

strengthening the asylum process, and much more.

The White House kept asking us, asking Congress, when are you going to pass legislation to address illegal immigration? Well, folks, the House passed it, H.R. 2. We have taken action. It is the most comprehensive immigration bill passed out of the House in over 40 years.

Democrats and President Biden need to wake up and obey the law, the current law. Constituents back home ask me, how is this happening? We have laws on the books.

In other words, if you enter this country illegally, even if you prove asylum, you have to show up for a court date. Those court dates are some 5 to 10 years down the road now, but you have to show up for that court date. If you don't get the asylum ruling, you have to return to your home country for 10 years before you can enter this country legally again.

These are laws that are on the books right now. In other words, you have to remain at the border and await that court date. Putting people out into this country and giving them free healthcare and other assistance is not in accordance with the current laws on the books.

I will finish with this: Border security is national security. The President is the Commander in Chief. Let's fix this problem.

NEGATIVE IMPACTS ON SOLAR INDUSTRY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Ohio (Ms. KAPTUR) for 5 minutes.

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call attention to an executive branch decision that will have a significant negative impact on the U.S. domestic solar industry, including in northwest Ohio, the home of the largest domestic solar production platform on this continent.

Last week, the U.S. Treasury issued initial guidance allowing solar project developers to qualify for a 10 percent domestic content bonus, even if the solar panels they use are made with foreign silicon wafers, 97 percent of which are produced in—guess where—China.

The new interpretation of the domestic content bonus established as part of the Inflation Reduction Act squanders a rare and critical opportunity to spur the renaissance of an end-to-end domestic solar manufacturing supply chain. It also ultimately rewards those who cut corners, offshore U.S. jobs, and buy cheaper subcomponents produced in China.

This administration must not allow China to undercut domestic manufacturers and American workers, and we all know how that is done with China's predatory practices.

Take steel. What China does is produce four times what the globe consumes annually in steel. Then they

strategically dump it, including here, and drive down prices and drive out domestic manufacturing. We know the gig. We can't accept it.

Giving additional tax benefits to predatory practices and those who strategically cut corners to undermine fair trade rewards their bad behavior.

When a product is given the benefit of being called American made, that should include all steps and stages in the production process and its supply chain, including those silica-based chips.

"Made in the USA" means made in the USA. The Biden administration should pay attention.

PROTECTING GAY AND TRANS RIGHTS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from California (Ms. PORTER) for 5 minutes.

Ms. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to defend freedom.

On May 17, International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia, and Biphobia, we must reaffirm that all Americans, no matter who they love, where they are, or how they identify, deserve to live their lives free from discrimination and hate.

Since the start of 2023, State legislatures across the country have proposed over 400 anti-LGBTQI+ laws, including right here in the House. That is a record high, and it is unacceptable.

When extremist politicians target Americans' freedom of expression, the safety of transgender students, and access to healthcare, we cannot remain silent.

As a member of the LGBTQ+ Equality Caucus, I am working to root out hate and discrimination in all its forms.

Californians know that our State's diversity is its strength. We in Congress owe it to ourselves, to our children, and to our communities to create a future in which every American, no matter their sexual orientation or gender identity, can live their lives to the fullest.

CELEBRATING 30TH ANNIVERSARY OF ORANGE COAST COLLEGE'S PUENTE PROGRAM

Ms. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 30th anniversary of Orange Coast College's Puente program.

California is home to the largest Latino population in the country, but too many barriers keep Latino students from getting college degrees and the keys to their future.

To level the playing field, the Puente program helps California's underserved students transfer into a 4-year college that helps unlock more opportunities.

In the Puente program, students work with counselors to refine study skills, develop action plans, and explore career options. They also sharpen their writing in college-level courses and meet with mentors to learn about life after graduation.

For the thousands who are the first in their families to go to college, the Puente program is a game changer.

I am honored to celebrate this incredible milestone, the 30th anniversary, and to share the work that the Puente program does for our students and communities in Orange County.

RENEWING FOCUS ON MENTAL HEALTH

Ms. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, health goes beyond physical health. It includes mental health, too. During Mental Health Awareness Month, I am renewing my push to get Americans compassionate and effective care.

Mental illness can be far-reaching. Just as people of all ages, races, and genders get colds and take medicine, they can also become sick and need treatment for their mental health.

I am reintroducing several bills to deliver help.

The Mental Health Justice Act would send healthcare professionals to respond to mental health emergencies in lieu of police.

The Student Mental Health Rights Act would better protect college students.

The Behavioral Health Coverage Transparency Act would crack down on Big Insurance for failing to cover mental health adequately.

I am proud to represent a community that understands the importance of mental health. I applaud innovative organizations, like Be Well OC, that meet people in our community, reduce barriers and stigma, and help people get behavioral care.

I will continue to be a partner in their efforts during Mental Health Awareness Month and year-round.

JUSTICES FAILING TO LIVE UP TO ETHICAL STANDARDS

Ms. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, Americans' confidence in the Supreme Court is at a record low. That is no surprise when Justices hide that billionaires take them on luxurious yachts and private jet trips, buy land from them, and pay their dependents' private boarding school tuition.

Our Justices are failing to live up to the ethical standards we expect from the highest court in our land. The problem is not that the Supreme Court is just conservative. The problem is that it is corrupt.

We have 870 Federal judges across this country, and a basic code of ethical conduct is enforced against all of them, except nine, our Supreme Court Justices.

