

that you normally use, use at your choice, and forcing you into something else.

Whether it is your vehicles, whether it is your gas stove or other appliances, your yard maintenance tools, they want to take that out and convert you to a grid that is not actually ready to accept the mass amount of charging that is going to be needed to do this again.

California's grid on many hot days is close to going down. They have to start telling people to shut off their manufacturing plants and such so they can keep the grid going. They are tearing down hydroelectric dams in my district right now because they aren't green enough, even though it makes CO<sub>2</sub>-free power.

It is absurd what is going on with the regulatory state, and we need to stop the Biden administration by doing it just by executive action. It needs to run through us so we are held accountable to you.

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#### CELEBRATING GUAM LIBERATION DAY

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

Mr. MOYLAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Guam's Liberation Day.

Madam Speaker, 79 years ago, on July 21, 1944, following 2½ years of occupation, the United States servicemembers landed on the southwest part of Guam to liberate over 20,000 Chamorus and Americans from the Imperial Japanese military.

On December 8, 1941, the feast of Santa Marian Kamalen, Guam's patron saint, the sound of bombs dropping and planes flying overhead drowned out our otherwise quiet and isolated island. This day was the start of the occupation in Guam.

This period in Guam's history was a treacherous one, but the people of the island persevered and displayed a great sense of resiliency, willpower, patriotism, and hope. Guamanians never fail to display these traits today and have been tested time and time again. From war to natural disasters, most recently Super Typhoon Mawar, which ravaged our community in May, Guamanians have always held these traits close to their hearts.

These traits are unchangeable and have forged our island's culture of peace, "harmony," or "inafa'maolek" to make good in the world. They guide our way of life and advance our distinct cultural identity that is recognizable around the world. This is known as the Hafa Adai spirit, and Guamanians are proud to share this with everyone they meet and wherever they go.

Liberation Day is an island-wide celebration that brings all Guamanians together in celebration of the national

and local cultural identity, democracy, and freedom. On this day, we remember those who fought, endured, sacrificed, and gave their lives to protect our island home and Nation. This day allows us to remember the sacrifices of the people who came before us and thank those who currently fight on the front lines for our freedom, families, and values.

Guam has a long history with the armed services and plays a large role in contributing to military strength, providing thousands of soldiers, marines, sailors, airmen, guardians, and coast-guardsmen. Guam is proud to have the highest number of enlistments per capita across the country.

As home to the Joint Regional Marianas, Naval Base Guam, Andersen Air Force Base, and Marine Corps Camp Blaz on Guam, our island is the tip of the spear in our fight against our enemies in the Indo-Pacific region.

Our strategic and unparalleled location, invaluable assets, and most importantly, our servicemembers contribute to the strength and the might of the world's greatest fighting force.

The past 79 years have been a momentous period for growth, change, and progress for our island. The people of our island have changed to form an even more diverse melting pot of cultures that honors our differences throughout the Asia-Pacific region. Today is a day on which we celebrate the values, people, traditions, and cultures that make Guam and America a great place to live. I am proud to stand here and speak today representing such a diverse and significant part of America.

As we commemorate the 79th anniversary of Guam's liberation, we recognize the contributions Guam has and will continue to make for our Nation.

We are proud to be where America's day begins and fly the American flag in the middle of the Pacific. Let us also celebrate and recognize this day as a day in which we recommit and redeliver on our promises to fight for freedom and democracy across the Nation, Pacific region, and the world.

#### CONGRATULATING THE 17U SIX PACK VOLLEYBALL CLUB

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LAMALFA). The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Iowa (Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS) for 5 minutes.

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, I take this time to congratulate the 17U Six Pack Volleyball Club from northeast Iowa, for winning the 2023 USAV Junior National Championship in Chicago last week. The team went a perfect 11-0 as they claimed the national division title.

This team showed unbelievable talent throughout the tournament, showing dedication and overcoming adversity in all aspects of the game. I congratulate Coach Grassley and the entire team, especially Emma Stammeyer of Iowa City West High

School in Iowa's First District. You-all made Iowa proud.

#### RECOGNIZING THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 75th anniversary of the State of Israel. This week, Congress welcomes Israeli President Isaac Herzog to commemorate this milestone and speak about the special relationship between our two nations.

After the horrors of the Holocaust, the Jewish people fled to their homeland and declared Israel a nation. The United States was the first country to recognize Israel as a nation. The United States has been paving the way for an everlasting friendship.

For the past 75 years, Israel has been a crucial partner and a shining beacon of democracy in the Middle East. With anti-Semitism and anti-Israeli hate at home and abroad rising, it is now more important than ever that the United States stand with Israel.

I am honored to welcome President Herzog to Washington, D.C., and I look forward to continuing our enduring partnership.

#### NATIONAL PARKS AND RECREATION MONTH

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, July is National Parks and Recreation Month.

There are many parks in Iowa's First Congressional District, four national parks, from the Herbert Hoover National Historic Site to the many State parks, such as Lake Macbride State Park or the Maquoketa Caves State Park. These parks provide opportunities for exercise or relaxation with friends and family.

