

## MASS SHOOTINGS IN CALIFORNIA

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

Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, not even a month into this New Year and I am already on the floor, once again, begging the same question: What will it take to stop the relentless pace of mass shootings?

Three mass shootings in California in just 3 days. Three different men of three different ages used guns to murder their own neighbors or coworkers.

Beyond the tragedies in California, there are victims of gun violence every day in every State.

Regardless of our politics, we cannot continue to live and die this way. We must do more. We must do more for the victims. We must do more for the communities shattered. We must do more for the families left to grieve.

Each mass shooting is a glaring violation of our inalienable rights—life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

According to the 97 percent, a bipartisan group of gun owners and non-gun owners, 70 percent of gun owners want to help reduce gun injuries and deaths. There are a lot of ways we can combat the cruel epidemic of gun violence, but what we cannot do is nothing.

We must all find the courage to act.

CONGRATULATING IOWA  
BIODIESEL BOARD

(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, I rise today to congratulate Iowa Biodiesel Board on their recognition by the Clean Fuels Alliance America for their contributions to clean energy.

Since the Iowa Biodiesel Board was created in 2007, they have been instrumental in making Iowa the number one biodiesel producing State in the country.

Biofuels are critical in the United States' goal of energy independence. They have created jobs throughout Iowa and the country and reduced overall greenhouse gas emissions.

I am proud to represent a State that recognizes the advantages of biofuels and organizations like the Iowa Biodiesel Board for promoting biodiesel throughout the country.

As we continue pursuing clean energy production, I hope my colleagues will look to Iowa and organizations such as the Iowa Biodiesel Board as an example of an "any-of-the-above" approach.

In order to leave a cleaner, healthier planet for our children and grandchildren, we must enact policies that promote a variety of energy sources where they work best.

I want to congratulate Iowa Biodiesel Board for their commitment toward clean energy and being a recipient of the Clean Fuels Initiative Award.

HONORING ANNIE BROWN  
KENNEDY

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

Ms. MANNING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the late Annie Brown Kennedy, a devoted mother, grandmother, pillar in the Forsyth County legal community, and fierce pioneer for civil rights.

Annie's story is one of many firsts. Annie was one of the first Black women to become a licensed lawyer in the State of North Carolina, the first-ever Black woman lawyer in Forsyth County, and the first Black woman to serve in the North Carolina House of Representatives.

Annie's dedication to the fight for equality under the law made history. Her vision for a more equitable North Carolina drove her success in landmark legal cases, including *Simpkins v. The City of Greensboro*, which desegregated public recreational facilities across the South.

Annie's work moved our Nation forward, while creating a path for the next generation to continue her work. She will be deeply missed by her loving family and the entire community.

May her memory be a blessing to all.

## SCHOOL CHOICE

(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, every student deserves the opportunity to receive an education that empowers them to excel. They are our Nation's future and should have the opportunity to attend a school that best suits them, whether it is public or private, charter or other.

This week is not about placing private education over public school education. Many Americans have access to great public schools, but many do not. School choice increases options available for families and incentivizes improvement of all schools.

Nobody knows what is best for their children more than a parent does, and a student's ZIP Code should not determine their destiny. School choice policies are a great equalizer and increase opportunity for students no matter where they live.

Education savings accounts, like those recently implemented in Iowa, and my colleague ADRIAN SMITH's legislation, the Educational Choice for Children's Act, which provides a tax credit for those who fund scholarship awards for K-12 students, are two examples of policies that will increase opportunity for millions of children across America.

As a Member of Congress, I look forward to supporting such proposals.

SUPPORTING STRIKING WORKERS  
AT THE PITTSBURGH POST-GAZETTE

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

Mr. DELUZIO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the striking workers of the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette who are more than 100 days into their unfair labor practice strike.

CWA and Teamsters members went on strike this fall. They were joined in solidarity by members of the Newspaper Guild of Pittsburgh. Striking workers continue to keep the community informed through their strike publication, the Pittsburgh Union Progress.

A healthy democracy requires a free press, and Western PA is no exception. We need strong, independent journalism. The destruction of small news outlets and consolidation in the industry are big problems for the freedom of the press in our country, including in Western Pennsylvania.

Owners at Block Communications recently acquired the Pittsburgh City Paper, a weekly focused on local issues. The News Guild-CWA has raised concerns about this acquisition and its impact on competition, workers, and journalistic independence. I share those concerns.

While I am glad that a judge found Block Communications broke the law in the Guild's NLRB case, the fight isn't over. I stand in solidarity with the striking workers in Western Pennsylvania and with workers across the country fighting for the dignity that we all deserve.

INTERNATIONAL HOLOCAUST  
REMEMBRANCE DAY

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

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on International Holocaust Remembrance Day to honor the memory of those who were murdered during the Holocaust.

The Holocaust was the systematic, government-sponsored persecution and murder of 6 million Jews by the Nazi regime and its collaborators.

We honor the resilience of survivors, and we rededicate ourselves to uphold the sacred promise of "Never Again."

The events and results of the Holocaust were so devastating and so extreme that we can barely imagine how such a horrendous event could even take place. But we remember because it is an unthinkable scar on humanity. We not only remember but, more importantly, we say "Never Again."

Today, we mourn the lives of those we lost, and we celebrate those who saved them, and we honor those who survived.

We must eradicate hatred and never become indifferent to the suffering of

others. On the day of remembrance, the most important thing to remember is the humanity that exists in all of us.

