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

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to cast my vote for Roll Call Nos. 105 and 106. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall Vote No. 105, H.R. 6655 and "yea" on rollcall Vote No. 106, S. 2051.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Ms. TITUS. Mr. Speaker, I was absent from the floor and the rollcall votes for the Motions to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 6655 and S. 2051. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall 105, H.R. 6655; and "yea" on rollcall 106, S. 2051.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfinished business is the question on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal, which the Chair will put de novo.

The question is on the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PERMISSION FOR MEMBER TO BE CONSIDERED AS FIRST SPONSOR OF H.R. 4006

Mr. PFLUGER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that I may hereafter be considered to be the first sponsor of H.R. 4006, a bill originally introduced by Representative JOHNSON of Ohio, 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 Texas?

There was no objection.

AUTHORIZING THE SPEAKER TO DECLARE A RECESS ON THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 2024, FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING IN JOINT MEETING HIS EXCELLENCY FUMIO KISHIDA, PRIME MINISTER OF JAPAN

Mr. PFLUGER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that it may be in order at any time on Thursday, April 11, 2024, for the Speaker to declare a recess, subject to the call of the Chair, for the purpose of receiving in joint meeting His Excellency Fumio Kishida, Prime Minister of Japan.

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

There was no objection.

MOMENT OF SILENCE HONORING JENNA NEWCOMB, JAY LARSON, ROMONA SCHUBBACH, AND JACOB SCHUBBACH

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

Mr. SORENSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today along with my colleagues from across the Illinois delegation to pay tribute to the victims that were killed and injured in the Rockford stabbing spree on March 27.

On that dark day for our city, we lost 15-year-old Jenna Newcomb, a student from East High School who shielded her sister and others from the attacker.

We lost 49-year-old Jay Larson, a 25-year veteran of the United States Postal Service and member of the Illinois Letter Carriers who was out delivering the mail to his neighbors.

We remember 63-year-old Romona Schubbach, a mother, a grandmother; and her 23-year-old son, Jacob Schubbach.

Together, we grieve for the loss of our loved ones.

As a native Rockfordian, I have faith that we will not let this tragedy define us. As we work to make sense of what happened, we must continue to tell the story of who we are and what we stand for.

Today, we lead with love, compassion, and kindness. As neighbors, we weather every awful storm, looking for the sunlight to tell us that it is over.

I appreciate my colleagues standing with me today on the floor of the House to remember those we lost in tragedy. I thank all of the Members of this entire body who share their thoughts, prayers, and are keeping Rockford in their hearts during this difficult time.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House to join me in a moment of silence to remember the victims of the Rockford, Illinois, stabbing spree.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. MORAN). The House will stand in a moment of silence.

BORROWER DEFENSE RULE

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

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to report to the House that Article III courts have once again protected the American people from extreme executive overreach.

I am talking, of course, about the President's so-called borrower defense rule. On Friday, the Fifth U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals stopped the regulation in its tracks for now.

This key decision gives strong reason to believe that the borrower defense scheme will be permanently scuttled.

Writing for the court, Judge Edith Jones said: ". . . we assess a strong

likelihood that the plaintiffs will succeed on the merits in demonstrating the Rule's numerous statutory and regulatory shortcomings."

This is a grand slam for taxpayers and for every American who never stepped foot on a college campus yet have been forced to pay for others' student debt.

God bless our Republican system of checks and balances.

IN RECOGNITION OF NORTH CAROLINA STATE MEN'S AND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAMS

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

Ms. ROSS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to highlight the extraordinary achievements of the NC State men's and women's basketball teams, which had amazing runs through this year's NCAA championships.

For the first time in NC State's history, both teams made it to the Final Four in the same year. The underdogs of the season, the men's team shocked the Nation when they beat top-seeded UNC to win the ACC Tournament, claiming the title for the first time since Jimmy V was the coach in 1987.

They continued to defy the odds by beating Duke and making it to the Final Four.

The three-peat ACC champions, the women's team, also made the Wolfpack community exceptionally proud, starting the season unranked and making it to the Final Four with an incredible final game against South Carolina.

I congratulate both teams on their fantastic season.

Go, Pack.

GOLD STAR SPOUSES 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 to recognize Gold Star Spouses Day.

On April 5, we honored the spouses of military servicemembers who died while defending our freedom and serving our country. This day offers remembrance for the spouses while also acting as a time of recognition for their sacrifices.

As an Army dad, I am blessed my son has returned home from his deployments. I am aware that this is not the case for all families, and we must take the time to remember, respect, and honor the spouses of our fallen servicemembers.

Gold Star Spouses Day brings awareness of the sacrifices and the grief these spouses have faced in the name of our country.

Mr. Speaker, let us all take a moment to remember that our freedom is not free. Gold Star families have lost a loved one in the name of protecting our

freedom, and they deserve our gratitude today and every day.

CRISIS AT THE BORDER

(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, every day, more than 200 Americans lose their lives due to fentanyl drug overdose.

The overdose rate among the American population has reached an unprecedented high. The truth is that, last year, United States Customs and Border Protection personnel seized 51.4 million fentanyl pills at the Tucson sector alone.

