

House adjourns today it adjourn to meet on Monday, November 13, 2023, when it shall convene at noon for morning-hour debate and 2 p.m. for legislative business.

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

There was no objection.

PERMISSION FOR MEMBER TO BE CONSIDERED AS FIRST SPONSOR OF H.R. 822

Ms. BONAMICI. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that I may hereafter be considered to be the first sponsor of H.R. 822, a bill originally introduced by Representative STEWART of Utah, for the purpose of adding cosponsors and requesting reprintings pursuant to clause 7 of rule XII.

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

There was no objection.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO OFFER RESOLUTION RAISING A QUESTION OF THE PRIVILEGES OF THE HOUSE

Ms. GREENE of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to clause 2(a)(1) of rule IX, I seek recognition to give notice of my intent to raise a question of the privileges of the House.

The form of the resolution is as follows:

Impeaching Alejandro Nicholas Mayorkas, Secretary of Homeland Security, for high crimes and misdemeanors.

Resolved, that Alejandro Nicholas Mayorkas, Secretary of Homeland Security, is impeached for high crimes and misdemeanors, and that the following articles of impeachment be exhibited to the United States Senate.

Articles of impeachment exhibited by the House of Representatives of the United States of America in the name of itself and of the people of the United States of America, against Alejandro Nicholas Mayorkas, Secretary of Homeland Security, in maintenance and support of its impeachment against him for high crimes and misdemeanors.

Rather than adhering to an oath he took to defend and secure our country and uphold the Constitution when he was sworn in as Secretary of Homeland Security, Alejandro Nicholas Mayorkas has engaged in a pattern of conduct that is incompatible with the laws of the United States as follows:

Article II of the Constitution requires that the executive branch, which today includes the Secretary of Homeland Security, ensure the laws passed by Congress and signed into law by the President are faithfully executed.

The Secure Fence Act of 2006 (Public Law 109-367) requires that the Secretary of Homeland Security “maintain operational control over the entire

international land and maritime borders of the United States.”

In his willful admittance of border crossers, terrorists, human traffickers, drugs, and other contraband, Alejandro Nicholas Mayorkas has failed to maintain operational control of the border, thereby violating the Secure Fence Act of 2006.

The Guarantee Clause set forth in Article IV, Section 4 of the Constitution dictates, “The United States shall guarantee to every State in this Union a Republican form of government, and shall protect each of them against invasion; and on application of the legislature, or of the Executive (when the legislature cannot be convened) against domestic violence.”

The Guarantee Clause clearly dictates that the Federal Government has the constitutional duty and obligation to protect each of the States from invasion.

Mr. Speaker, as Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security, Alejandro Mayorkas, has violated his oath to uphold this constitutional duty by allowing the invasion of approximately 10 million illegals across our borders. The ongoing invasion at our southern border is a direct national security threat against the States and against the citizens therein. Secretary Mayorkas has willfully abandoned his duty to secure the border and protect States against invasion, thereby violating Article IV, Section 4 of the Constitution.

To wit, since Mayorkas has headed the Department of Homeland Security, there have been approximately 10 million illegal border crossers who have invaded our country at our border, this is broken down between 8 million encounters and approximately 1.8 million known got-aways who have evaded United States authorities and are roaming the interior of the United States.

At least 280 people on terrorist watch lists caught while attempting to cross the border between ports of entry.

Approximately 400,000 unaccompanied illegal children encountered at the southern border, with at least 85,000 of these children having gone missing.

At least 1,424 deaths of illegals at the southern border.

Approximately 73,000 special interest aliens arrested at our border, which are aliens from a nation that promotes terrorist activities, harbors terrorists, or poses a security threat to the United States. This is the number arrested at the border, not counting however many of the 1.8 million known got-aways are special interest aliens.

