

Again, I will ask, how many more murders of Americans, whether it be by stabbing, drunk driving, shooting, or fentanyl, will it take before the President reverses his dangerous policies at our southern border or the Senate takes up our legislation, H.R. 2, the Border Security Act, which would require him to take action at the border?

Giving the President a little more discretion, as the Senate has suggested, is not going to resolve the issue because the President is not using the discretion he currently has. We need to require him to take these actions to reinstate the commonsense policies of the previous administration that were working and stop this President from giving parole to individuals who are dangerous gang members wreaking havoc in cities like mine in New York.

DOOMSDAY CLOCK IS TICKING

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California (Mr. KHANNA) for 5 minutes.

Mr. KHANNA. Mr. Speaker, the Doomsday Clock is set at 90 seconds to midnight, the closest it has ever been. We should heed its warning.

We are inching dangerously close to nuclear war and must do everything we can to reduce the risk of nuclear catastrophe. Russia has threatened to use tactical nuclear weapons in Ukraine. Iran is closer to developing the nuclear bomb. North Korea is increasing its nuclear arsenal. The risks of miscalculation and rapid escalation are exacerbating these threats.

The nuclear arms race needs to stop. We can and must turn back the Doomsday Clock. We need to work with Russia and China to collectively reduce our stockpiles, increase transparency, reduce the risk of miscalculation, and avoid a dangerous arms race. Nuclear negotiation has always been part of the United States' history, and we must do that again.

First, let's revive a version of the Anti-Ballistic Missile Treaty that Richard Nixon negotiated to cap the arms race by limiting homeland missile defenses. This will reduce pressure on the United States, China, and Russia to build more nuclear weapons. Unfortunately, President George W. Bush withdrew from the treaty in 2002. We need to negotiate to reenter.

Second, we must reenter the Treaty on Open Skies that was first proposed under Dwight Eisenhower and signed by President George H.W. Bush. Open Skies authorizes treaty parties, including the United States, to conduct unarmed flights that provide opportunities to monitor others' nuclear capabilities. Donald Trump withdrew from this treaty in 2020 that Republican Presidents had negotiated. We need to get back in.

Third, we should restore the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces Treaty and expand it to include China. This was Ronald Reagan and Mikhail Gorbachev's achievement, yet Donald

Trump withdrew from this treaty in 2019. We need to get back in.

Fourth, we need to resume implementation of the New START Treaty negotiated under President Barack Obama to limit the number of deployed strategic nuclear warheads. Putin suspended New START in 2023, ripping up the last remaining nuclear treaty with the United States. He did this because of our support of Ukraine. We need to pass funding for Ukraine to defend its sovereignty, end the war justly, and renegotiate New START with Russia and China.

Lastly, we must negotiate with Russia to agree that both of our countries will adopt a no-first-use policy. We would be joining China and India, which already have this posture, unlike Russia and the United States. Adopting a no-first-use policy only if Russia agrees as well would clarify that our nuclear weapons are for deterrence and avoid unintentionally escalating a crisis.

Maintaining the nuclear triad as a deterrent should not bankrupt us. We must cut the costs of modernization that are excessive and going to defense contractor lobbyists. The Air Force's new Sentinel ICBM program is already 37 percent over budget, costing taxpayers \$132 billion. That is money that could be going to feed our kids in school, to help pay for college or vocational education, or to pay for childcare.

I call on my colleagues in Washington to help avoid a global catastrophe and a nuclear arms race, to look to previous Presidents like Eisenhower, Reagan, Bush, Obama, and Clinton and negotiator-statesmen to reduce the risk of nuclear war.

We must stop this arms race. We must take our weapons off hair-trigger alert. We must spend our tax dollars here at home, where Americans most need it. We must ensure diplomacy prevails, not nuclear war.

As Presidents Reagan and Gorbachev said: "A nuclear war cannot be won and must never be fought."

COMMENDING COLONEL TREVOR HOUGH

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. NORMAN) for 5 minutes.

Mr. NORMAN. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to recognize and commend the exemplary bravery and selfless intervention of Colonel Trevor Hough.

