

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BOST). Members are reminded to refrain from engaging in personalities toward the President.

SAVE OUR CHILDREN FROM GUN VIOLENCE

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

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, in this week to stop gun violence, it is important to remind all of you that 4.6 million minors live with guns in the home, many of those unstored. Every year, almost 20,000 children are shot and killed or wounded by firearms. In fact, homicide is now the number one killer of children.

Kimberly Vaughan, a young innocent of 14 years old with a wonderful mother who served in the military, was killed in 2018 when a 17-year-old student went on a shooting spree. Those guns were left in the home.

Mr. Speaker, I introduced the Kimberly Vaughan Firearm Safe Storage Act, and I ask my colleagues, Republicans and Democrats, to join me.

The act provides for the Attorney General to give voluntary practices related to safe firearm storage and to label and publish them on a website advising persons to safely store their firearms. It would urge retailers to provide storage locks to secure devices when possible. It would provide a \$10 million grant program to States, local governments, and nonprofits to distribute safe storage devices, at no burden to you whatsoever. Of course, they will receive a tax credit for doing so.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my Republican and Democratic colleagues to join us. Save lives. Save our children's lives. Stop gun violence with the Kimberly Vaughan Firearm Safe Storage Act.

SAFEGUARD OUR NATIONAL SECURITY

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

Mr. LANGWORTHY. Mr. Speaker, the Chinese Communist Party's actions and ambitions directly challenge the values, interests, and security of the United States.

As we consider this year's National Defense Authorization Act, it is crucial that we address the threat posed by the CCP head-on.

First, this year's NDAA counters the Biden administration's efforts to reduce the size of our Navy and instead allocates adequate funding to build protection forces. It also prohibits the Department of Defense from contracting with companies that do business with China, and it accelerates the deployment of advanced radars to track threats to our homeland, like the Chinese spy balloon.

The threat posed by the CCP is real and demands our immediate attention. The provisions outlined in the NDAA

will strengthen our military, protect our economic interests, and safeguard our national security.

We cannot afford to be complacent or underestimate the gravity of the situation. The future of our great Nation depends on it.

CELEBRATING HAWAIIAN TELCOM'S 140TH ANNIVERSARY

(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, for 140 years, Hawaiian Telcom has been keeping the people of Hawaii connected.

Since the days of the Hawaiian Kingdom, when Archibald Scott Cleghorn, father of Princess Ka'iulani, chartered the Mutual Phone Company, loved ones and lifelines have been just a phone call away.

As an island State, the ocean often seems far too wide for me. Like the iconic commercial we all remember—which still bring tears to my eyes—of a college student getting a call from her mom, Hawaiian Telcom continues to keep us connected with our ohana, now with high-speed internet and modern communication services for the digital age.

Hawaiian Telcom and its generations of employees, past and present, have made it their mission to provide the people of Hawaii with the connectivity and digital equity they deserve. Whether it is accessing educational or workforce opportunities, stimulating our economy, promoting telehealth services, or simply connecting with family and friends, innovative communication technologies play a critical role in the rural and remote communities we live in.

To all who have contributed to Hawaiian Telcom's 140-year legacy of service to our islands, I extend my sincerest congratulations and thanks. Mahalo for all they do to keep us connected, and I look forward to our next 140 years of service together.

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REPUBLICAN ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN THE HOUSE

(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, 6 months ago, the American people elected a Republican House majority to deliver the Commitment to America. On behalf of American families, we will fight to tackle inflation, lowering the cost of living. We are promoting peace through strength, making America energy independent again, securing the southern border, preserving our constitutional freedoms, and creating jobs, with the leadership of Speaker KEVIN MCCARTHY.

Accomplishments thus far include: defunding Biden's Army of 87,000 IRS

agents, eliminating the military vaccine mandate, establishing the bipartisan committee to strengthen America against threats from the Chinese Communist Party, establishing a subcommittee on the weaponization of the Federal Government, and protecting America's Strategic Petroleum Reserve.

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 with open Biden borders.

Congratulations for the wreath laying today in honor of the 79th anniversary of the liberation of Guam, hosted by Congressman James Moylan and the Guam Society.

RECOGNIZING DEAN'S BEANS ORGANIC COFFEE COMPANY

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

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an incredible local business in Orange, Massachusetts, Dean's Beans Organic Coffee Company, as it embarks on an exciting change.

Its founder, Dean Cycon, is retiring after 30 years of leading this people-focused business and turning the reins over to his employees. That is right. To end a successful career in the coffee business, Dean is giving control of the company to his employees who will share in its management, operations, and, of course, its profits.

Dean's Beans already has a storied legacy, partnering closely with their farmers, sourcing organic coffee, and paying a living wage. Workers receive health insurance that covers premiums, copays, and deductibles.

To many of us who know Dean, we are not surprised. He has led a career proving that you can make money, do good, and treat people with kindness, all while making a mean dark roast.

That is why I toast my good friend, Dean Cycon, and the entire team at Dean's Beans.

Here is to new stories and adventures and great cups of coffee along the way.

CONGRATULATING THE NEW PRAIRIE HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL TEAM

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

Mr. YAKYM. Mr. Speaker, 2023 has been a banner year for sports in Indiana's Second District, and I rise today to highlight another very special group of Hoosiers for their excellence in athletics.

