

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania 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.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

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

ENACTING A RADICAL AGENDA THROUGH RULEMAKING

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

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, when President Obama said that he would govern with a telephone and a pen, he was setting an example for his then-Vice President. Now, the Biden administration has attempted to enact a radical agenda through agency rulemaking.

During his first year in office, President Biden finalized regulations that cost taxpayers more than \$200 billion. This wasteful spending cannot be allowed to continue unchecked.

It is essential that we pass the REINS Act and ensure that President Biden is forced to account for every wasteful dollar. This legislation would, once again, assert that Congress and not the far-left Biden administration has the power to create law.

It is time to put a stop to the runaway spending. It is time to end the backroom rulemaking that has been a trademark of the Biden administration.

HONORING RUDY LOZANO

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

Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a great organizer and community activist, a leader who fought the Chicago machine and built multiracial and intergenerational coalitions, my friend, political mentor, and compadre, Rudy Lozano.

Tomorrow, June 8, marks 40 years since Rudy's life was cut short. A labor organizer, he fought for workers' rights. As a community activist, he fought for justice for immigrant families.

Rudy brought together diverse communities to elect Harold Washington as Chicago's first Black mayor in 1983. Rudy knew political empowerment was vital to improving community conditions.

My presence in Congress and the growing number of progressive Black,

Latino, and Asian-American elected officials in Chicagoland represent the enduring impact of his legacy.

Let's continue his legacy by working in coalition to ensure a more inclusive politics for all.

Que viva Rudy Lozano.

CONGRATULATING THE CITIZENS OF BULGARIA

(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, congratulations to the citizens of Bulgaria for formally approving their new government yesterday.

After negotiations following five elections in 2 years, the National Assembly agreed to form a government where the Prime Minister will change hands halfway through.

Lawmakers elected Nikolay Denkov, a chemistry professor and former Education Minister, as Prime Minister. In separate votes, legislators agreed that Mariya Gabriel, a former European Commissioner, will serve as deputy head of government and Foreign Minister. After 9 months, Denkov and Gabriel will switch positions for the rest of the term.

Bulgaria is a valued American ally and is appreciated for, 80 years ago, saving the Jewish population from Nazi extermination.

Yesterday, Ambassador Georgi Panayotov was the special guest of the Bulgarian Caucus.

The new coalition government has pledged to keep Bulgaria, an important NATO and EU member, on a firm pro-Western track and supports Ukraine against the Putin war crimes.

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

TIANANMEN SQUARE MEMORIAL BOULEVARD RENAMING

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

Mr. OGLES. Last week marked 34 years since the Tiananmen Square massacre. Up to 10,000 people were killed by their own government. They were run over by tanks and shot in the streets—all for demanding freedom.

The grotesque actions of the Chinese military have been remembered throughout history. Today, China continues to target, abuse, detain, and remove opposition.

It is important for the United States to make a statement condemning the evil regime, the CCP. That is why I am introducing legislation that would rename the road outside the Chinese Embassy to the Tiananmen Square memorial boulevard.

America needs to take a strong stand against the human rights violations of the Chinese Communist Party.

Let us not forget the Americans who have died because of the CCP virus, the Americans and children who have died because of fentanyl flooding our streets because of the CCP, the incursion of the balloon in our airspace, and the recent advances toward a naval destroyer and our military.

Mr. Speaker, it is time we stand and say no to the CCP.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF REVEREND WILLARD D. SMITH

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

Mr. GOOD of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the service of 99-year-old Reverend Willard Smith of Pittsylvania County, Virginia.

My office came to know Reverend Smith when he and his wife requested assistance with a Federal agency. We were more than happy to successfully resolve his case.

Mr. Smith was drafted into the U.S. Army at age 18 during World War II, where, as a member of the 553rd Quartermaster Service Battalion, he brought supplies to the front lines and prisoners back to camp.

During the war, Reverend Smith came to know the Lord and relied on his Christian faith and the truth of the Bible for his strength to persevere through such challenging times.

Upon returning home to Virginia after the war, Reverend Smith began serving the North New Hope Baptist Church congregation in Danville, Virginia, where he has faithfully pastored for over 60 years. Now that he is 99, Reverend Smith continues to serve his congregation and give back to the Danville and Southside communities.

I am honored to represent wonderful constituents of Virginia's Fifth District such as Reverend Smith, who is an example for all Americans to follow.

HONORING THE LIFE OF DWIGHT KESSEL

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

Mr. BURCHETT. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the life of former Knox County Executive Dwight Kessel, who passed away on June 3 at the age of 96.

Dwight was born to Wayne and Edith Kessel and grew up in Beckley, West Virginia. After serving in the United States Navy during World War II, he came back to Knoxville and graduated from the University of Tennessee with a degree in industrial engineering.

Dwight started his political career in 1963 by serving on the Knoxville City Council, then as Knox County clerk, and eventually became the Knox County executive in 1980, which is the position we now call the Knox County mayor.

