

one antipoverty program. That is why this is so important that Congress take action and step up and do the right thing.

With \$300 million coming into New York's 17th District, Mr. Speaker, those are dollars that are spent locally right back in the community.

For all people listening to C-SPAN or people that are guests in our audience, Mr. Speaker, they should be making sure that they are calling their Representatives and making them aware of the fact that this program has not been enhanced.

This is no entitlement. This is an earned benefit that people have paid for and that only the United States Congress can act to change so that these individuals will get relief.

Imagine a cost-of-living increase that hasn't been enhanced in over 50 years. I hope that the American people, and more importantly, this Congress acts on behalf of the people that desperately need our help.

#### SEC NEW CLIMATE DISCLOSURE RULE

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

Mr. FLOOD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to address the Securities and Exchange Commission's new climate disclosure rule.

Since President Biden took office, his agencies have weaponized rulemaking to impose job-crushing regulations. In just 3 years, he has dramatically expanded the Waters of the U.S. rule, issued presidential executive orders, and established a new climate corps.

The new climate disclosure rule requires extensive disclosures on CO<sub>2</sub> and other theoretical climate risks.

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These disclosure requirements will have devastating downstream consequences. The rule will likely serve as a gift to activist lawyers looking for reasons to declare open season on industries they oppose.

It is a breathtaking expansion of regulatory power by an unelected agency using power that was not delegated to it by Congress. The SEC should stick to its core mission of regulating financial markets and get out of its newfound hobby of dabbling in climate alarmism.

I applaud the work of my Financial Services Committee colleagues and the Western Caucus on pushing back against this draconian rule, and I hope to see it repealed.

CONGRATULATING CHANCELLOR DOUG KRISTENSEN

Mr. FLOOD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to thank Chancellor Doug Kristensen for his 22 years of service to the University of Nebraska at Kearney.

After 14 years in the State legislature, many of those as speaker of our unicameral body, he was named chancellor at UNK and became the longest-

serving chancellor in the university's history.

Chancellor Kristensen, a native of Kearney, has been described as a champion for UNK and rural Nebraska. During his time in the State legislature, he helped shepherd then Kearney State College into the University of Nebraska system. His leadership has been nothing less than transformative.

From new housing to athletic facilities, Kristensen oversaw many of these priorities during his two decades of leadership. One of his most successful achievements was helping grow rural Nebraska's healthcare workforce.

Chancellor Kristensen's work at UNK will have a lasting impact on Nebraska for generations to come.

I congratulate him on an outstanding career, thank him for his service to the State and the university, and wish him the best in his next chapter.

RECOGNIZING LUKE FARRITOR

Mr. FLOOD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Luke Farritor, a University of Nebraska at Lincoln student who recently won the Vesuvius Challenge grand prize by deciphering passages of text from digital scans of a carbonized scroll. This young man is smart.

Last year, Farritor, a Lincoln native, decided to take on the challenge of deciphering text on papyrus charred into a lump of carbon by the eruption of Mount Vesuvius.

Because the scrolls were carbonized, they are virtually impossible to unroll without destroying them. Farritor created a machine-learning model that senses tiny differences that can reveal ink. Yes, he is that smart.

Along the way, he enlisted help from peers across the globe to pitch in and decipher the burnt scrolls recovered from an ancient library.

Luke and his team ultimately submitted 15 passages containing more than 2,000 characters. The work contained in the passages they recovered hadn't been read since at least 79 A.D.

Congratulations to Luke. His innovative talent has already taken him far. We look forward to seeing what challenge he takes on next.

We hope he stays in Nebraska. We want him to live there.

THANKING METEOROLOGISTS IN NEBRASKA

Mr. FLOOD. Madam Speaker, I want to talk about something that was very destructive last Friday. We had several EF3 and EF2 tornadoes ravage portions of my district, Congressman BACON's district, and Congressman SMITH's district.

