

participation on the Child Abuse Prevention Council and countless education committees have served as constant reminders of his dedication to helping children succeed both in and out of the classroom.

For his efforts, he has earned numerous community service awards over the last 30 years, including being selected as American Leadership Forum's exemplary leader of the year and the Sacramento Metro Chamber of Commerce's Sacramentan of the Year.

Mr. Speaker, I extend my congratulations and thanks to Fred Teichert for his lifelong dedication to Sacramento. His commitment to our region will always be celebrated and remembered. I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating Fred for his work and wish him the best in his next steps.

#### DEEPLY ROOTED POLITICAL INFECTION IN THE FBI

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

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, my good friend Senator CHUCK GRASSLEY said it best when he said: There is deeply rooted political infection in the FBI. We can see this rot play out every single day when the FBI decides who they will and will not pursue. They targeted parents who showed up to school board meetings to hold their elected officials accountable and to speak up for their children. They targeted pro-life Americans who exercised their First Amendment right to peacefully protest and arrested them in front of their children. They rushed to investigate claims of Russian collusion—despite lapses and a bogus FISA warrant—even when those claims were not backed up the evidence.

Yet, when dealing with Hunter Biden, the DOJ and the FBI chose to go easy on him and gave him a sweetheart plea deal, leaving him unlikely to go to jail.

It must be nice.

We have simply lost confidence in The Bureau and serious changes must be made by Director Chris Wray to root out favoritism and double standards so the American people can have faith in their institutions again.

Mr. Speaker, I also wish my young friends Kurt and Cathy Haller a milestone 40th wedding anniversary.

Happy 40th anniversary, Kurt and Cathy.

#### UNDERSERVED RURAL COMMUNITIES

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

Ms. CARAVEO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of rural families, families who work hard every day, play by the rules, and deserve the very same access to opportunity as every other American.

Despite advancements in many other areas, our rural communities lag behind, underserved with bad cell service and internet service, fewer options for healthcare and schools, and insufficient investment for small businesses.

No one should have fewer opportunities just because of where they live. I am working from all angles to beef up support for rural communities: from mental health support with Representative FINSTAD's and my Rural Wellness Act to improving childcare access with my and Representative GLUESINKAMP PEREZ's bipartisan rural childcare bill; to helping farmers with disabilities with my and Representative MOLINARO's agriculture accessibility bill; to connecting communities with investments they need with my and Representative FISCHBACH's Investing in Rural America Act.

I am proud to work on a bipartisan basis with so many of our colleagues who share the understanding of how vital our rural communities are to all of our lives and look forward to collaborating on this year's farm bill.

#### SCANDALS IN THE WHITE HOUSE

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

Mr. MEUSER. Mr. Speaker, "I think that there's no doubt about the seriousness of the problem we've got. We have a cancer within—close to the Presidency, that's growing. It's growing daily."

Mr. Speaker, that is a quote from the Watergate scandal, but the American people are applying it to current circumstances in the White House.

We have a laptop referencing "the big guy" is getting his 10 percent. We have text messages stating: My father is sitting next to me and you better pay up.

I am paraphrasing, slightly.

Despite statements from the White House on how there was no contact with business partners, we have pictures of them playing golf together, and White House visitor logs.

Mr. Speaker, we have bank records, lots of them, around 20, with tens of millions of dollars going to members of the President's family, including grandchildren. We don't know what they did for it, and recently a bag of cocaine was found in the White House, but case closed. No one accused. No one found.

Mr. Speaker, if this was a bag of anthrax, would that have been taken more seriously and solved? I think the answer is yes. The only reason there are any investigations taking place or oversight is because Republicans have a majority in the House.

#### OUR NEIGHBORS JUST WANT TO BREATHE CLEAN AIR

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

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, I introduced the Cumulative Impacts Act to protect frontline communities by requiring the EPA to consider cumulative impacts of pollution and deny permits unless they can demonstrate that no harm will be done to the community, especially public health.

It is ridiculous that our current permitting processes do not account for all nearby sources of pollution.