He also worked with a whole lot of charity organizations, including the YMCA, Boys and Girls Club of the Tennessee Valley, Boy Scouts of America, and National Conference of Christians and Jews.

He was a family man who loved the Lord and was a longtime member of the First Baptist Church of Knoxville, where he was a trustee for 15 years, served as a deacon, and faithfully taught Sunday school.

Behind me right here is a picture of all the Knox County mayors who went to last year's Knox County budget address—myself, Mayor Schumpert, Mayor Jacobs, and Mayor Ragsdale, and Mayor Kessel is down on the bottom.

I know we are all thankful for Dwight's work that paved the way for Knox County mayors who followed him, including myself.

My wife and I are praying for Dwight's family. He will be greatly missed by our community in Knox County.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. NUNN of Iowa). 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 11 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 (Ms. TENNEY) at 6 o'clock and 41 minutes p.m.

APPOINTMENT OF INDIVIDUAL TO THE NATIONAL COMMISSION ON THE FUTURE OF THE NAVY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces the Speaker's appointment, pursuant to 1092(b)(1)(A) of the James M. Inhofe National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2023 (Public Law 117-263), and the order of the House of January 9, 2023, of the following individual on the part of the House to the National Commission on the Future of the Navy:

Mr. Scott O'Neil, Ridgecrest, California

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, June 7, 2023.

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

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of

the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, I have the honor to transmit a sealed envelope received from the White House on June 7, 2023, at 5:58 p.m., said to contain a message from the President returning, without his approval, H.J. Res. 45.

With best wishes, I am,
Sincerely,

KEVIN F. MCCUMBER,
Deputy Clerk of the House.

PROVIDING FOR CONGRESSIONAL DISAPPROVAL OF THE RULE SUBMITTED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION RELATING TO "WAIVERS AND MODIFICATIONS OF FEDERAL STUDENT LOANS"—VETO MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (H. DOC. NO. 118-46)

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following veto message from the President of the United States:

To the House of Representatives:

I am returning herewith without my approval H.J. Res. 45, a resolution that would disapprove of the Department of Education's rule relating to "Waivers and Modifications of Federal Student Loans."

Since Day One, my Administration has been fighting to make college cheaper and the student loan system more manageable for borrowers. My Administration has championed the largest increase to Pell Grants in the last decade—a combined increase of \$900 to the maximum award for students over the last 2 years—and has a plan to double the maximum Pell Grant by 2029 to nearly \$13,000. This means more money in students' pockets to pay for college. To help individuals who had to borrow to go to college, my Administration has been building a student loan system that works. The Department of Education has proposed the most generous repayment plan ever, which will cut undergraduate loan payments in half. It has also reformed the Public Service Loan Forgiveness program to make it easier for hundreds of thousands of public service employees to get the debt relief they deserve.

The pandemic was devastating for families across the Nation. To give borrowers the essential relief they need as they recover from the economic strains associated with the COVID-19 pandemic, the Department of Education created a program to provide up to \$10,000 in debt relief—and up to \$20,000 for Pell Grant recipients—reaching more than 40 million hard-working Americans. Nearly 90 percent of this relief would go to Americans earning less than \$75,000 per year, and no relief would go to any individual or household in the top 5 percent of incomes.

The demand for this relief is undeniable. In less than 4 weeks—during the period when the student debt relief application was available—26 million people applied or were deemed automatically eligible for relief. At least 16 mil-

lion of those borrowers could have received debt relief already if it were not for meritless lawsuits waged by opponents of this program.

The Department of Education's action is based on decades-old authority, granted by the Congress. Multiple administrations over the last two decades have used this authority, following the same procedures as my Administration, to protect borrowers from the effects of national emergencies and military deployments. The Department of Education's exercise of this authority has never previously been subject to the Congressional Review Act.

It is a shame for working families across the country that lawmakers continue to pursue this unprecedented attempt to deny critical relief to millions of their own constituents, even as several of these same lawmakers have had tens of thousands of dollars of their own business loans forgiven by the Federal Government.

I remain committed to continuing to make college affordable and providing this critical relief to borrowers as they work to recover from a once-in-a-century pandemic.

Therefore, I am vetoing this resolution.

JOSEPH R. BIDEN, Jr.
THE WHITE HOUSE, June 7, 2023.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The objections of the President will be spread at large upon the Journal, and the veto message and the bill will be printed as a House document.

Mr. ARRINGTON. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that further consideration of the veto message and the joint resolution, H.J. Res. 45, be postponed until the legislative day of June 21, 2023.

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

There was no objection.

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ADJOURNMENT TO FRIDAY, JUNE 9, 2023; AND ADJOURNMENT FROM FRIDAY, JUNE 9, 2023, TO MONDAY, JUNE 12, 2023

Mr. ARRINGTON. Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9 a.m. on Friday, June 9, 2023; and further, when the House adjourns on that day, it adjourn to meet on Monday, June 12, 2023, when it shall convene at noon for morning-hour debate and 2 p.m. for legislative business.

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

There was no objection.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. ARRINGTON. Madam Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 6 o'clock and 47 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the