

Acting Chair of the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union, reported that that Committee, having had under consideration the bill (H.R. 5894) making appropriations for the Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, and for other purposes, and, pursuant to House Resolution 864, he reported the bill back to the House with sundry further amendments adopted in the Committee of the Whole.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the rule, the previous question is ordered.

Pursuant to clause 1(c) of rule XIX, further consideration of H.R. 5894 is postponed.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

WASHINGTON, DC,
November 15, 2023.

I hereby designate the period from Wednesday, November 15, 2023, through Monday, November 27, 2023, as a "district work period" under section 3(z) of House Resolution 5.

MIKE JOHNSON,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

□ 1215

REMEMBERING FRANK "SONNY" SEILER

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

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of Frank "Sonny" Seiler.

Sonny died in his hometown of Savannah, Georgia, at the age of 90. He was a great attorney who was best known for being the caretaker and owner of the University of Georgia's beloved mascot, Uga.

Seiler started the Uga tradition when he and his wife Cecelia brought their English bulldog to the season-opening football game in 1956. Ever since then, Seiler and his family continued the tradition by raising a line of bulldog mascots for the football team.

Seiler also served as the lead defense attorney for Jim Williams in a murder case, which served as the centerpiece for the book "Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil."

His contributions to the University of Georgia as a student and alumnus were immeasurable and his loyalty to his alma mater was unmatched.

He was, as we say, "a damn good dog."

Mr. Speaker, Mr. Seiler's legacy will live on forever and his impact will be felt for decades.

LACK OF REPUBLICAN LEADERSHIP

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

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to discuss the Republican lack of support for their leaders. Two months ago, House Democrats saved the country from a devastating government shutdown, and I thank current Speaker Johnson for working with us to avoid another one. I would not feel very confident if I were the current Speaker.

Republicans have a history of rejecting their leadership. They did it to Newt Gingrich. They did it to Speaker John Boehner. They did it to Speaker Paul Ryan. They did it to Speaker KEVIN MCCARTHY. They could do it to Speaker MIKE JOHNSON.

Democrats support our leadership. We work to increase jobs, support families and veterans, protect women's rights, and fight for all Americans. We work together to avoid government shutdowns.

Mr. Speaker, everyone in Congress should have that same commitment to the American people.

BIDENOMICS FAILING FAMILIES

(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. Mr. Speaker, the poor decisions of Biden and far-left Democrats are failing American families and destroying jobs.

According to an October poll, about two-thirds of Americans report rising household expenses. More than 70 percent described the national economy as poor.

A Bankrate survey shows that 50 percent of Americans say their financial situation is worse since Biden became President, as inflation has risen to a 40-year high, in contrast to President Donald Trump who created a record job environment.

Bidenomics is hurting American families. America has 6.5 million people who remain unemployed. Prices have risen 17 percent since Biden took office. Families are paying more than \$700 per month to buy the same exact goods and services they did just 2 years ago, according to the chief economist at Moody's Analytics.

Republicans, led by Speaker MIKE JOHNSON, will continue to fight to reduce inflation and create jobs.

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 Biden open borders creating an imminent attack on American families.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF STATE REPRESENTATIVE EDITH WARREN

(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. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the memory of my former colleague and State representative Edith Warren, who passed away this past weekend at the age of 86.

Miss Edith's journey from a tobacco farm in Edgecombe County led to a remarkable life of achievements and service. She shattered glass ceilings. Miss Edith became the first woman to serve as a full-time principal in the Pitt County school system, the first woman elected as a Pitt County Commissioner, and the first woman to represent North Carolina House District 8.

I had the privilege of working alongside Miss Edith and enjoyed every bit of it, including her delicious cakes.

It was her 14-year tenure in the North Carolina House of Representatives that further solidified her legacy. She was a champion for eastern North Carolina education, and our beloved East Carolina University.

Miss Edith's legacy will live on through her extraordinary contributions.

Mr. Speaker, I extend my deepest condolences to her family.

WISHING BONNIE FAYE HADDOCK JACKSON A HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY

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

Mr. RUTHERFORD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Bonnie Faye Haddock Jackson on the occasion of her upcoming 100th birthday.

Bonnie was born in Kings Ferry, Florida, to Louis and Mattie Henderson Haddock on November 26, 1923. Bonnie spent her life investing in our community.

Bonnie attended Eagle Academy in King's Ferry and Hilliard High School in Hilliard, Florida. She then met the love of her life, Fred Jackson, a U.S. Army officer, who served our Nation during World War II.

Together, Bonnie and Fred raised a family and built a legacy in northeast Florida that is carried on by their 11 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren, and 14 great-great-grandchildren.

A steadfast steward of her faith, Bonnie has been a lifelong member—that is 100 years of membership—at Ephesus Baptist Church in Hilliard.

Her family values and dedication to those around her have earned her a reputation as a meticulous housekeeper, an amazing cook, a talented gardener, and a faithful and devoted matriarch to her growing family.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to have the opportunity to wish Bonnie a very

happy 100th birthday from the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Bonnie and her family for all they do to enrich our northeast Florida community. Her impressive legacy sets an example for all of us to follow.