On Thursday, June 1, 2023, in Black Mountain, North Carolina, a pursuit unfolded involving a suspect for a series of bank robberies. The situation then escalated, as the suspect crashed on Interstate 240 after driving on the wrong side of the road, ending a high-speed pursuit. The immediate and fearless actions of Colonel Hough began after the crash when the suspect attempted to hijack an elderly woman's vehicle on the interstate as she was stopped by the traffic.

Colonel Hough, a dedicated United States Army veteran with an impressive nearly 30-year service record, stepped in. Without hesitation, Colonel Hough ran toward the unfolding danger to intervene and protect the innocent victim of the carjacking.

As the suspect attempted to steal the car, Colonel Hough managed to pull the suspect from the vehicle while two other veterans put the victim's car in park and tended to the victim herself.

With incredible bravery, Colonel Hough overpowered and immobilized the suspect on the ground. Together with the two other veterans, they restrained the suspect until law enforcement arrived.

Colonel Hough's military training proved invaluable in this critical moment. His quick thinking and decisive actions not only prevented a potential tragedy but also ensured the safety of others while on the interstate.

Colonel Hough's heroism did not end there. He remained vigilant, assessed the situation, and displayed remarkable composure in the face of potential danger to himself.

In recounting the incident, Colonel Hough shared that he noticed the suspect reaching behind his back, suggesting he may have had a weapon. Understanding the gravity of the situation, Colonel Hough acted with unwavering resolve, maintaining control until law enforcement could take over.

It is with great admiration and gratitude that we acknowledge the exemplary bravery of Colonel Trevor Hough. His selfless actions exemplify the highest ideals of duty, honor, and service to others.

This Nation is indebted to individuals like Colonel Hough, whose commitment to the well-being of his fellow citizens reflects the strength and character that make America great.

I extend my sincere appreciation to Colonel Hough and all those who stand ready to act in the face of danger, embodying the spirit of service that defines the American people.

May this congressional recognition serve as a testament to the courage and the selflessness exhibited by Colonel Trevor Hough. We thank him for his service. We pray that his continued health and commitment to this country will endure, as it definitely will.

CONGRATULATING REVEREND DR. DONALD RIBEIRO

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. DAVIS) for 5 minutes.

Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Reverend Dr. Donald Ribeiro from Ormondsville, North Carolina, on his well-earned retirement.

Reverend Ribeiro, with his wife, Karen, has fiercely led as pastor of Ormondsville Original Free Will Baptist Church. For more than 40 years, Dr. Ribeiro has kept his promise to

God to give back to the community, and I know he will continue to serve even in his retirement.

For every call Dr. Ribeiro has taken, for every person he has counseled, just trying to help them get through the difficult times in life, for every person he has reached out to to bring them closer to God, we are grateful. His dedication to saving lives, both physically and spiritually, has touched many families in eastern North Carolina and around the world.

Indeed, life is about relationships, and the most important relationship, as Dr. Ribeiro reminds us, is with the Lord.

RECOGNIZING DR. JACK BAGWELL

Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Dr. Jack Bagwell, who was named North Carolina State Board of Community Colleges President of the Year.

Over his past 5 years as president of the College of Albermarle, Dr. Bagwell has prioritized fostering deep connections and community among students and faculty alike.

Dr. Bagwell received this award for his exceptional leadership qualities, steadfast commitment to the community college mission, and achievements in furthering higher education within North Carolina.

Mr. Speaker, we are extremely proud of Dr. Bagwell's accomplishments. I couldn't be more thrilled, and it is fantastic to see others across the State are taking notice.

Congratulations to Dr. Bagwell for making northeastern North Carolina extremely proud.

RECOGNIZING ZAMAREYA JONES

Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize North Carolina Player of the Year, Zam Jones, who is living proof that you can never underestimate the power of eastern North Carolina.

Jones is one of only four North Carolina players to make the ESPN Top 60 and is ranked number 17 in the country.

Five-star guard Zam Jones will play college basketball in the ACC at North Carolina State University.

Jones led North Pitt High School to victory in the 2024 North Carolina High School Athletic Association 2A Women's Basketball Championship.

