

OFAC LICENSURE FOR  
INVESTIGATORS ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the question on suspending the rules and passing the bill (H.R. 6370) to require the Office of Foreign Assets Control to develop a program under which private sector firms may receive a license to conduct nominal financial transactions in furtherance of the firms' investigations, and for other purposes, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. MCHENRY) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, as amended.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

ADJOURNMENT FROM FRIDAY,  
JANUARY 12, 2024, TO TUESDAY,  
JANUARY 16, 2024

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at noon on Tuesday next for morning-hour debate and 2 p.m. for legislative business.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BURLISON). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Pennsylvania?

There was no objection.

PENNSYLVANIA FARM SHOW

(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, over the weekend, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania kicked off one of my favorite events: The Pennsylvania Farm Show.

For more than a century, farmers have gathered each January at the Pennsylvania Farm Show in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

This weeklong event is the largest indoor agricultural exposition in the Nation, showcasing more than 6,000 animals, nearly 12,000 exhibits, and more than half a million visits.

Each year, I host a listening session at the farm show, and we cover a range of topics during the public forum.

This year, I held my listening session on January 6, the same day the farm show kicked off. I was joined by my fellow Pennsylvania Congressman, DAN MEUSER, and Pennsylvania Agriculture Secretary, Russell Redding.

Mr. Speaker, I thank them both for being there as we heard directly from Pennsylvania's farmers and producers.

I have been hosting this listening session as the Representative for Pennsylvania's 15th Congressional District for 14 years. Like every year, I look

forward to hearing directly from the backbone of our Nation, the hard-working men and women of American agriculture.

QUESTIONING REPUBLICAN COMMITMENT TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE

(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 question the Republican commitment to the American people.

They prefer to waste taxpayer dollars attacking hardworking, patriotic American civil servants and fail to address the issues facing our country.

In 7 days, government funding will run out.

Republicans should be working with Democrats to continue funding vital programs to help working Americans. They should be discussing how to protect Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid, how to support our allies of Ukraine and Israel, how to help the Palestinian families caught in the crossfire of the deadly conflict in Gaza, and how to provide the cleanest air and water possible for the American people.

Instead, they are too busy pandering for social media clicks with political stunts and continue to do absolutely nothing to help the American people.

I hope they know the voters are watching, and they will remember their inaction in November.

RECOGNIZING RYAN PASBORG

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

Ms. HAGEMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Ryan Pasborg, a truly remarkable Wyomingite, whose exceptional character and heroic actions left a profound impression on both the community and the State of Wyoming.

The morning of February 2, 2022, began like any other for Ryan as he went about his daily commute to work. During his drive, he began to smell smoke, witnessed flames, and noticed three young children escaping from a burning home.

Ryan immediately stopped, and after speaking with the children, learned that their mother and younger brother were still inside the House. Without hesitation, and at great risk to himself, Ryan rushed into the burning home and managed to rescue both their younger brother and mother for whom he later administered CPR—all while on the phone with 911.

No lives were lost that day due to Ryan's selfless actions and unparalleled courage.

Upon being nominated, he was later rightfully awarded the Carnegie Medal, North America's highest civilian honor for heroism.

While Ryan's extraordinary actions that day will be remembered for generations, the courage, compassion, and integrity he exhibited are simply a part of who he is each and every day.

I urge all my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Ryan Pasborg for his valor and commitment to the safety of his fellow Wyomingites.

□ 1100

HONORING DR. JOHN LOUIS  
FLATEAU

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

Ms. CLARKE of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise on this day to celebrate the extraordinary life of my dear brother and friend, Dr. John Louis Flateau, who was laid to rest this past Wednesday.

Dr. Flateau, a beloved scholar and public servant, dedicated his life to championing justice, equality, public service, and political empowerment.

His contributions spanned politics, education, and advocacy, leaving an indelible mark on Brooklyn, New York City, and New York State.

His legacy extends beyond the policies he championed. It lives on in the lives of many he touched. He was not merely a legislative force. He was a friend, confidant, and political mentor to so many, including both me and my mother, Dr. Una Clarke.

He had a profound impact on the lives of so many, from his tenure as a Medgar Evers College professor to his work in advancing voting rights.

As we reflect on Dr. Flateau's life, let us remember the countless stories of those who found hope and empowerment through his advocacy.

In his absence, we must continue to carry the torch that he lit to ensure that his vision continues to manifest itself.

Though Dr. Flateau may no longer be physically with us, the impact he made will echo on from generation to generation to come.

He is now with the ancestors, and he will be dearly and deeply missed.

HOUSE REPUBLICANS COMMITTED  
TO SECURING BORDER

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

Mr. FULCHER. Mr. Speaker, how many more innocent lives need to be lost before Secretary Mayorkas and President Biden realize that securing our border is more than an immigration issue? It is a fundamental duty we owe to the American people.

Since President Biden took office, over 7 million encounters have taken place on our southern border, and that number continues to climb at an unsettling rate, with roughly 10,000 additional crossings each day.

The United States offers more legal immigration than anywhere in the world. The individuals entering illegally are not all coming with hopes of living out the American Dream. They are helping China bring more than 26,000 pounds of fentanyl across the border. They are trafficking an all-time high number of vulnerable women and children. They are known terrorists on the FBI watch list and more.

