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Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 18, 2023, at 3 p.m.

House of Representatives

MONDAY, JULY 17, 2023

The House met at noon and was called to order by the Speaker.

MORNING-HOUR DEBATE

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to the order of the House of January 9, 2023, the Chair will now recognize Members from lists submitted by the majority and minority leaders for morning-hour debate.

The Chair will alternate recognition between the parties, with time equally allocated between the parties and each Member other than the majority and minority leaders and the minority whip limited to 5 minutes, but in no event shall debate continue beyond 1:50 p.m.

CONSEQUENCES OF THE FAILED AVIATION POLICY OF THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. JOYCE) for 5 minutes.

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, since the Wright Brothers first took flight in 1903, exploration, commerce, and transportation have relied on the ability to fly.

For decades, regional airports have been the sole provider of flights in and out of rural communities, and it is crucial that we protect the Essential Air Service program for years to come.

It is time to invest in our next generation of pilots, ensuring that students from across the country are properly trained and equipped to fly the

passengers and the cargo that our economy needs.

In the past 2½ years, we have seen the consequences of failed aviation policy from the Biden administration, leading to a record number of delays and cancellations for travelers across our country.

These delays are the result of a Department of Transportation that has failed to put in place systems that support our airlines and our airports.

The Securing Growth and Robust Leadership in American Aviation Act will provide the reforms necessary to support air travelers and ensure that the DOT addresses their fault in preventing on-time arrivals.

This legislation is the next step in our commitment to creating an economy that is strong. It will enhance our infrastructure, uphold our safety standards, promote innovation, and support the 850 million passengers who fly each year.

NEWBURG VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF SERVICE

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, this weekend the Newburg Volunteer Fire Department celebrated 100 years of service in Blair County, Pennsylvania. We owe a debt of gratitude to the selfless volunteers who have dedicated their time and resources to protecting our community.

Their willingness to leave home at the sound of a bell and rush toward those in need shows an incredible commitment to the residents of Blair County.

For decades, the fire station has been more than a place to house trucks or to

conduct training. It has been a place for the community to gather and to come together to celebrate special occasions.

Under the leadership of Chief Mike Zeigler, the Newburg Volunteer Fire Department has strived to reach a standard of excellence.

Further, the department has worked tirelessly to recruit multiple new members, training students who will continue to work and serve in Blair County.

As these firefighters continue their education, it is essential that Congress provides our volunteer departments with the tools and the training that they so desperately need.

On behalf of the entire 13th Congressional District, I congratulate the Newburg Volunteer Fire Department on reaching this milestone, and I thank them for their continued service.

DANGEROUS OPEN BORDER POLICIES ARE AT FAULT FOR THIS DIRE SITUATION

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS). The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. ROSE) for 5 minutes.

Mr. ROSE. Madam Speaker, this week, House Republicans are committed to fulfilling our Commitment to America to end President Biden's border crisis and restore a nation that is safe.

Last month, the Republican-led U.S. House of Representatives passed a resolution condemning the use of public schools to house illegal immigrants.

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Now, this week, we plan to pass H.R. 3941, the Schools Not Shelters Act, which prohibits the use of public elementary and secondary schools and institutions of higher education to provide shelter for illegal immigrants.

As many children across our country continue to recover from the pandemic-era learning loss, schools should be focused on helping students recover.

By housing illegal immigrants on school campuses, children are being put at risk. Elected officials who endorse these plans are sending a clear message to children and their parents that illegal immigrants and President Biden's failure to secure the southern border matter more than their children's education.

Now, make no mistake, President Biden's dangerous open-border policies are at fault for this dire situation. In the first 100 days, the President took more than 94 executive actions on immigration that immediately signaled to the world that our borders were open for illegal immigration and that they could count on President Biden to hold the door open for them, even if it meant sacrificing the safety and security of our country.

Since taking office, there have been over 5.5 million illegal crossings of our southern border. In addition to that, approximately 1.5 million immigrants have evaded apprehension by our hard-working Customs and Border Patrol agents.

This humanitarian crisis has gotten so bad that New York City's Immigration and Customs Enforcement office is fully booked through October 2032.

Had President Biden not halted construction of the southern border wall, ended President Trump's successful remain in Mexico policy, and concluded use of title 42, I am sure this historic crisis would not be this disastrous. Just like we have seen with Bidenomics, "Bidengration" has completely failed the American people.

UNWAVERING DEDICATION OF THE DEADHEADS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. NICKEL) for 5 minutes.

Mr. NICKEL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate and pay tribute to the Grateful Dead. Last night, the Dead and Company closed out their final act in San Francisco, and while this marks the end of an era, it also gives us an opportunity to reflect on the immense impact they have had on generations of fans.