From southwest Detroit to Dearborn's South End, which is home to an extreme concentration of corporate polluters, and sits directly across the road from schools, homes, and playgrounds. Our kids are being taught that this is normal. It is not normal, Mr. Speaker.

From 48217 to Poletown and Beniteau and the east side of Detroit, our neighbors across Detroit are forced to breathe emissions from dozens of corporate polluters like Marathon Oil, U.S. Ecology, Stellantis, Cleveland Cliffs, and so much more, all of whom routinely violate their permits because it is cheaper than following the law.

Where pollution occurs is a policy choice, Mr. Speaker. It is environmental racism.

Forcing regulators to analyze the cumulative impacts of pollution and deny permits for facilities that endanger public health would be a revolutionary, transformative change for our neighbors who just want to breathe clean air.

#### CENSORING AND SUPPRESSING FREE SPEECH ON SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS

(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, House Republicans are doing everything we can to investigate the politicization and weaponization of the Federal Government.

In fact, the House Subcommittee on the Weaponization of the Federal Government heard testimony from New York Post reporter Emma-Jo Morris, whose reporting about Hunter Biden's laptop was censored by almost every social media platform in the country in coordination with the most powerful levers of the Federal Government to silence Americans' First Amendment right to free speech.

Let the record show that Ms. Morris' reporting was factual, as confirmed by multiple outlets after the fact, and that this egregious abuse of power was so serious and so detrimental to our free society that a Federal District Court has enjoined White House and government officials from communicating with social media companies for the purpose of censoring or suppressing free speech on their platforms.

Mr. Speaker, these nefarious actions by the White House and Federal Government agencies are utterly shameful and, frankly, un-American and must never, ever happen again.

# LIBERTY, JUSTICE, AND EQUAL PROTECTION UNDER THE LAW FOR ALL

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

Ms. STRICKLAND. Mr. Speaker, House Republicans have made it clear that they do not support liberty, justice, and equal protection under the law for all.

Last week, the majority passed an extremist defense bill that bans gender-affirming and reproductive care for servicemembers, guts support for our servicemembers of color, and prohibits Pride flags from being displayed in any workspace, common access area, or public area of the Department of Defense.

However, they decided that the homophobia and discrimination can't stop there.

This week, Republicans voted to strip critical funding to enhance career development opportunities, provide meals to low-income seniors, create affordable and transitional housing units for vulnerable populations in need, and more.

These projects, led by Representatives BOYLE, PRESSLEY, and HOULAHAN, were vetted months ago to ensure they meet the rigorous community project funding guidelines and are responsible uses of taxpayer dollars.

So why were these projects denied? Because recipients had LGBTQ in their name, and they served communities that the other side demonizes daily. It is hypocritical, it is homophobic, and it damages the idea of liberty and justice for all.

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## PORK PRODUCTION IN CALIFORNIA

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

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, it used to be California was the land of really good ideas and innovation, but the last 30 or so years it has been a place where a lot of really bad ideas come from and impact the rest of the country.

This morning I am talking about pork production in this country and California deciding that it should dictate to the rest of the country how it is done. There is not even that much pork produced in my home State, yet they want to dictate how it works.

A proposition passed that says you cannot use gestation crates for pork production. Gestation crates help piglets to not be squashed by their mother, but it has been interpreted to be something completely different.

We need H.R. 4417, the EATS Act, in order to have pork production in this country that isn't dictated by some crazies at Berkeley in California that say we can't have you produce like that.

We have already went through this with eggs. What this will produce is

shortages of eggs, shortages of pork, higher prices, and even possibly lead to the importation of it because one State trying to dictate and reach across State lines to all of the others with its tentacles of its crazy ideas on how things should be done business-wise.

What will stop them from banning oil and gas being used to produce things in other States? It will keep going and going until we stop it.

## DEVASTATION IN VERMONT

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

Ms. BALINT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart. Vermont has experienced so much devastation over the last 2 weeks.

The images have been shocking. Our capital city is completely under water, small businesses across the State destroyed, homes and rental units totally gutted, and thousands and thousands of acres of cropland decimated.