U.S. taxpayers are the ones footing the bill to cover emergency care, housing, shelter, and more for these illegal immigrants.

It is imperative the President and Senate pass the Secure the Border Act to fortify the safety of our country and protect our citizens.

#### CELEBRATING 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF CENTRAL AVENUE FARMERS' MARKET

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

Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 20-year anniversary of the Central Avenue Farmers' Market.

The Central Avenue Farmers' Market in Los Angeles is run by Sustainable Economic Enterprises of Los Angeles, SEE-LA, which has been a driving force in advancing regional food sustainability in California's 37th District. SEE-LA works hard to promote regional and local food vendors that offer a variety of fresh fruits, vegetables, juices, eggs, and an assortment of prepared foods.

Back in August, I was fortunate to visit the Central Avenue Farmers' Market after a tour of a local WIC facility. I loved walking through the market and speaking to vendors as they discussed the importance of fresh produce and local business.

The market is open to everyone, accepts CalFresh EBT, and has helped expand access to fresh produce for families on WIC and SNAP.

While House Republicans continue to push for devastating cuts to programs like these, SEE-LA has been a lifeline for so many families in need.

Mr. Speaker, I hope you will join me in celebrating the 20 years of SEE-LA's Central Avenue Farmers' Market.

#### REGARDING THE SALE OF U.S. STEEL

(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 represent many of the people who made the steel that built this country and who still make the steel this country relies on.

We are seeing today, unfortunately, corporate executives, egged on by Wall Street, selling off U.S. Steel to a foreign company.

U.S. Steel has benefited from strong action in this country: tariffs from President Biden and President Trump, the Inflation Reduction Act, defense spending, the infrastructure bill, and more, while chasing the biggest, fattest bid and blowing off the steelworkers whose work made them rich.

Profits matter, don't get me wrong, but other things matter, too: our workers, our jobs, our communities, and this country.

We need an economy that reflects that, that says that hard work matters, not just greed. Let's keep fighting for all that.

#### LET'S NOT BE ENEMIES

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

Ms. BALINT. Mr. Speaker, here we are in a new year, a new opportunity to actually do something for our people back home.

It is discouraging and frankly embarrassing that this has been the least productive Congress in U.S. history. The chaos and dysfunction in this Congress under Republican leadership has caused legislative paralysis and has prevented us from focusing our attention on the critical needs of our constituents.

More than that, the chaos, the fearmongering, and the dehumanizing rhetoric have dragged us ever closer to a crippling cynicism.

We are sent here to act in service of our communities and our constituents. We can't do that when we demonize each other, when we dehumanize each other, when we dehumanize our fellow Americans. We can't do that when we don't treat ourselves with basic human dignity.

This isn't some naive notion. It is reality. The nihilism and cynicism is threatening our democracy. It is eroding our communities. It is killing us.

Let's get back to being spirited political opponents and move away from being enemies.

#### PATHWAY TO RESIDENCY FOR CUBAN NATIONALS

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

Mr. MCGARVEY. Mr. Speaker, my hometown of Louisville is the fastest-growing Cuban community in the entire U.S.

Mr. Speaker, 14,000 Cubans have arrived in our city in just the last 2 years, enriching our social fabric by building families, contributing to our economy, and adding pasteles and cafecito to our menus in the process.

The Cuban Adjustment Act creates a clear pathway to residency for Cuban nationals who immigrate to the United States, but court rulings threaten the ability of Cubans recently issued an I-220A form to remain in the U.S.

This is wrong. It robs Cubans of the rights guaranteed them by the Cuban Adjustment Act. No one should have to live in this legal limbo, including the thousands of individuals who live in my district.

Today, I am sending a letter to DHS Secretary Mayorkas, urging him to correct this situation by granting parole in place status to any Cuban issued an I-220A. I know he is committed to ensuring no one is wrongly or arbitrarily removed from our country, and I will continue to work with him and my colleagues here until this is fixed.

#### PRICE CAPS FOR EPIPENS

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

Mr. FROST. Mr. Speaker, yesterday, I introduced the EPIPEN Act to cap the cost of any two-pack epinephrine auto-injector to \$60 for folks with private health insurance.

A few years ago, I had a life-threatening allergic reaction and had to use an expired EpiPen that I hadn't replaced due to the sky-high cost. If it wasn't for the EMTs, I would have died that night. They can cost more than \$650, even after insurance.

I am not alone. I heard from an American who can't afford to purchase enough EpiPens so that way her kid can have one in all the places they need it: their backpack, the school nurse, at daycare, at home, and in the car.

I heard from an American who keeps four expired EpiPens in the hopes that they will have enough active medication to save his life one day.

I heard from an American who hasn't filled a prescription in the past decade despite having severe allergies. She works in the medical field.

Folks, it is plain and simple: It doesn't have to be this way. We need Congress to step in, look out for working families, and cap these prices for lifesaving medications.

#### HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF COACH JIM HLAFFKA

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

Ms. BUDZINSKI. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Bunker Hill basketball Coach Jim Hlaffka, who passed away last month at 90 years old.

The love and respect Coach Hlaffka had for his players and the game was truly immeasurable. Under his leadership from 1959 to 2002, Bunker Hill teams had a record of 754-347.

During that time, he not only coached the Minutemen to six regional championship wins, but he also made lifelong impressions on countless young people.