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Approximately 659 special interest aliens from Iran;

Approximately 6,386 special interest aliens from Afghanistan;

Approximately 538 special interest aliens from Syria;

Approximately 3,153 special interest aliens from Egypt;

Approximately 12,624 special interest aliens from Uzbekistan;

Approximately 30,830 special interest aliens from Turkiye;

Approximately 1,613 special interest aliens from Pakistan;

Approximately 164 special interest aliens from Lebanon;

Approximately 185 special interest aliens from Jordan;

Approximately 123 special interest aliens from Iraq; and

Approximately 15,594 special interest aliens from Mauritania.

In fiscal year 2021, Customs and Border Patrol, CBP, seized approximately 11,200 pounds of fentanyl. In fiscal year 2022, CBP seized approximately 14,700 pounds of fentanyl. In fiscal year 2023, CBP has seized a record of approximately 27,000 pounds of fentanyl. Over 70,000 Americans died from fentanyl in fiscal year 2022. Fentanyl is now the number one killer of Americans between the ages of 18 and 45. Fentanyl kills approximately 300 Americans a day. This is the amount of fentanyl that has been seized at the border, yet 300 Americans are still being killed by fentanyl poisoning every day. The amount of unseized fentanyl has not even been taken into account.

The Constitution also requires the Secretary of Homeland Security to observe the Immigration and Nationality Act, 8 U.S.C. 1101. This law requires Homeland Security to detain inadmissible aliens arriving in the United States or illegal aliens presently in the United States. Instead, the Department of Homeland Security, under Secretary Mayorkas, has practiced catch-and-release policies, whereby illegals are detained, but then released, without any mechanism to ensure they show up to court for processing.

By terminating contracts for border wall construction, ending the migrant protection protocols, remain in Mexico, unlawfully granting categorical parole, and being complicit in ending title 42, Mayorkas has made it easier for illegal people and drugs to enter the United States, endangering American citizens, and has made it harder for CBP to expel such threats.

Alejandro Nicholas Mayorkas, in his inability to enforce the law, has engaged in a pattern of conduct that is incompatible with his duties as a civil officer of the United States.

Alejandro Nicholas Mayorkas, in his failure to uphold the oath he took, has, by his actions, lost the trust of citizens of the United States to faithfully execute the laws of the United States.

Wherefore, Alejandro Nicholas Mayorkas, thus warrants impeachment and trial, removal from office, and disqualification to hold and enjoy any office of honor, trust, or profit under the United States.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under rule IX, a resolution offered from the floor by a Member other than the majority leader or the minority leader as

a question of the privileges of the House has immediate precedence only at a time designated by the Chair within 2 legislative days after the resolution is properly noticed.

Pending that designation, the form of the resolution noticed by the gentleman from Georgia will appear in the RECORD at this point.

The Chair will not, at this point, determine whether the resolution constitutes a question of privilege. That determination will be made at the time designated for consideration of the resolution.

HONORING THE BRAVE VETERANS OF GUAM

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

Mr. MOYLAN. Mr. Speaker, in honor of Veterans Day on Friday, I rise to recognize the brave men and women who have protected and served our country courageously.

This is an especially significant day for my district, the island of Guam, as it is home to over 15,000 military veterans. We are also proud to hold the highest per capita statistics of enlistment numbers in the Nation.

I pledge to continue pushing for legislation that provides better benefits and services for all our veterans. I will continue honoring their legacy by supporting those who have served and to ensure Guam's defense is strong and resilient as tensions rise in the Indo-Pacific region.

Today and every day we honor veterans and their families for the sacrifices that have made our freedom possible. Their courage, patriotism, and dedication are an inspiration for us all.

May God bless our veterans, and may God bless America.

DEMOCRATS SUPPORT THE AMERICAN PUBLIC

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

Mr. PAYNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to praise the Democratic Party for putting people over politics. Every day House Democrats fight to better the lives of working Americans.

We are ready to support common-sense legislation to keep the government open and to provide vital services to the American people. We continue to bring down inflation and lower costs for food, medicine, and other necessities. We invest in American families with bills to help them with childcare and home energy costs.