Seeing my State under water makes it clearer than ever that climate change isn't coming. It is here.

Disasters like this bring up so much trauma for many of us who lived through Hurricane Irene. I want Vermonters to know that we, your congressional delegation, will be there as long as it takes to recover, but we have a very long road ahead.

With the support of our friends and neighbors, we will get through this together. That is what I have seen as I have traveled around Vermont visiting communities—Vermonters pitching in and helping one another.

We cannot accept what we have seen in Vermont over the last week as the new normal. We must continue to fight for climate action and climate resiliency to keep Vermont the Green Mountain State that we know and love.

## SECURING GROWTH AND ROBUST LEADERSHIP IN AMERICAN AVIATION ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. COLLINS). Pursuant to House Resolution 597 and rule XVIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the further consideration of the bill, H.R. 3935.

Will the gentleman from Alabama (Mr. CARL) kindly take the chair.

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### IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Accordingly, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 3935) to amend title 49, United States Code, to reauthorize and improve the Federal Aviation Administration and other civil aviation programs, and for other purposes, with Mr. CARL (Acting Chair) in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The Acting CHAIR. When the Committee of the Whole rose on Wednes-

day, July 19, 2023, amendment No. 75 printed in part A of House Report 118-147 offered by the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. PERRY) had been disposed of.

AMENDMENTS EN BLOC NO. 4 OFFERED BY MR. GRAVES OF MISSOURI

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Chair, pursuant to House Resolution 597, I offer amendments en bloc.

The Acting CHAIR. The Clerk will designate the amendments en bloc.

Amendments en bloc No. 4 consisting of amendment Nos. 60, 61, 85, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, and 104 printed in part A of House Report 118-147, offered by Mr. GRAVES of Missouri:

AMENDMENT NO. 60 OFFERED BY MS. MANNING OF NORTH CAROLINA

At the end of title VIII, add the following:  
**SEC. 844. SENSE OF CONGRESS ON FAA ENGAGEMENT AND COLLABORATION WITH HBCUS AND MSIS.**

It is the sense of Congress that the Federal Aviation Administration should continue to partner with historically Black colleges and universities and minority-serving institutions to promote awareness of career opportunities and develop curriculum related to aerospace, aviation and air traffic control.

AMENDMENT NO. 61 OFFERED BY MS. MANNING OF NORTH CAROLINA

At the end of title VIII, insert the following:

**SEC. 8. REPORT ON IMPLEMENTATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS OF FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION YOUTH ACCESS TO AMERICAN JOBS IN AVIATION TASK FORCE.**

Not later than 180 days after the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Transportation, acting through the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration, shall submit to Congress a report on the implementation of the following recommendations of the Federal Aviation Administration Youth Access to American Jobs in Aviation Task Force established under section 602 of the FAA Reauthorization Act of 2018 (Public Law 115-254):

(1) The recommendation to improve information access about careers in aviation and aerospace.

(2) The recommendation to collaboration across regions of the Federal Aviation Administration on outreach and workforce development programs.

(3) The recommendation to increase opportunities for mentoring, pre-apprenticeships, and apprenticeships in aviation.

AMENDMENT NO. 85 OFFERED BY MR. QUIGLEY OF ILLINOIS

At the end of title VIII, add the following:  
**SEC. . IMPLEMENTATION OF DYNAMIC SCHEDULING AND MANAGEMENT OF CERTAIN AIRSPACE.**

(a) IN GENERAL.—In carrying out the pilot program established under section 1093 of Public Law 117-263 (49 U.S.C. 40103 note), the Administrator of the Federal Aviation Administration, in coordination with the Secretary of Defense, shall—

(1) evaluate the impact on the operation of the national airspace system of process improvements in how the Department of Defense shares real-time updates on the status of special activity airspace and special use airspace for activities described in paragraph (1) of section 1093 of Public Law 117-263 (49 U.S.C. 40103, note); and

(2) ensure that such improvements make the Federal Aviation Administration able to use such status changes to effectively grant