I am proud to have sponsored the Alexander Lofgren Veterans in Parks Act, which unanimously passed the House last Congress. This legislation provides free lifetime access to national parks and Federal recreational lands for our honorable veterans, Active-Duty military, and Gold Star families.

I encourage all Iowans to explore Iowa's natural beauty and appreciate God's creation this month and every month.

#### SUPPORT FOR ORAL CONTRACEPTIVES

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Madam Speaker, I am proud to sponsor the Orally Taken Contraception Act of 2023, or OTC Act, which directs the FDA to issue guidance for drug manufacturers who make prescription oral contraceptives, daily contraceptives, which may be suitable for over-the-counter availability over age 18.

As a physician and former director of the Iowa Department of Public Health, I recognize the need for increased and consistent access to oral contraceptives and have prioritized expanding access since I was a State senator. As a pro-life individual, preventing pregnancy is the best way to prevent abortion.

Oral contraceptives are not emergency contraceptives and do not terminate existing pregnancies. Furthermore, this is a market-based solution

that incentivizes competition which will, in turn, lead to greater options and affordable prices for women.

I encourage all of my colleagues to support this bill.

Mr. Speaker, I will take a moment to recognize my brother-in-law Ralph Martino on his birthday.

Happy birthday to Ralph Martino.

#### RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until 2 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 23 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 1400

#### AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker at 2 p.m.

#### PRAYER

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

God, our Savior, the hope of all the ends of the Earth and of the farthest seas, who formed the mountains by Your power, who stilled the roaring of the seas and the roaring of their waves, we pray You would be merciful to us and lay Your divine hand on these United States.

On this day when extraordinary heat is overwhelming regions within the Gulf South and Desert Southwest, we pray that You would again care for the land and water it. Enrich these areas abundantly.

In communities across the Midwest and elsewhere, where drought threatens farms and fields, livestock and livelihoods, drench the Earth's furrows and level its ridges, soften it with showers and bless its crops.

The whole Earth is filled with awe at Your wonders. Where morning dawns, where evening fades, call forth songs of joy with Your grace. Crown this season with Your bounty.

In hopes of Your sure provision, we offer our urgent prayers in Your sovereign name.

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, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to clause 1, rule I, I demand a vote on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The SPEAKER. The question is on the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The question was taken; and the Speaker announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to clause 8, rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

#### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. WILSON) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina 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.

#### HELPING THE AVIATION INDUSTRY TO GROW AND FLOURISH

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

Mr. ROSE. Mr. Speaker, each time I meet with officials from the Nashville International Airport, which I have the honor of representing in Congress, topics consistently include workforce shortages and recruitment issues.

That is why I rise today in support of H.R. 3935, the Securing Growth and Robust Leadership in American Aviation Act. This legislation will streamline Federal Aviation Administration operations, help grow the aviation workforce, invest in airport infrastructure, and improve the flying experience for millions of Americans. It will improve the passenger experience by making key improvements to the air traffic control system.

The aviation industry supports 11 million jobs. This bill aims to ensure it continues to grow and flourish for years to come. It supports programs that will attract more pilots, mechanics, and assembly workers. It also helps ensure those folks are supported and that FAA rules and regulations aren't getting in the way of innovation, competition, or employee retention.

#### PEACE THROUGH STRENGTH

(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. Madam Speaker, last Friday, I was grateful the House passed the 63rd annual National Defense Authorization Act, led by Chairman MIKE ROGERS and Speaker KEVIN MCCARTHY. This is legislation that advances national security with peace through strength, supporting servicemembers, veterans, and their families.

Congress has a duty to support the Armed Forces of America as a primary

function of the Federal Government, to provide for the common defense, which we cannot do for ourselves.

Highlights in this particular bill include: Promoting missions of the Savannah River Site for nuclear capability and deterrence, advancing the defense research projects at universities across the country, increasing servicemember pay by 5.2 percent, and supporting National Guard operations with border deployment.

As a 31-year veteran and father of four sons who have served overseas in the military, I am committed to work for the security of our country, its servicemembers, and their families.

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.

Our sympathy to Dr. Eddie Floyd of Florence, South Carolina, upon the death of his beloved wife, Kay. They are champions of the University of South Carolina.

#### REAUTHORIZATION OF THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION

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

Mr. COLLINS. Madam Speaker, after a canceled 7 a.m. flight and not getting standby on a 9:30 flight, I am back in D.C. this afternoon to encourage support for the Securing Growth and Robust Leadership in American Aviation Act, otherwise known as H.R. 3935.

This bill invests in critical airport infrastructure, encourages innovation, and improves efficiency through restructuring the FAA.

I also want to encourage my colleagues to support my amendment, H.R. 1818, which expands the qualified tuition program, otherwise known as the 529 plan, to include aviation mechanic and commercial pilot courses. This is a long-term solution for the aviation industry. It has 137 cosponsors and tons of aviation industry and labor group support.

#### 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL

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

Mr. LAMALFA. Madam Speaker, this year marks the 75th anniversary of the State of Israel and its recreation after World War II when many countries around the world got together and decided indeed there should be a current Jewish state.

Now, their day of independence, known as Yom Haatzmaut, occurred this year on April 25. It moves around in order to not conflict with the Sabbath.