Jerry Garcia said it best when he said: "Maybe we are just one of the last adventures in America," and for those of us who are fans who follow the Dead, they truly were an amazing American adventure.

For over five decades, their unique blend of rock, folk, and improvisation transcended boundaries inspiring countless artists and enchanting millions of dedicated fans.

In a world often divided, the Grateful Dead reminds us that music has the power to bridge divides and bring people together. Their music served as a beacon of hope, an escape, and a testament to the power of artistic expression.

Through their music, the Grateful Dead taught us the value of community, compassion, and the beauty of living in the moment. As we celebrate the Grateful Dead, we also pay tribute to the late Jerry Garcia and all the band members who graced the stage with their exceptional talents.

Let's also acknowledge the unwavering dedication of the Deadheads, the devoted fans who traveled far and wide to be part of the Grateful Dead experience. Their unwavering support and enthusiasm nurtured a unique bond between the band and its audience, making each concert totally unique. There was never a concert that was the same as the last.

As we celebrate Dead and Company's final performance last night, let's remember that their music and spirit continue to live on in the hearts of all those that they touched. Their journey may have reached its final destination, but their melodies resonate across time, reminding us of the enduring power of music to inspire, uplift, and to bring us together.

Madam Speaker, I like people who like the Grateful Dead, and whether in the Halls of Congress or back home in North Carolina, I will always be thankful for the memories they gave us, the music they shared, and the profound impact they had on the lives of everyone in this country.

HEAT WAVES ADD BURDEN TO ELECTRIC VEHICLE OWNERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California (Mr. LAMALFA) for 5 minutes.

Mr. LAMALFA. Madam Speaker, I was looking at a local news source here today. The title of the article is: "Heat Waves Add Burden to Electric Vehicle Owners." There are challenges, as it turns out, that these heavy, expensive batteries in electric vehicles have a tendency to get damaged by high temperatures.

Electric vehicles are extremely complicated, and they are expensive. Repairing EV batteries is nearly impossible, and replacing one is very costly. A section of the article referenced a really expensive brand of pickup that's on the market. It talked about making repairs in a fender bender if somebody hit the rear quarter panel on it and it drove the body work up into the rest of the forward part of the car. It isn't just a matter of repairing that quarter panel. They had to take the vehicle almost entirely apart, which made it a \$42,000 repair because there is so much complexity with the extensive wiring system in the electric vehicle technology that drives all the different wheels.

We are being told as Americans that we should start driving these vehicles. We should buy them, replace what we have, and drive these vehicles. In my home State of California, they are basically forcing the mandate on that, followed closely behind the Biden administration wanting to do certain things by an X amount by year 2030. By the way, they just make up numbers. They will say 50 percent by 2030 and 75 percent by 2035. They will do the same thing at the Federal level: X amount by 2040 and 2050. They just make this stuff up with fancy round numbers.

Some of the recommendations in the article about how to deal with your electric vehicles are actually the absurd part of it. Don't park your car in the Sun and charge during cooler times of day are some suggestions in the article to EV drivers.

Now, I got to spend the weekend here in D.C. because my plane was canceled going home the other day, so I am not sure how you try and figure out when the cool time of day is in D.C. so you can charge your car.

Another suggestion of the article was to use air-conditioning sparingly. Sure. In places like this, or even where there is more humidity in the South and others, you are going to drive along in this car because it is electric and not use your air-conditioner.

One of the really good ones was that they wanted you to keep the car plugged in while you are using the air-conditioner. What does that even mean? How do you keep your vehicle plugged in while you are using the air-conditioner?

People made fun of this one. Are you supposed to have an extension cord that is 10 miles long so you can keep it charging while you are driving around? It becomes really absurd after a while.

What is the bottom line here? For certain people, electric vehicles make sense for them if they have short commutes or they do a lot of in-town driving, and it will last for a particular amount of time.

The article goes on to state, though, that most of the time you can come home and plug in, and you don't need to use a fast charger, unless you are on a long trip. If you are on an extended trip, then you are going to have to find a means to do that. You can't just go 200 miles and then charge it for 8 hours. However, they also don't want you to use a fast charger because it is tough on the battery in hot conditions.

Your mobility is really what is being affected, what is being taken away here, and there are those in this place in the regulatory scheme we have in my home State of California or here in D.C. that don't really care that you have mobility. They don't want you to have mobility. They want you to be tied to what they believe are your walkable neighborhoods and stay in your 15-minute cities. They don't seem to like that.

This all starts with these mandates, taking away the systems, the things