

to resonate with all across Albany city and Albany County, Matt will be best remembered for his kindness, his intelligence, and immense spirit of service.

My prayers and deepest condolences go out to his fiancée, Corinne, his parents, Bill and Nancy; his siblings, Brian and Sara; and all of his many family and loved ones.

Rest in peace, my dear friend.

PRESIDENT BIDEN'S LNG DECISION

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

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, President Biden's decision to completely stall LNG exports is a gut punch to the American economy, and it serves as a serious detriment to both energy security and national security.

Has he forgotten that just last year our country led the entire world in LNG exports?

Think about the American jobs that have been sacrificed because of this decision as well. While President Biden decides to trudge down this irresponsible path, our Nation's adversaries are salivating.

This administration is so determined to attack and undercut American energy that it is willing to sacrifice our geopolitical footing to do so.

Instead of caving to the demands of the far left, President Biden would do well to put American energy first.

APPRECIATING EMPLOYEES AT THE NATIONAL PERSONNEL RECORD CENTER

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

Mr. RASKIN. Mr. Speaker, we are pretty good at attacking Federal workers around here, but we are not very good at praising them.

So I rise today to offer my profound appreciation for the hardworking employees at the National Personnel Records Center, who last week completed a huge achievement: They eliminated a large pandemic-related backlog of veteran records requests.

This is important to me, so I have been monitoring the situation closely. Veterans and their families rely on these records in order to access all the benefits that they have earned, as well as critical services, including housing and healthcare.

Due to restrictions in place to protect worker health and safety during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, the National Personnel Record Center amassed a gigantic backlog of tens of thousands of unfilled veteran record requests.

Last Congress, as a consequence of bipartisan oversight and urging by leaders in the House, employees at the National Archives came to implement several critical new steps in order to

address this backlog, including enhanced and reorganized staffing levels, technology updates, and digitizing millions of paper records.

We owe great thanks to the employees of the National Personnel Record Center for a job well done and for their great commitment, their passionate hard work, and their unswerving devotion to eliminate this backlog for America's veterans. It was a true success story of Federal workers.

ADVOCATING FOR OUR MILITARY MEN AND WOMEN

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

Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to advocate for our military men and women and their families and the work that needs to be done to improve their quality of life.

As a former Navy helicopter pilot, Navy spouse, and now-Navy mom, taking care of our military members is one of my top priorities. We can do better for our military, and there is much work to do.

Two weeks ago, I attended the funeral of Navy Commander Doug Morea. A Naval Academy graduate, Doug was an F-18 pilot who led a squadron during a recent 9½-month deployment on the USS Truman.

He died by suicide, and his death was one of seven naval aviator suicides since July of last year. As I stood in the parking lot talking to base leadership after his funeral, I asked: Why? Why do we continue to see so many military suicides and the number rise?

The base commanding officer spoke about the pressure even senior officers feel to care for their people, including the most junior sailor. Our country continues to ask our military, and specifically our Navy, to do missions around the world to keep the peace and defend the freedoms we hold dear.

In order for our military men and women to complete this mission, we must provide resources they need to do their job. That begins with ensuring they have the quality of life they deserve.

WILDFIRE RECOVERY

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

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, as you know, the issue of wildfire in the West has been very devastating for several years now—many, many years—but there have been incredibly large fires in the last 5 and 7 to 10 years or so. So we have needed more and more help from FEMA post-fire.

So what we are working on is bipartisan legislation that is going to be called H.R. 7070 that will direct FEMA to update its regulations for the fire management assistance grant, public assistance, and mitigation programs.

This will help to respond to unique challenges of wildfires and improve wildfire mitigation after a fire, like debris removal, emergency protective measures, and impacts to drinking water sources. So it will help improve FEMA's cost-benefit analysis for wildfire projects to help them be more competitive for Federal funding.

I find this is extremely important in communities that are devastated after a fire, and it is still fairly new territory for FEMA when we are talking about the size and scope of fires we have had in recent years jumping from four- and five-digit size fires to six digits, hundreds of thousands, even 1 million acres like the Dixie fire in my district a couple years ago.

So this legislation will give FEMA more flexibility and better serve the people.

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IMMIGRATION AND THE CONSTITUTION

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

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I give much respect to this book called the Constitution, which, if we read some of the opening comments made, it is said that the Declaration of Independence was the promise and the Constitution was the fulfillment.

It is a good roadmap and a good truth, so it disturbs me that the Governor of the State of Texas is standing up against the supremacy of the United States and the Constitution. Amendment 10 says: The powers not delegated to the United States by the Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the States, respectively.

It is the responsibility of the United States Government to deal with immigration issues and, therefore, the Texas National Guard should not be militarized to stand up against the Border Patrol agents. Federal agents in the service of their Nation should be allowed to do their job and that is to secure the border, and they have been doing that.

Pass legislation is what this Congress must do to give further authority to the President of the United States, and those Border Patrol agents will follow the law. We need to ensure that the law is followed by the States and the Governors, and the law that the President upholds is a law that is supreme.

Mr. Speaker, follow the United States of America and that law.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 7 o'clock and 32 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, January 30, 2024, at 10 a.m. for morning-hour debate.

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

EC-2955. A letter from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Importation of Fresh Beef From Paraguay [Docket No.: APHIS-2018-0007] (RIN: 0579-AE73) received January 22, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Agriculture.

EC-2956. A letter from the Administrator, Specialty Crops Program, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's affirmation of interim final rule as final rule — Raisins Produced From Grapes Grown in California; Temporary Suspension of Continuance Referendum [Doc. No.: AMS-SC-23-0007] received January 26, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Agriculture.