The silver lining here is that the meteorologists at the National Weather Service office in Valley, Nebraska, used all of their talents, all of the equipment, and everything in the power of the National Weather Service to identify these tornadoes and get that lifesaving information to the people.

What they did saved lives. We did not lose one person's life in the State of Nebraska. Over 400 homes were destroyed.

I also want to say as a Nebraska broadcaster myself, the men and women of the Nebraska broadcasting companies, in multiple languages, went to work and got Nebraskans the information they needed to take shelter and stay away from these potentially and very obviously dangerous tornadoes.

We ought to be proud of this Federal agency, the National Weather Service. We ought to be proud of what they do. They don't get the credit very often.

I also recognize the broadcasters not just in Nebraska but everywhere in our great country that go to work every day to get people lifesaving information. In this case, you can look at everything that happened. Our emergency alert system worked. Our meteorologists and our TV meteorologists and radio and television folks came together to deliver for the great State.

#### STANDING UP FOR THE SANCTITY OF WOMEN'S SPORTS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mrs. FISCHBACH). The Chair recognizes the gentleman from West Virginia (Mr. MOONEY) for 5 minutes.

Mr. MOONEY. Madam Speaker, on April 18, five brave young girls had the courage to stand up for their rights in Harrison County, West Virginia. These 13-year-old girls showed more guts and courage in their convictions than most grownups.

These student athletes competed in the 2024 Harrison County Middle School Championship track and field meet. These girls from Lincoln Middle School stepped up to the circle for their turn before refusing to throw in the shot put event. They were showing solidarity in protest of the participation of Becky Pepper-Jackson, a 13-year-old boy. Pepper-Jackson won the event by recording a throw of 32 feet. The second-place competitor, who was actually a female, finished with a 29-foot throw.

West Virginia State law bans transgenders—in other words, boys pretending to be girls—from playing on girls' sports teams. However, a recent Federal court ruled the law could not be lawfully applied to Pepper-Jackson.

West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrisey quickly stepped up and filed an amicus brief in support of the five athletes and asked the U.S. Supreme Court to weigh in on transgender student-athlete bans for a second time on behalf of the parents who filed a complaint with the local county board of education.

As a result of their protest and appearance at a press conference with West Virginia Attorney General Patrick Morrisey, the five girls were barred from competing in their next track meet and also subject to punitive sprints in practice.

These strong girls should be rewarded, not punished, for standing up for the sanctity of women's sports. Young women should not be forced to compete against young men. No school

in West Virginia, nor anywhere in America, should turn a blind eye to this woke nonsense.

Former college swimmer Riley Gaines, who has been an outspoken critic of trans athletes participating in girls' sports, has weighed in on the issue, writing in a post on X: "These girls stood up for what they believed, and their coach barred them from competing. Insane."

I applaud Riley on for her amazing work advocating for young girls and women in sports.

Now, more than ever, it is important to address the unfairness in our society and the right to peacefully protest as our Constitution allows. These constant assaults on the sanctity of women's sports threaten the future of fair athletic competition in our country. The ramifications of allowing men into women's sports are far greater than simply allowing men to put on a women's uniform.

We have seen numerous examples of stronger men seriously injuring young women and girls in contact sports. Millions of young women are also being exposed to uncomfortable situations in which men are present in women's locker rooms.

Only God can create men and women. It is simply wrong for any parent to think they can or should even try to change the sex of their child. Male athletes who can't win competing against other males who then choose to take advantage of bad laws to steal titles from women are truly a threat to females.

We should be less focused on offending an individual's feelings than protecting the physical safety of our daughters who simply want to compete against other women.

Radical trans policies are out of touch with not only the facts but the pulse of this great country. We must stand up against this nonsense and unlimited overreach on the fringes.

I applaud the five young women in my district for standing up for themselves and being examples of strength as this fight for women's sports goes on.

Madam Speaker, God bless these young ladies.