Last month, the New Prairie High School softball team won the 3A State championship for the very first time in school history.

The Cougars' 4-2 win over Tri-West Hendricks in the championship game

was especially meaningful as it marked New Prairie's very first State title in any sport.

In their big win, the Cougars were led by star pitcher Ava Geyer, who struck out nine batters to close out a season where she amassed an incredible 28–2 record.

On offense this year, the Cougars were carried by senior slugger Abby Robakowski, who broke the State's home run record and is headed to play at Indiana State in the fall.

Congratulations to Head Coach Derek Hicks and all the players for bringing home the hardware and another State championship to Indiana's Second Congressional District.

Thank you for making the New Prairie community and all of LaPorte County very proud. God bless you, and go Cougars.

IN SUPPORT OF PLACING BUFFALO'S DL&W TERMINAL ON THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

(Mr. HIGGINS of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of placing Buffalo's DL&W Terminal on the National Registry of Historic Places.

Built in 1917 to accommodate bustling freight and passenger rail, the long-dormant train shed is a vital component to Buffalo's renaissance.

Positioned along the Buffalo River at the foot of Main Street in downtown Buffalo, the massive structure is undergoing a transformation, including construction of a new Metro Rail station on the ground floor.

Historic designation will make planned private sector development of the second floor eligible for Federal and State historic tax credits.

A nomination would allow the DL&W Terminal to join the list of over 250 historic tax credit rehab projects injecting \$1.2 billion into western New York over the last two decades.

I urge the National Park Service to support the submission of the DL&W Terminal, advancing a critical linchpin to the revitalization of Buffalo's downtown waterfront.

RECOGNIZING THE OHIO NARCOTICS INTELLIGENCE CENTER

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

Mr. MILLER of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the work of the Ohio Narcotics Intelligence Center, or ONIC. I had the pleasure of meeting their team to learn about how their research and advocacy is creating a safer Ohio.

ONIC's team of criminal intelligence analysts and computer forensic specialists assist law enforcement agencies and drug task forces. They provide edu-

cational outreach on dangerous counterfeit prescriptions, fentanyl, and cryptocurrency scams. Additionally, ONIC works with community organizations like RecoveryOhio on programs for law enforcement to comprehensively combat the narcotic crisis.

Recently, ONIC hosted a Law Enforcement Drug Summit where criminal justice professionals learned about drug trends and reduction strategies. Furthermore, this month they will host their inaugural BRIDGE Day to make connections from law enforcement to prevention, treatment, and recovery centers in all 88 Ohio counties.

ONIC's programs provide invaluable support and education to the brave men and women in law enforcement who lay down their lives to keep our communities safe. I am thankful for their work addressing the narcotics epidemic and look forward to continued partnership as we work toward a safer northeast Ohio.

GUN VIOLENCE MUST BE STOPPED

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

Mrs. MCBATH. Mr. Speaker, this past week, Americans gathered nationwide with friends and family to celebrate the founding of our democracy. They enjoyed days off to spend time with their loved ones, and they celebrated our national values as red, white, and blue lit up the sky.

Yet again, the joyful celebrations of Americans were met with further acts of senseless gun violence, because for far too many across the country, gunshots were confused for fireworks on our day of independence, leaving countless numbers dead and over 100 injured.

Mass shootings have marred our Nation more times than there have been days this year.

Mr. Speaker, there is no freedom in living in fear. There is no celebration when our holidays transform into tragedy. Gun violence must be stopped, and this body must act once again to save lives.

PROVIDING FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2670, NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024

Mr. COLE. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 583 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 583

Resolved, That at any time after adoption of this resolution the Speaker may, pursuant to clause 2(b) of rule XVIII, declare the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for further consideration of the bill (H.R. 2670) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2024 for military activities of the Department of Defense and for military construc-

tion, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes.

SEC. 2. (a) No further amendment to the bill, as amended, shall be in order except those printed in the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution and amendments en bloc described in section 3 of this resolution.

(b) Each further amendment printed in the report of the Committee on Rules shall be considered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole.

(c) All points of order against the further amendments printed in the report of the Committee on Rules or amendments en bloc described in section 3 of this resolution are waived.

SEC. 3. It shall be in order at any time for the chair of the Committee on Armed Services or his designee to offer amendments en bloc consisting of amendments printed in the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution not earlier disposed of. Amendments en bloc offered pursuant to this section shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for 30 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Armed Services or their respective designees, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole.

SEC. 4. At the conclusion of consideration of the bill for amendment the Committee shall rise and report the bill, as amended, to the House with such further amendments as may have been adopted. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill, as amended, and on any further amendment thereto to final passage without intervening motion except one motion to recommit.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Oklahoma is recognized for 1 hour.

Mr. COLE. Mr. Speaker, for the purpose of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. MCGOVERN) the ranking member of the Rules Committee, pending which I yield myself such time as I may consume. During consideration of this resolution, all time yielded is for the purpose of debate only.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. COLE. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks on House Resolution 583.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. COLE. Mr. Speaker, yesterday, the Rules Committee met and reported out a rule, House Resolution 583, providing for further consideration of H.R. 2670, the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2024, or NDAA, under a structured rule. It makes in