To restore confidence in the Court, we must root out conflicts of interest, strengthen judicial transparency, and, finally, establish a code of ethics.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues on both sides of the aisle: If we cherish our institutions, we must reform and strengthen them.

REMEMBERING OFFICERS KENNETH C. JONES AND EDWARD STEWART

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Ohio (Mrs. SYKES) for 5 minutes.

Mrs. SYKES. Mr. Speaker, in 1962, President John F. Kennedy put forth a joint resolution recognizing Peace Officers Memorial Day as May 15. On May 15 of this year, the Nation came together to pause and recognize officers who have been killed in the line of duty.

Two of those officers who were recognized are from Ohio's 13th Congressional District and served honorably in the Akron Police Department. Those officers, Kenneth "Kenny" Jones and Officer Edward Stewart, affectionately known as Stew, were both recognized on May 15 of this year.

Officer Kenny Jones was a dedicated officer who selflessly served Akron and protected our citizens with courage and commitment. Officer Jones was a lifelong Akron resident who attended Garfield High School and the University of Akron.

A graduate of the Akron Police Academy, Officer Jones was with the Akron Police Department for nearly 26 years.

Officer Jones exemplified the very essence of what it means to be a public servant. Day in and day out, he served his community, embodying the values of integrity, honor, and duty.

Officer Jones went above and beyond to build bridges of trust and understanding within the Akron community. His colleagues noted that he always had a smile on his face, and he would even pray for and with strangers he served in the community.

Officer Jones was also a leader to his fellow officers, who looked up to him not only because he was a towering 6-foot-5, but because he served as a role model for how to treat people with respect and kindness.

Sadly, Officer Jones' life was tragically cut short. This unexpected loss reminds us of the sacrifices our law enforcement officers make, often facing unforeseen dangers and enduring stress while on the job.

On behalf of the entire Ohio 13th Congressional District community, I extend my deepest condolences to Officer Jones' family, his friends, and his colleagues. His unwavering service and dedication will forever be remembered, and the joy he brought to the community will never be forgotten.

Officer Edward Stewart, affectionately known as Stew, was a longtime veteran of the Akron Police Department who also dedicated his life to humbly protecting and serving the people of Akron.

Officer Stewart began his career as a civilian employee in 1993 before pursuing his passion and joining the police academy in 1993, as well. After graduating from the academy, Officer Stewart served the community as a transport wagon officer for his entire career.

Officer Stewart embodied the essence of public service as someone who was always willing to step up and assist those in need, whether that be his fellow officers or members of the community.

Officer Stewart, sadly, passed away in 2020, one of too many exceptional

frontline responders who were lost after contracting COVID-19 in the line of duty.

I was able to speak with Officer Stewart's wife, Lisa, this week to offer my sincere condolences on behalf of the entire Ohio 13th Congressional District.

Lisa shared that Officer Stewart was a loving husband, father, and grandfather whose intelligence and thirst for knowledge was admired by his family, friends, and colleagues.

Officer Stewart's selfless acts of public service will never be forgotten, and we will continue to uphold his legacy by continuing to work toward a safer community and safer future for all.

Both of these officers left behind families, a community, and loved ones who truly respected and cared for them. On behalf of Ohio's 13th Congressional District, I extend my sincere and deepest condolences to those who loved them, those who cared for them, and those who will miss seeing them every single day.

Peace Officer Memorial Day is an opportunity for us to stop and pause to remember those who lost their lives in the line of duty and thank them for their never-ending service to our communities.

We thank Officer Stewart and Officer Jones. May their memory be a blessing.

RECESS

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

Accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 43 minutes a.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 at noon.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

Omnipotent God, we lift our prayers today with those of the people of Ukraine. Like Your servant Job, they grieve the weight of their anguish, they suffer from the burden of their calamities. O, that You would grant their request for respite from the tyranny they still endure. Would that You hear their desires for deliverance from their unrelenting adversary.

How You will answer these prayers is beyond our comprehension. Why You are allowing these atrocities to continue is beyond our understanding.

But if it is for us to see the resolve of the Ukrainians' belief in their salvation despite all they have endured, then give us eyes to see that You are the source of their resilience. If it is for

us to hear that, like Job, they do not curse You despite the injustice visited upon them, then give us ears to hear that You are the reason for their hope.

May their faith inspire our own, that all who claim their belief in You would learn what it means to trust in Your mercy, to proclaim Your steadfast love, and to witness Your redeeming power in our world, in Ukraine, and in our own lives.

Bless the righteous, O Lord, and cover them with Your favor. In the strength of Your name we pray.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House the approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1 of rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. SCHNEIDER) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. SCHNEIDER led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Ms. Byrd, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has agreed to without amendment a joint resolution of the House of the following title.

H.J. Res. 42. Joint Resolution disapproving the action of the District of Columbia Council in approving the Comprehensive Policing and Justice Reform Amendment Act of 2022.

The message also announced that the Senate has passed a bill of the following title in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 467. An act to modify the age requirement for the Student Incentive Payment Program of the State maritime academies.

The message also announced that pursuant to Public Law 117-140, the Chair, on behalf of the Republican Leader, appoints the following individuals to serve as a member of the Commission to Study the Potential Creation of a National Museum of Asian Pacific American History and Culture:

Chiling Tong of Maryland.
Tina Wei Smith of Kentucky.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will entertain up to 15 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

ERIC'S LAW

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