North Carolinians do not have access to affordable healthcare, placing them in the Medicaid coverage gap.

Madam Speaker, more than a decade after the passage of the Affordable Care Act, 12 States have declined to expand coverage. This is simply unacceptable.

That is why one of my first acts as a Member of Congress included cosponsoring H.R. 31, the COVER Now Act. This bill, introduced by my good friend, LLOYD DOGGETT of Texas, is a critical piece of legislation that would allow local authorities to provide health benefits to residents of States that have not expanded Medicaid.

Madam Speaker, the hardworking people of eastern North Carolina make up more than 20 percent of our State, and we must do all that we can to keep them safe and healthy.

REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS

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

Mr. MCGARVEY. Madam Speaker, when the Supreme Court overturned Roe last summer, they took away hard-fought rights from millions of women across our country.

Now women in Kentucky no longer have access to safe and legal abortions, even in cases of rape and incest.

The country responded at the ballot box, and my district overwhelmingly rejected a constitutional amendment to further restrict reproductive rights in Kentucky.

So how do we respond here?

Last night the House Republicans' first order of business was to make it even harder for women to receive abortions and for healthcare professionals to provide them. These decisions are best left between a woman and her doctor. But House Republicans have sent a clear message that more legislative attacks against women's rights are on the horizon.

I proudly voted against yesterday's attack on women and their doctors, and I will continue fighting for reproductive rights.

FINDING COMMON GROUND

(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 for the first time as a Member of Congress to thank the folks back home in Cincinnati and throughout the First Congressional District. I couldn't be more energized to be serving all of you and the country that we love.

My commitment to you and my new colleagues, Madam Speaker, is to be

here as a new, transparent, bipartisan, and highly reliable leader.

We are already working with Republicans on legislative priorities that will help our children and families back home to cap the costs of insulin for children, to help folks pay their bills with an expanded earned income tax credit and a child tax credit, and to provide additional grants to communities to recruit more police officers and firefighters.

There will always be more that unites us than divides us.

My work will continue to find common ground working across the aisle to get things done on the issues that matter most to us.

STANDING UP FOR REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS

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

Ms. MANNING. Madam Speaker, last November the American people delivered a clear message: Women want the right to make their own reproductive decisions.

My Republican colleagues must have missed that message because they just passed a bill that inserts politics into private family decisions.

That bill is an attempt to create a false and gruesome narrative to interfere with a doctor's care for her patients and to falsely suggest that doctors don't already have a legal obligation to provide the best possible care for their patients.

This fearmongering is dangerous. It could leave doctors fearful of providing the best care for patients who are facing devastating circumstances. It could cause further pain to families facing the heartbreak of a fetus with a fatal abnormality.

The real aim of this bill is to vilify and punish women and their doctors.

I voted "no" on H.R. 26. I will continue to stand up for women's reproductive rights.

NYSNA STRIKE

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

Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ. Madam Speaker, I wish to congratulate the nurses of Mount Sinai and Montefiore Medical Center who, after 3 days on strike, reached a tentative agreement for safe staffing ratios this morning. Our hospitals are facing extreme nursing shortages, and it is affecting patient care.

Montefiore Medical Center, which is in my district, has had 760 vacancies. But thanks to the tentative agreement and the courage and efforts of our nurses on the picket line, hospital management is now committing to an aggressive hiring plan and to immediately implement staffing ratios, in-

cluding an increase of over 170 nursing positions and a 19.1 percent wage increase and additional benefits to help with retention.

I thank so much the New York State Nurses Association, NYSNA, for their work. It is our privilege to stand in solidarity with them.

COMMEMORATING KOREAN AMERICAN DAY

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

Mr. GOMEZ. Madam Speaker, I rise to commemorate Korean American Day tomorrow.

I am proud to represent Koreatown in Los Angeles, the largest Korean-American community of any congressional district in the country.

Tomorrow, we recognize the landmark 120th anniversary of the arrival of the first Korean-American immigrants to the United States, and we honor the enduring legacy, sacrifices, and contributions made by generations of Korean Americans.

This is why I urge my colleagues to support my resolution to recognize the ideals of Korean American Day and essential contributions of Korean Americans to American life.

Madam Speaker, it is a great honor to represent a community whose history and culture are so valuable both individually, and as a part of our larger, diverse American identity.

Since coming to Congress, I've made it a priority to ensure the Korean American community gets the awareness and support it deserves.

That is why I've pushed Congress to recognize the sacrifices of Korean and Korean American veterans throughout the last century.

It is why I recently fought to secure \$7 million for the creation of the Korean American National Museum, the first museum in the nation dedicated to honoring over a century of Korean American history and culture.

And it's why I am leading this year's efforts to recognize the monumental milestone of 120 years of Korean American culture, and the countless contributions Korean Americans have made to our country.

As I continue to work every day to represent and uplift the Korean American community in Los Angeles, I am grateful for the continued partnership of Korean American organizations in my district.

The Korean American Federation of Los Angeles, led by President James An, has and will continue to serve as a powerful voice and strong advocate for Korean Americans in the Los Angeles area. Their programs and services help form the backbone of Koreatown and have helped keep the community together and strong, overcoming decades of challenges, discrimination and titanic changes in our city.

The Koreatown Youth and Community Center, led by their Executive Director, John Ho Song, has spent nearly half a decade serving at risk youth in Los Angeles as the leading multiservice organization in Koreatown. Their support for Korean American youth and their families, especially recent immigrants and the economically disadvantaged is essential in ensuring everyone in Koreatown has access to healthcare, housing and education.