#### NATIONAL MYOSITIS MONTH

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

Mr. NORMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize May 1 as the beginning of National Myositis Month and commend the outstanding dedication and advocacy of Mr. Richard Galloway, Jr., whose parents are in the balcony today and we welcome, for his unwavering commitment to raising awareness about myositis.

Myositis is comprised of a group of muscle diseases characterized by weakness and inflammation in the muscles. Symptoms include muscle weakness,

pain, and fatigue. While there is currently no cure, there are ongoing research efforts aimed at better understanding the underlying mechanisms of this disease and to develop more effective treatment options.

Mr. Galloway's journey is one marked by resilience and compassion. In January of 2020, he was diagnosed with inclusion body myositis, otherwise known by the acronym IBM, at the Medical University of South Carolina located in Charleston. Despite facing this challenging diagnosis, he has shown remarkable strength and determination in his battle against this debilitating disease.

Beyond his personal journey, Mr. Galloway has been a tireless advocate for myositis awareness. In October of 2023, Mr. Galloway organized the impactful event Crossing the Cooper for Christ, which raised over \$13,000 for The Myositis Association. His dedication to this cause was further underscored when he was invited to lead a session known as Finding Strength Through Faith at an annual patient conference in San Diego, California.

Recognizing this significant contribution, Mr. Galloway was voted onto the board of directors of The Myositis Association at the beginning of 2024. The Myositis Association, a nonprofit organization that was founded in 1993, focuses on improving the lives of those affected by this awful disease through support, education, advocacy, and research.

Mr. Galloway's unwavering dedication to raising awareness about myositis and supporting individuals battling this disease exemplifies the best of the human spirit. His commitment to advocacy and service is an inspiration for all of us, and it is with great admiration and gratitude that I recognize his contributions today.

I also extend my sincere thanks to Mr. Galloway and The Myositis Association for their selfless dedication and tireless efforts in making a difference in the lives of those affected by this awful disease.

#### THE DANGERS WE FACE AS A FREE DEMOCRACY

Mr. NORMAN. Madam Speaker, I rise to respond to one of my colleagues, who I think some of you heard, who is supporting what is going on on the college campuses today. She described it as peaceful protest.

Madam Speaker, they are burning buildings. They are tearing up campuses. College presidents are not saying one word. This administration, this President, is not saying one word about it. Teachers, many of whom are tenured, are not saying one word.

This has got to stop. They have got to have consequences. They have got to have sheriffs who are willing to do whatever it takes to stop this damage to our institutions and lawlessness that is taking place all across this country.

The illegal immigration that this administration is condoning and implementing is unheard of in the history of

this Nation. In South Carolina, they are giving illegals driver's licenses and registrations to vote.

It is high time this country wakes up to the dangers that we face as a free democracy, if we can keep it. The first steps are stopping the lawless invasion at the border that, again, is unprecedented in this country.

Laken Riley, the young lady who was killed in Georgia, her only mistake was jogging around the campus.

How many more deaths do we have to have through fentanyl? It is insane what is going on in this country.

#### 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 13 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 at noon.

#### PRAYER

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

Holy and eternal God, on the occasion of the 235th anniversary of the appointment of the first Chaplain to Congress, I offer this prayer in thanksgiving to You and to our country's forebears who found it both fit and necessary to open each legislative day since 1789 with prayer.

Repeating the sentiments of George Washington in his first address shared with the House of Representatives on that same day, we offer our fervent supplications to that Almighty Being who rules over the universe, who presides in the councils of nations, and whose providential aids can supply every human defect, that His benediction may consecrate to the liberties and happiness of the people of the United States, a government instituted by themselves for these essential purposes.

While these words may not be our own, like the father of our Nation, we acknowledge and adore the invisible hand which conducts our affairs. We, like President Washington, resort to the benign parent of the human race in humble supplication, since You have been pleased to favor the American people.

Even now, 235 years later, our prayer remains the same. May Your divine blessing be equally conspicuous in the enlarged views, the temperate consultations, and the wise measures on which the success of this government may depend.

Lord, hear our prayers raised up in the past, still true in this present day,