Recently, she helped the East clinch a tight victory over the West in the McDonald's All-American game.

Mr. Speaker, Zam is a shining example of excellence in the East.

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NPR RADIO IS BIASED

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. NORMAN). The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California (Mr. LAMALFA) for 5 minutes.

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, in the D.C. newsroom for National Public Radio, which is a central hub for NPR's coverage of political news, it just came

out that they have amongst their staff 87 registered Democrats in editorial positions and zero Republicans—87-0.

Joe DiMaggio's hitting streak was amazing at 56 games in a row, and Pete Rose in the seventies had 44 games in a row—87-0.

Should it matter what the political makeup of people are in these positions? You know, not really, I guess, in any real sense.

We are not talking reality in Washington, D.C., are we? We are not talking about a nonbiased media that covers this place, that covers what politicians do and the slant that people are going to hear when they are out there in their cars, their homes, or wherever, picking this up in the various forms of media.

What do we know about NPR? It receives funding from the taxpayer and tries at the same time to claim to be objective. It receives this funding via the Corporation for Public Broadcasting, which the CBP receives about \$525 million of taxpayer dollars—about 50 percent of their funding. The other half comes from corporate donations, the same corporations that Democrats love to say evil things about, but oftentimes these days are doing bad things. It is pretty hard to figure out where they are coming from.

What we have seen in recent years in reporting is a strong bias against Republicans and conservatives coming out of NPR and the Corporation for Public Broadcasting when they cover the political front here.

The bias against anything that is not a far-left view is clear. In fact, the bias of NPR is so clear that even a left-leaning editor in their organization—which is where this came out—is raising the alarm about the clear and consistent bias. This person is very concerned about it and is now being dismissed.

NPR has already issued many statements and articles dismissing the critique, including this morning, without any admission by NPR or acknowledgment of any wrongdoing or bias, and certainly they have no intent to reform or even reflect upon what this looks like and sounds like.

Let us remember that NPR embraced the Russiagate conspiracy theory without question, and they dismissed the Hunter Biden laptop story without proper scrutiny.

All these things have been proven otherwise, haven't they?

They also have NPR actively working to dismiss and attack information about the true origins of the COVID-19 virus as well as the early treatments that could have probably helped or saved many lives. They dismissed ivermectin and other treatments, instead, calling it "horse paste" when as recently as 2015, it won a Nobel Prize for the amazing work that has been done with ivermectin.

In the last decade, NPR's own audience has shrunk and become more intensely leftwing, gradually pushing out conservative listeners with nonstop

ideological programming, bias in reporting, and injecting far-left ideas into previously nonpolitical programs.

So it is not just that quirky little radio station you hear in a musty bookstore or at a used record store or something like that. It has taken a really hard twist to the left.

They claim to be neutral in a public platform to consider all things and consider all perspectives, but unfortunately, it isn't that way anymore.

They are desperately burning up their own credibility to try and keep up with the demands of the far left and its ranks that continue to shift farther and farther left.

That is what this person from their organization came out and said, for 25 years they have lost the American people with this shift. It is pretty sad.

So perhaps instead of calling it National Public Radio it should be called national progressive radio, the term Democrats on the far left use for themselves, although I have never really seen where the word "progress" fits in with some of the programs and ideals coming from the so-called progressives.

NPR being funded by taxpayer dollars is a serious betrayal of the public trust. The American taxpayer should no longer be subsidizing this propaganda which fails to even pretend to be unbiased anymore and is appealing to a smaller and smaller group of people, unfortunately. It is too bad because the idealism of it years ago when it was created looked a heck of a lot different and was indeed something everybody could find enjoyment in.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until noon today.

Accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 6 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. FLEISCHMANN) at noon.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

God of mercy and compassion, of grace and reconciliation, only You can speak into the crisis that has descended upon the Middle East. Only Your peace can cure the warring madness that has erupted in this land so many call holy.

Let the hatred that has severed the region, intensifying the profound animosity between Israel and Palestine, and in turn swallowing up the cities of Gaza, Tel Aviv, Ramallah, and Ashkelon to name but a few, be supplanted by acts of mercy and overcome by deeds of justice.