We support our friends overseas with bills to provide aid to innocent Palestinian civilians, Ukraine, and Israel, and we work daily to make our country work for all Americans.

We are committed to voting rights for all Americans. We are committed

to reproductive rights for all women, and we want an America with equality for all and prejudice toward none. That is why I am proud to be a Democrat.

HONORING OUR NATION'S VETERANS

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

Mr. CLYDE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor our Nation's veterans.

This Veterans Day we recognize those who have selflessly served our Nation and as well we honor the sacrifices they have made so that we can live in freedom in the greatest country on Earth.

Our veterans, those living and those who have gone before us, represent our Nation's finest heroes. These men and women answered the call of duty to defend our country, preserve our peace, and protect our precious freedoms. Their valor, love of country, and unwavering commitment has ensured all Americans continue to enjoy life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

On Veterans Day and every day may we recognize our Nation's champions of liberty and honor their service by safeguarding our freedoms.

President Ronald Reagan once said: "Veterans know better than anyone else the price of freedom, for they have suffered the scars of war. We can offer them no better tribute than to protect what they have won for us. That is our duty. They have never let America down. We will not let them down."

Madam Speaker, this Veterans Day may God bless our veterans and their families, and may God bless the United States of America.

HONORING THE VIRGIN ISLANDS' BRAVE VETERANS

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

Ms. PLASKETT. Madam Speaker, today I rise in recognition of Veterans Day to honor the brave souls from the Virgin Islands and throughout the Nation for their selfless and valiant service.

In the Virgin Islands, our veterans' spirit of service is a beacon of inspiration. Yet, the very liberties they fight tirelessly for are mirrored by the injustices they confront upon returning home: the inequitable access to healthcare and benefits they deserve. This disparity is more than an oversight. It is an egregious mistreatment of our Nation's heroes and has been a driving force for my relentless advocacy to rectify the wrong.

That is why last year I supported the landmark PACT Act guaranteeing veterans harmed by burn pits or other toxins to receive automatic VA healthcare and benefits. I am proud for the successful advocacy for an amendment re-

quiring the GAO to study the state of access and barriers and benefits to veterans living in the territories.

Madam Speaker, we owe our veterans more than gratitude. We owe them action. It is time to deliver on our promise.

WATER STORAGE PROJECTS IN CALIFORNIA

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

Mr. VALADAO. Madam Speaker, for the first time in over 3 years, California is drought-free.

This year's rainfall has helped to replenish depleted groundwater and reservoirs, but we have missed an opportunity to capture and store more of this valuable resource.

Since October of 2022, over 28 million acre-feet of water has been sent to the ocean, enough surface supply to sustain our agriculture producers for an entire year. We can and must do better so our communities are prepared for both dry and wet years.

Last week, the House passed my bill, the WATER for California Act as part of the Energy and Water appropriations bill.

This bill makes additional funding available for raising Shasta Dam, extends authorization of the successful water storage project program established by the WIIN Act, and codifies the 2019 biological opinions.

These actions aim to provide a clean, reliable water supply to our communities and farmers who grow one-quarter of the country's food.

If California's water problems continue to go unaddressed, the entire Nation's food supply is at risk.

Madam Speaker, I urge the Senate to keep these provisions in the bill and get this bill across the finish line.

ECU PIRATE MARISSA

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

Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, I am thrilled to introduce to the American people Lady Pirate Marissa, Pirate Nation's latest sensation.

She is not just any pirate, mind you, Madam Speaker, she is the first female live pirate mascot at East Carolina University.

Pirate Marissa's presence has helped to enhance the game day experience by helping to pump up the crowd and keeping everyone excited. I believe Pirate Marissa will provide Pirate Steve with all our university needs to win every sword fight.

Pirate Marissa not only makes her daughters, Rachel, Raelyn, and Ryliegh proud; she makes us all proud.

A big shout-out to East Carolina University marketing department. I am