May we always remember and always pledge "Never Again."

#### WE ARE TEXAS STRONG

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

Ms. GARCIA of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to bring attention to the resilience of residents of Houston, Pasadena, and our neighbors in Deer Park and Baytown that were hit by the tornado earlier this week.

We were hit hard, and it devastated our area, but the people are resilient. The tornado left dozens of families displaced in my district with homes without roofs and surrounded by debris. Thankfully, there were no deaths or serious injuries, and our spirit is not broken.

In this time of recovery, it is important to remember that our communities always come together in time of need.

I thank all the first responders, the workers who helped restore our electricity, the people who picked up the debris, and those who were there immediately to help our neighbors. That is what we are all about, helping each other. We continue to rebuild our communities because we are strong together.

As long as I continue to represent Texas-29, I will ensure that our district is well prepared and has the best available resources and information for recovery.

We are Houston strong. We are Pasadena strong. We are Texas strong.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF LOU MOORE

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

Mr. MIKE GARCIA of California. Mr. Speaker, it is with great sorrow but also with great pride that I rise today to honor the life of one of my constituents, a hero of America's Greatest Generation.

On December 6, 2022, Mr. Lou Moore, a veteran of World War II and a truly valiant warrior who took the fight to the Nazis in Europe, passed just shortly after turning 100 years old.

Today, he is with the Lord. I had the pleasure of presenting Lou with the Congressional Gold Medal last year. While he was a man of small physical stature, his heart, his love of country, and his passion for this beautiful Nation's youth and its veterans were of mammoth proportions.

My friend Lou cherished the marriage he had with his true love, his wife, Nellie. While she passed away slightly before Lou, he always had family in our district in the form of thou-

sands of veterans throughout our area. They loved him dearly.

Lou blessed us with his special gifts of patriotism and honor, and God blessed us with Lou's presence and, now, has brought him home.

We are all grateful for the life of a truly great American, Mr. Lou Moore.

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#### REPUBLICAN ECONOMIC SCHEME HURTS WORKING FAMILIES

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

Ms. BROWN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to urge the extremists in this Chamber to stop playing political chess with the lives of working people and families.

In 2021, 85 percent of Americans over the age of 50 opposed cuts to Social Security and Medicare to reduce the national debt.

Clearly, the economic scheme proposed by the GOP is in direct opposition to the people's will: slashing Social Security and Medicare for the working class while giving tax breaks to the wealthy.

The GOP scheme also proposes a ridiculous 30 percent—yes, 30 percent—national sales tax, a huge setback for working families, increasing the cost of everyday essentials and raising gas prices.

As if that wasn't enough, this scheme is holding the reputation of our Nation hostage to extremist demands for cuts to Social Security and Medicare.

Democrats stand with the people. Dismantling Medicare and Social Security will never be up for debate.

#### STRATEGIC PRODUCTION RESPONSE ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. MEUSER). Pursuant to House Resolution 5 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. 21.

Will the gentleman from California (Mr. MCCLINTOCK) 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. 21) to provide for the development of a plan to increase oil and gas production under oil and gas leases of Federal lands under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of Agriculture, the Secretary of Energy, the Secretary of the Interior, and the Secretary of Defense in conjunction with a drawdown of petroleum reserves from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve, with Mr. MCCLINTOCK (Acting Chair) in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The Acting CHAIR. When the Committee of the Whole rose on Thursday, January 26, 2023, amendment No. 14 printed in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD offered by the gentlewoman from Michigan (Ms. TLAI) had been disposed of.

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Chair, I move to strike the last word.

The Acting CHAIR. The gentleman from New Jersey is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Chair, I yield to the gentlewoman from California (Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE).

Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE. Mr. Chair, today, I rise in opposition to H.R. 21.

Once again, Republicans are selling out the American people to their Big Oil friends. Oil companies are not even using the thousands of permits to drill on public lands that they currently hold, and Republicans want to add another 300 million acres to this oil carnage.

Big Oil rakes in record profits while poisoning the Earth and anyone who lives and works near their oil fields.

The Inglewood Oil Field is in my district and has been toxifying the predominantly Black and Brown communities near it for decades. There is literally oil bubbling up through the sidewalks.

Back in April, more than 1,600 gallons of oil spilled from the field, spewing toxins into the air, and Republicans want more of that everywhere. Not caring if people literally have clean air to breathe doesn't sound very pro-life to me.

This "drill, baby, drill" attitude isn't making the United States any safer or more economically competitive. It is killing Mother Earth and us.

H.R. 21 is derelict to the American people, and I urge my colleagues to protect what is left of our public lands and vote against H.R. 21.

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Chair, I yield back the balance of my time.

AMENDMENT NO. 145 OFFERED BY MR. GRIJALVA

Mr. GRIJALVA. Mr. Chair, I have an amendment at the desk.

The Acting CHAIR. The Clerk will designate the amendment.

The text of the amendment is as follows:

Add at the end the following:

(4) PROTECTED PUBLIC LANDS.—The plan required by paragraph (1) shall not include oil and gas leasing on any protected public lands, including any—

- (A) unit of the National Park System;
- (B) unit of the National Wildlife Refuge System;
- (C) component of the national wild and scenic river system;
- (D) component of the National Wilderness Preservation System;
- (E) designated wilderness study area or other area managed for wilderness characteristics;
- (F) component of the national trails system;
- (G) national conservation area;
- (H) national monument;
- (I) national recreation area;
- (J) inventoried roadless area within the National Forest System;