EC-2957. A letter from the Director, Public Affairs and Congressional Relations, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, transmitting the Office's 2023 Annual Report, pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 14; Feb. 18, 1875, ch. 80, Sec. 1 (as amended by Public Law 106-569, Sec. 1103(c)); (114 Stat. 3031); to the Committee on Financial Services.

EC-2958. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Legislation, Regulation and Energy Efficiency, Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, Department of Energy, transmitting the Department's Major Direct final rule — Energy Conservation Program: Energy Conservation Standards for Refrigerators, Refrigerator-Freezers, and Freezers [EERE-2017-BT-STD-0003] (RIN: 1904-AF56) received January 22, 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-2959. A letter from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Office of Nuclear Regulatory Research, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's issuance of regulatory guide — Qualification of Safety-Related Actuators in Production and Utilization Facilities, Regulatory Guide 1.73, Revision 2, received January 26, 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-2960. A letter from the General Counsel, Office of General Counsel, Federal Housing Finance Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Prudential Management and Operations Standards (RIN: 2590-AB10) received January 22, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Financial Services.

EC-2961. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Secretariat Division, Acquisition Policy Division, General Services Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — General Services Administration Acquisition Regulation; Standardizing Federal Supply Schedule Clause and Provision Prescriptions [GSAR Case 2022-G514; Docket No.: GSA-GSAR-2023-0009; Sequence No. 1] (RIN: 3090-AK58) received January 22, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

EC-2962. A letter from the Chair, National Transportation Safety Board, transmitting the Board's report on competitive sourcing efforts for FY 2023, pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 501 note; Public Law 108-199, Sec. 647(b); (118 Stat. 361); to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

EC-2963. A letter from the Deputy Assistant Secretary, Land and Minerals Management, Department of the Interior, transmitting a report titled "Comprehensive Inventory of U.S. Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Natural Gas Resources — 2023 Update", pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 15912(b); Public Law 109-58, Sec. 357(b); (119 Stat. 720); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

EC-2964. A letter from the General Counsel, Office of General Counsel, Federal Housing Finance Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Rules of Practice and Procedure; Civil Money Penalty Inflation Adjustment (RIN: 2590-AB31) received January 22, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2965. A letter from the Director, Regulatory Secretariat Division, Office of the General Counsel, General Services Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Civil Monetary Penalties Inflation Adjustment [FPMR Case 2024-01; Docket No.: GSA-FPMR-2023-0027; Sequence No. 1] (RIN: 3090-AK77) received January 22, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2966. A letter from the Assistant General Counsel for Regulatory Affairs, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation, transmitting the Corporation's final rule — Adjustment of Civil Penalties for Inflation (RIN: 1212-AB45) received January 22, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-2967. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final regulations — De Minimis Error Safe Harbor Exceptions to Penalties for Failure to File Correct Information Returns or Furnish Correct Payee Statements [TD: 9984] (RIN: 1545-BN59) received January 22, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

EC-2968. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's IRB only rule — Miscellaneous Changes Under the SECURE 2.0 Act of 2022 (Notice 2024-2) received January 22, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

EC-2969. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's IRB only rule — 2023 Cumulative List of Changes in Plan Qualification Requirements for Defined Contribution Qualified Pre-approved Plans (Notice 2024-3) received January 22, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

EC-2970. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's IRB only rule — Revenue Ruling: 2023 Base Period T-Bill Rate (Rev. Rule: 2023-23) received January 22, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

EC-2971. A letter from the Chief, Publications and Regulations, Internal Revenue Service, transmitting the Service's final rule — Federal Independent Dispute Resolution (IDR) Process Administrative Fee and Certified IDR Entity Fee Ranges [TD: 9985] (RIN: 1545-BQ94) received January 22, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

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. BOST: Committee on Veterans' Affairs. H.R. 3738. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to establish in the Department of Veterans Affairs the Veterans Economic Opportunity and Transition Administration, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 118-360). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. STEIL: Committee on House Administration. H.R. 6513. A bill to amend the Help America Vote Act of 2002 to confirm the requirement that States allow access to designated congressional election observers to observe the election administration procedures in congressional elections (Rept. 118-361). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. BURGESS: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 980. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5585) to impose criminal and immigration penalties for intentionally fleeing a pursuing Federal officer while operating a motor vehicle; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 6678) to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide that aliens who have been convicted of or who have committed Social Security fraud are inadmissible and deportable; providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 6679) to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act with respect to aliens who carried out, participated in, planned, financed, supported, or otherwise facilitated the attacks against Israel; and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 6976) to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide that aliens who have been convicted of or who have committed an offense for driving while intoxicated or impaired are inadmissible and deportable. (Rept. 118-362). Referred to the House Calendar.

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 Mr. CISCOMANI (for himself and Mr. BOST):

H.R. 7100. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to clarify the organization of the Office of Survivors Assistance of the Department of Veterans Affairs; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. ARMSTRONG (for himself, Mr. GOODEN of Texas, Mr. GROTHMAN, Mr. FLOOD, Mr. MANN, and Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas):

H.R. 7101. A bill to establish requirements for the Federal Trade Commission with respect to certain rules related to automotive retailing, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas (for herself and Mr. CRANE):

H.R. 7102. A bill to establish an Office of Native American Affairs within the Small Business Administration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Small Business.

By Mr. STAUBER (for himself, Mr. MCGARVEY, and Mr. LALOTA):

H.R. 7103. A bill to amend the Small Business Act to require Federal agencies to testify and report on scores received under the scorecard program for evaluating Federal agency compliance with small business contracting goals, to testify for failure to meet