Unfortunately, fentanyl pills and counterfeit drugs still manage to make their way into American communities. During my recent visit to Nogales, Arizona, it was made clear that we urgently need more scanning technology, bandwidth, and personnel.

Congress must take immediate action to stop the flow of deadly fentanyl that includes securing the border and passing the MAP Act.

SUPPORT FOR TAIWAN

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

Mrs. KIM of California. Mr. Speaker, this week marks 45 years of the Taiwan Relations Act, which has strengthened our partnership with our friends in Taiwan and shaped U.S. foreign policy in the Indo-Pacific.

Taiwan is a trusted partner in freedom, democracy, trade, security, and global health.

As chairwoman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee's Subcommittee on Indo-Pacific, I have been working to ensure the United States supports Taiwan. I led the Taiwan WHO Act to support Taiwan's participation in the World Health Organization and the World Health Assembly, and the Taiwan Nondiscrimination Act to give Taiwan a seat at the table in the International Monetary Fund.

I also led the Arms Exports Delivery Solutions Act, which became law through the NDAA, to track and ensure delivery of backlogged arms sales to Taiwan.

Our partnership with Taiwan is more important than ever.

ARIZONA'S ABORTION BAN

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

Mr. STANTON. Mr. Speaker, on behalf of all Arizonans, tonight, I am angry.

Today, the Arizona Supreme Court upheld an 1864 law, passed before Ari-

zona was a State, before women could even vote, that bans abortion at every stage of pregnancy without exceptions for rape or incest. It puts women's lives at risk.

Recently, a constituent of mine shared a story of her close friend. She went into preterm labor at just 20 weeks, and her doctors had devastating news. Her baby wasn't viable. However, under Arizona's draconian abortion laws, she was told she would have to wait until her baby's heart stopped or she became seriously infected before her medical team would be allowed to intervene. She was in pain and scared, scared she could suffer future infertility or even die.

This is the devastating reality of a post-Roe America, politicians deciding who can receive healthcare and when, not families and their doctors. Additionally, extremists in this Congress continue to block a vote on the Women's Health Protection Act, which would restore the Federal right to an abortion.

It is unforgivable, and Arizonans will remember in November.

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THE WASHINGTON TIMES COURAGEOUSLY STANDS FOR TRUTH

(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, incredibly, March 22 The Washington Times lead front-page article by Ben Wolfgang was a remarkable journalistic achievement. It correctly warned of the ISIS-K terrorist attack on Russia, which gruesomely was correct that night with the murderous attack on the Moscow Crocus City Hall, killing over 140 innocent civilians.

At a time of fake news and blatantly biased reporting by mainstream media, it is refreshing to know The Washington Times courageously stands for truth.

The Washington Times President Christopher Dolan has launched the Threat Status newsletter with national security editor Guy Taylor to provide daily email updates.

The March 22 article specifically cited an imminent terrorist attack in Russia, which war criminal Putin that day should have tried to prevent instead of his obsession with mass murder of Ukrainians.

With Biden open borders and the warnings by the FBI, American families are sadly at a greater risk of attack today than ever. In the event of attacks to disrupt elections, all voting should be election day in person while accepting military absentee ballots.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Coach Dawn Staley and the USC Gamecocks.

SOLAR ECLIPSE TOURISM IN NORTHWEST OHIO

(Ms. KAPTUR asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, yesterday, I viewed the total solar eclipse surrounded by thousands of children, teachers, and families at Imagination Station in Toledo, Ohio.

So many traveled from near and far to witness this phenomenon together. New generations of astronauts and scientists were inspired to think about how our solar system and its qualities impact our way of life.

The science and mysteries of the cosmos, Sun, Moon, and the stars above remain new horizons for humankind.

As a lifelong resident of the Buckeye State, I know Ohio is recognized as the State of Flight and from courageous heroes like the Wright Brothers to astronauts John Glenn and Neil Armstrong.

Our State has a proud tradition of breaking barriers from soaring into flight, taking the first steps on the Moon, and launching toward the stars above.

Yesterday, a new generation of Ohioans got a chance to take in the wonders and see a phenomenon, something we will not witness again until 2044. Maybe the next John Glenn or Sally Ride was amongst us yesterday dreaming of the day they will change the course of space travel and human history.

CALLING FOR THE RELEASE OF ISRAELI HOSTAGES HELD BY HAMAS

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

Ms. MALOY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to lend my voice to the chorus of voices calling for the release of the hostages taken in Israel by Hamas terrorists on October 7.

Last week, I was in Israel, and I had the opportunity to hear from the parents of a young American who is being held hostage, Hersh Goldberg. His incredible parents, Jon and Rachel, with incredible poise and patience articulated to us what it is like to wake up for 180 days and know their son is being held hostage in a tunnel with no Red Cross access. They know he is missing an arm. They have had no medical updates, and now it has been 185 days.

Mr. Speaker, I will take this opportunity to join all freedom-loving people in the world in calling to bring them home. Let's not make it 186 or more days. The hostages need to be released. They need to be home with their families.

RECOGNIZING THE WINNERS OF THE FOURTH ANNUAL SIXTH DISTRICT CONGRESSIONAL ART COMPETITION

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