Mr. Speaker, God bless Bonnie in her 100th year of life.

REPUBLICANS BE THANKFUL

(Mr. CASTEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. CASTEN. Mr. Speaker, next week Americans across the country are going to gather around their dinner tables and share what they are thankful for.

I hope my Republican colleagues will use that moment to reflect on how lucky they are to work with House Democrats.

I hope they are thankful for that time last June when the Republicans were on the verge of driving us into an economic default and Democrats stepped up, helped them out, and provided the votes needed to make sure we didn't default.

I hope they are thankful for the time, 45 days ago, when they were driving us to the edge of an economic shutdown and, once again, Democrats stepped up, helped them out, and made sure we kept the government open for the American people.

I hope they are thankful for that time this week when Democrats, once again, had to be the adults in the room. We didn't throw any punches, but made sure, even though the Republican majority couldn't pass the new Speaker's stop-gap measure, we did, and we kept the government open for a few more weeks.

This Thanksgiving, be thankful. Whatever you do, don't be that crazy uncle who won't stop yapping about Hunter Biden.

RALLY FOR ISRAEL

(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, yesterday I was honored to be able to take part in the rally for Israel on the National Mall.

Indeed, there were so many people seeking peace, sharing their love for mankind with each other, but also underlining the horrific suffering that has happened to the people in Gaza and to the people that have been kidnapped by the evil Hamas. There are hostages still being held there.

We will work and fight for their release, but also for long-term peace. Israel only seeks peace to exist with their neighbors in the Middle East or amidst the Arab world. That is all they want.

To see what is happening, to see the videos, to see the images of what was

done to them on October 7 is horrific and evil. We must continue to stand strong on Israel. At that rally, the march for Israel, we saw that solidarity and we will stay with Israel through thick and thin until this is resolved properly.

God bless the State of Israel and God bless those families that have hostages still being held until we can get to a resolution and find them and get them back to safety.

HONORING LINDA KAY MITROVICH

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

Mr. VARGAS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor Linda Kay Mitrovich, a beloved friend, leader, and mentor.

Linda was born on May 18, 1947, in Whittier, California.

She was a dedicated public servant. She served on the Poway City Council and was deputy mayor from 1986 to 1988.

She committed her life to the betterment of others. She took on many important causes, including environmental protection and Native American sovereignty.

She played a significant role in creating the first wildlife corridor in California, the Coal Canyon Wildlife Reserve, which supported the ecological well-being of over 22 million people in southern California.

Linda also created the first national conference on Native American sovereignty in 2000.

The California State legislature recognized her accomplishments by naming her Woman of the Year in 1988 and in 1991.

Linda's legacy is remembered through her husband and five children. Her memory is cherished by those fortunate enough to have met her.

HONORING THE FLIGHT TO END POLIO

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

Mrs. HINSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor and recognize two outstanding Iowans: John Ockenfels and Peter Teahen.

Between May 5 and July 30, these two lifelong friends embarked on a journey to fly around the world. Taking off from Cedar Rapids in a single-engine plane, John and Peter flew more than 25,000 miles to complete one mission: eradicating polio.

Only 700 pilots have ever flown around the world, and fewer than 300 of them are alive today. I am so proud to say that John and Peter are among their ranks, having accomplished this feat to help save children all over the world.

Iowans are so proud of John and Peter for this accomplishment and for their service to such a worthy cause.

HONORING CHIEF DONALD "DOC" SLYTER

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

Ms. HOYLE of Oregon. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart to honor the memory of Chief Donald "Doc" Slyter, a revered leader of the Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw Indians.

Chief Slyter's life was a testimony to his unwavering commitment to his people and the cherished land he called home.

For 39 years following the Tribe's recognition, Chief Slyter stood as a guardian of their resurgence, nurturing hope for generations to come.

Mr. Speaker, may his spirit and memory leave a legacy of resilience and hope, leaving an indelible mark on the community that he cherished.

During his tenure with the Tribal Council and as chief, he tirelessly advocated for the restoration of lands, water, fish, and wildlife.

Chief Slyter's passing is a profound loss, not only to his family but to all members of the CTCLUSI Tribe, the Oregon community, and beyond.

As we mourn his passing, let us remember his spirit, his commitment to community, his kinship, and his enduring legacy of hope and resilience. My thoughts are with Chief Slyter's family and all those touched by his remarkable life.

Mr. Speaker, may his memory be a blessing.

□ 1230

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL CAREER DEVELOPMENT MONTH

(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 to recognize November as National Career Development Month.

Along with my colleague and co-chair of the Bipartisan Career and Technical Education Caucus, Congresswoman SUZANNE BONAMICI, today we introduced a resolution recognizing November as National Career Development Month.

National Career Development Month marks an important time for our students and workers of all ages to consider and explore future career opportunities. It is also a time to recognize the professionals who guide learners to become the leaders of tomorrow.

Throughout the month, schools and businesses will have the chance to showcase different career paths that align with various interests and skills. These opportunities will better prepare students as they begin to enter the workforce.

National Career Development Month raises awareness of future career opportunities and development programs for all individuals.