

I am proud to have spearheaded the House version of this important legislation, which will ensure that the victims of these attacks can witness as the architect of this atrocity faces the full weight of the American justice system.

Let this case serve as an unwavering warning to our enemies around the world: If you harm Americans, if you dare to strike at the heart of America, know this—there will be no refuge and no corner of the Earth where you can hide. You will find no peace.

I urge all Members to support this bill.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong support of S. 3250, a bill to ensure that the victims and families of the victims of the 1988 bombing of Pan Am 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland, have remote access to the court proceedings that will finally bring one of the perpetrators of this terrorist attack to justice.

Mr. Speaker, on December 21, 1988, Pan Am Flight 103 took off from London Heathrow Airport en route across the Atlantic to New York's Kennedy Airport.

Thirty-eight minutes after it took off, while flying high above Lockerbie, Scotland, a bomb set off by a Libyan terrorist exploded, destroying the plane instantaneously and taking the lives of all of its passengers, as well as the lives of 11 residents of Lockerbie, who were killed by falling debris—270 people from 21 different countries, including 190 Americans, were killed in this deadly attack.

For more than three decades, law enforcement officials in the United States and around the world have worked relentlessly to see that everyone responsible for the bombing is held accountable.

Thanks to their hard work, one of the terrorists behind the attack will soon face trial for his actions in Federal district court. Because the victims and their families are scattered in more than a dozen countries throughout the world, and many have reached an advanced age that makes travel very difficult, it is nearly impossible to ensure these victims and family members have meaningful access to the court proceedings without some sort of remote audio or visual option.

Unfortunately, the district court where the trial would take place has determined that it does not have the authority to permit such remote access—in other words, cameras in the courtroom, or at least live streaming.

This legislation, therefore, would provide statutory authority and instruction to the district court in this case to order and ensure that remote video and telephonic access to the trial proceedings be made available to the victims.

Now, that is not too much to ask for the victims of the Lockerbie tragedy.

It is also not too much to ask on behalf of the American people who need and want to view the proceedings in U.S. v. Trump who can't get to Washington, D.C., to see it, but they would love to view it and hear it in live time, in real time.

Although the Lockerbie bombing occurred many years ago, the wounds are still fresh for the grieving families left behind. This legislation would help provide some level of comfort so that they can observe one of those responsible for this deadly attack being brought to justice.

I thank Senators CORNYN and GILLIBRAND for their efforts in bringing this important bipartisan legislation forward. I also thank my good friend, Representative VAN DREW, Ranking Member NADLER, and Representative CHRIS SMITH for leading this legislation in the House.

I urge all Members to support it.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. VAN DREW. Mr. Speaker, I have no further speakers. I am prepared to close, and I reserve the balance of my time.

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Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, the author of this legislation and I don't agree on much. We fight like cats and dogs, with me being the dog, but on this, we agree.

Mr. Speaker, I strongly urge my colleagues to support this bipartisan legislation, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. VAN DREW. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself the balance of my time.

Mr. Speaker, the bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 remains one of the deadliest terrorist attacks on American civilians in America's history. Now, 35 years later, we are on the verge of finally—finally—holding those responsible individuals accountable.

Let that be a symbol of America's unending pursuit of justice against those who would choose to do our country and our citizens harm.

I thank the families of the victims of this attack for their involvement with this bill and their tireless work in achieving justice for their loved ones.

I thank the bipartisan coalition both in the Senate and here in the House that helped this bill move rapidly to the President's desk.

I thank my good friend from Georgia for his support, and I thank Ranking Member NADLER. He is an important guy, and I certainly should thank him, as well. We appreciate his support and appreciate Ranking Member NADLER as well as, of course, the chairman of the Judiciary Committee, JIM JORDAN.

Mr. Speaker, once again, I urge all of my colleagues to vote "yes" on this important bill, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. VAN DREW) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, S. 3250.

The question was taken.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the ayes have it.

Mr. VAN DREW. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

HONORING GOLD MEDAL RECIPIENT AND GREAT AMERICAN LANCE CORPORAL JOSEPH BARNA

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

Mr. MEUSER. Mr. Speaker, I was reminded recently by my very good friend and great American, Tiffany Cloud, of another great American from my district, an avid writer and Marine Corps veteran, Lance Corporal Joseph Barna, whom I was pleased to meet several years ago.

Joe recently won a national gold medal for his essay "Our Life Is About Memories" in the prestigious 2023 Veterans Administration creative arts contest. This impressive feat marks his fourth national gold medal in this highly competitive veteran writing contest.

Joe Barna served our country with honor during the Korean war with the 1st Marine Division, 1st Regiment, 1st Battalion, Baker Company, Anti-Assault Platoon.

He writes essays, and he wrote a book, "God Makes Angels and Navy Corpsmen: A Korean War Veteran's Memories of the War and Life."

Joe also uses his writing talents to actively promote veteran causes throughout our community. He is all about America, and he is all about veterans.

Mr. Speaker, today on the House floor, I am not only honored to recognize Lance Corporal Joseph Barna, but I strongly encourage all Americans to read the essay "Our Life Is About Memories." It is sad, heartwarming, patriotic, and written by a great American.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Mr. Barna for his service.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. MEUSER. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 5 o'clock and 48 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Wednesday, January 17, 2024, at 10 a.m. for morning-hour debate.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

EC-2926. A letter from the Director, Office of Workers' Compensation Programs, Department of Labor, transmitting the Department's Annual Report to Congress on the fiscal year 2022 operations of the Office of Workers' Compensation Programs, pursuant to 33 U.S.C. 942; Mar. 4, 1927, ch. 509, Sec. 42 (as amended by Public Law 104-66, Sec. 1102(b)(1)); (109 Stat. 722) and 30 U.S.C. 936(b); Public Law 91-173, Sec. 426(b) (as amended by Public Law 107-275, Sec. 2(b)(4)); (116 Stat. 1926); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

EC-2927. A letter from the Regulations Coordinator, Office of Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule — Action to Delay Effective Date Consistent With Congressionally Enacted Moratorium (RIN: 0936-AA14) received January 10, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-2928. A letter from the President, transmitting a report on strikes against facilities to deter, degrade, and disrupt the ability of the Houthi militants to carry out future attacks against the United States and vessels operating in the Red Sea region, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1543(c); Public Law 93-148, Sec. 4(c); (87 Stat. 556) (H. Doc. No. 118—99); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. SMITH of Missouri: Committee on Ways and Means. H.R. 3058. A bill to amend parts B and E of title IV of the Social Security Act to improve foster and adoptive parent recruitment and retention, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 118-347). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. SMITH of Missouri: Committee on Ways and Means. H.R. 5863. A bill to provide tax relief with respect to certain Federal disasters; with an amendment (Rept. 118-348). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. SMITH of Missouri: Committee on Ways and Means. H.R. 6918. A bill to prohibit the Secretary of Health and Human Services from restricting funding for pregnancy centers; with an amendment (Rept. 118-349). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions of the following titles were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mrs. KIM of California (for herself, Mr. LAMALFA, and Mr. TIFFANY):

H.R. 6994. A bill to require the reopening of covered recreation sites closed due to a natural disaster, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Agriculture, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. BIGGS (for himself, Mr. OGLES, Mr. ROSENDALE, Mr. CRANE, Mr. BURLISON, Mr. NORMAN, and Mr. CLYDE):

H.R. 6995. A bill making continuing appropriations for the Armed Forces and certain

Federal civilian personnel in the event of a Government shutdown during fiscal year 2024, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. GOLDEN of Maine (for himself and Mr. FITZPATRICK):

H.R. 6996. A bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to require broadcasting stations, providers of cable and satellite television, and online platforms to make reasonable efforts to ensure that political advertisements are not purchased by a foreign national; to the Committee on House Administration.

By Mr. LALOTA (for himself and Mr. PAPPAS):

H.R. 6997. A bill to establish an advisory group to encourage and foster collaborative efforts among individuals and entities engaged in disaster recovery relating to debris removal, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

By Mr. MANN:

H.R. 6998. A bill to ensure equal treatment for certain faith-based organizations in certain Small Business Administration programs; to the Committee on Small Business.

By Mr. MEUSER:

H.R. 6999. A bill to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to require reports about the prosecution of certain offenses for recipients of Byrne grants, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. STEIL:

H.R. 7000. A bill to amend the Consumer Financial Protection Act of 2010 to clarify the authority of the Bureau of Consumer Financial Protection with respect to persons regulated by a State insurance regulator, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. TIFFANY:

H.R. 7001. A bill to require the Secretary of Agriculture to convey certain National Forest System land in the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest to Tony's Wabeno Redi-Mix, LLC, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture.

By Ms. TENNEY (for herself, Mr. MEUSER, Mr. HILL, Ms. STEVENS, Mr. RYAN, Ms. TITUS, Mr. LANGWORTHY, Mr. D'ESPOSITO, Mr. LAWLER, Mr. MORELLE, Ms. MALLIOTAKIS, Mr. MCGARVEY, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Mr. MCCAUL, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. COSTA, Mr. WALTZ, Mr. GOLDMAN of New York, Mr. WILLIAMS of New York, Mr. GARBARINO, Mr. MOLINARO, Mr. TONY GONZALES of Texas, Mr. NUNN of Iowa, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. NEWHOUSE, and Mr. STAUBER):

H. Res. 965. A resolution calling for the immediate release of Ryan Corbett, a United States citizen, who was wrongfully detained by the Taliban on August 10, 2022, and condemning the wrongful detention of Americans by the Taliban; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Ms. LOIS FRANKEL of Florida (for herself, Mr. DIAZ-BALART, Ms. MANNING, Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia, Ms. ADAMS, Mr. ADERHOLT, Mr. ARMSTRONG, Mr. AUCHINCLOSS, Mr. BACON, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Ms. BONAMICI, Mr. BOYLE of Pennsylvania, Ms. BROWNLEY, Mr. BUCSHON, Mr. CAREY, Mr. CARL, Ms. CASTOR of Florida, Mrs. CHERFILUS-McCORMICK, Mr. CISCOMANI, Mr. CLINE, Mr. COLE, Mr. COSTA, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. D'ESPOSITO, Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania, Mr. DOGGETT, Mr. DONALDS, Mr. DUARTE, Mr. DUNN of Florida, Mr. EVANS, Mr. FEENSTRA, Mr. FINSTAD, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. FLEISCHMANN, Mr.

SCOTT FRANKLIN of Florida, Mr. FROST, Mr. FRY, Mr. GALLAGHER, Mr. GALLEGO, Mr. GARBARINO, Ms. SCANLON, Mr. GOLDMAN of New York, Mrs. GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN, Mr. GOTTHEIMER, Ms. GRANGER, Mr. GRAVES of Louisiana, Mr. HARRIS, Mrs. HARSHBARGER, Mrs. HINSON, Ms. NORTON, Ms. HOULAHAN, Mr. JOYCE of Ohio, Mr. KEAN of New Jersey, Mr. KEATING, Mrs. KIM of California, Ms. KUSTER, Mr. KUSTOFF, Mr. LAMALFA, Mr. LAMBORN, Mr. LANDSMAN, Mr. LANGWORTHY, Mr. LARSON of Connecticut, Mr. LATURNER, Mr. LAWLER, Ms. LEE of California, Ms. LETLOW, Mr. LIEU, Mrs. LUNA, Ms. MACE, Mr. MAGAZINER, Ms. MALLIOTAKIS, Mr. MAST, Mrs. MCBATH, Mr. MCCAUL, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Mr. MCCORMICK, Mr. MCGOVERN, Ms. MENG, Mrs. MILLER of West Virginia, Mr. MILLER of Ohio, Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS, Mr. MOORE of Utah, Mr. MOSKOWITZ, Mr. NADLER, Mr. NICKEL, Mr. NORCROSS, Mr. NUNN of Iowa, Mr. PALLONE, Mr. PANETTA, Mr. PAPPAS, Mr. PASCRELL, Mr. PETERS, Ms. PINGREE, Ms. PORTER, Mr. RASKIN, Mr. RUTHERFORD, Mr. RYAN, Ms. SALAZAR, Ms. SALINAS, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. SCHNEIDER, Ms. SCHRIER, Mr. SELF, Mr. SHERMAN, Ms. SHERRILL, Ms. SLOTKIN, Mr. SOTO, Mrs. SPARTZ, Mr. STANTON, Ms. STEFANK, Mr. STEUBE, Ms. STEVENS, Mr. TAKANO, Ms. TENNEY, Mr. THANEDAR, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Ms. TITUS, Ms. TOKUDA, Mrs. TORRES of California, Mr. TORRES of New York, Mrs. TRAHAN, Mr. TRONE, Mr. VAN DREW, Ms. VAN DUYN, Mr. WALBERG, Mr. WALTZ, Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Ms. WILD, Ms. WILLIAMS of Georgia, Ms. WILSON of Florida, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. YAKYM, Mr. FOSTER, Mrs. DINGELL, Ms. MATSUI, Ms. DEGETTE, Mrs. FLETCHER, Mr. WILLIAMS of New York, Ms. ESCOBAR, Mr. ALFORD, Ms. LEE of Nevada, Mr. KILMER, Mr. MILLS, Ms. BROWN, Mr. PHILLIPS, Mr. IVEY, Mrs. SYKES, Mr. CALVERT, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, and Mr. COHEN):

H. Res. 966. A resolution condemning rape and sexual violence committed by Hamas in its war against Israel; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mrs. LUNA (for herself, Ms. JACOBS, Mr. CLEAVER, Ms. TLAI, Mr. VARGAS, Mr. PHILLIPS, Mr. LIEU, Ms. UNDERWOOD, Mr. MULLIN, Mr. TAKANO, Mrs. CHAVEZ-DEREMER, Mr. KILMER, Mrs. MILLER of Illinois, Ms. TOKUDA, Ms. CHU, Mr. MOULTON, Mr. DAVIS of Illinois, Mr. GAETZ, Mr. MOSKOWITZ, Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. JACKSON of Illinois, and Mr. EVANS):

H. Res. 967. A resolution amending the Rules of the House of Representatives to permit Members to vote by proxy in certain cases, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Rules.

By Ms. NORTON:

H. Res. 968. A resolution calling on Congress to condemn voter suppression laws enacted by States and political subdivisions; to the Committee on the Judiciary.