

meet at noon on Tuesday next for morning-hour debate and 2 p.m. for legislative business.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. MALOY). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from New Jersey?

There was no objection.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 1822

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, I hereby remove my name as cosponsor of H.R. 1822.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman's request is granted.

RECOGNIZING THE ANASTASIA MOSQUITO CONTROL DISTRICT

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

Mr. RUTHERFORD. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the critical public health work carried out by our Nation's mosquito control professionals.

Mosquitoes are not just a nuisance. In fact, they are also vectors for deadly diseases like malaria, Zika, and the famous West Nile virus.

The world-renowned Anastasia Mosquito Control District, which is located in my district in St. Johns County, St. Augustine, Florida, was initially formed thanks to Floridians who wanted to live mosquito-free.

Since 1948, the AMCD has served more than 320,000 Floridians in St. Johns County. AMCD is now the leader in education and applied research all across the world in the field of mosquito control, not just in Florida, not in just the United States, but literally across the globe.

I urge my colleagues to meet with their mosquito control professionals to learn more about this critical mission because it truly is about our healthcare in America.

HONORING PEGGY STAMEY

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

Ms. ROSS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the exceptional life of North Carolina's Peggy Stamey who recently passed.

A trailblazer for women, Peggy shattered glass ceilings as the first woman who was elected chairperson of the Wake County Democratic Party.

Elected to the North Carolina House in 1982, Peggy sponsored a number of bills that helped make North Carolina a better place for all people.

Peggy's unparalleled commitment to progress and equality went far beyond her legislative accomplishments. During her final chapter of service to our State, Peggy was appointed to the parole commission where her service re-

flected her strong belief in second chances.

Madam Speaker, today we mourn the loss of Peggy Stamey and celebrate the indelible mark she left on our State.

Peggy's enduring legacy lives on through the barriers she broke and through the many lives she transformed.

FAIR COMPETITION IN SPORTS

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

Mr. LALOTA. Madam Speaker, girls' sports should be reserved for biological girls. For decades, Title IX has provided young women the opportunity to compete in college athletics. However, the Biden administration's recent actions threaten these very principles.

As the father of three girls and a husband to a former Division I athlete who is currently a PE teacher, I am appalled by this administration's assault on Title IX.

Allowing biological men to compete in women's sports denies young women the chance to develop physically and mentally as athletes and teammates. This undermines decades of progress and gender equity in sports.

Fair competition is crucial to maintaining athletic integrity and the rights of female athletes. Without proper protections, girls may face unfair disadvantages, discouraging their participation and hindering their dreams.

Upholding Title IX safeguards the future of girls' sports, ensuring every young athlete can thrive and succeed.

CONGRATULATING DONNY WIL- LIAMS, BERTINA KING, AND ALAN JONES

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

Mrs. SYKES. Mr. Speaker, this Police Week I rise to recognize three incredibly dedicated veteran detectives of the Akron Police Department who will be retiring from the force.

Detectives Bertina King, Alan Jones, and Donny Williams have served the Akron community for 33 years each for a combined total of 99 years of experience.

The trio started on the job together in 1991, and, since then, they have each left their own personal mark on the department.

Detective King made history as the first Black woman to join APD's major crimes unit. She also helped establish the sexual assault nurse examiner unit at the former St. Thomas Hospital to provide survivors of sexual assault with culturally sensitive and trauma-informed evaluation and treatment.

Recently, she led the effort to create the department's sexual assault kit initiative to investigate unsolved rape cases to bring justice to survivors.

Detective Jones is a part of the street narcotics uniform detail, which works to protect our communities from guns and drugs. He was also the first Black canine handler in the unit with his dog Midnight.

Finally, Detective Williams is the longest-serving member of the street narcotics unit starting just 1 year after the unit was created in 1992.

All three detectives have worked on high-profile cases and helped bring dangerous criminals to justice. This trio has exemplified what it means to serve our city with dignity and respect and have demonstrated the power of having a force that reflects and represents the community they are sworn to protect and serve.

We thank them for their many years of service and wish them the best in their well-deserved retirement.

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MAY IS FOSTER CARE MONTH

(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. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize May as National Foster Care Month and to thank every parent, volunteer, and mentor who works with our foster children.

I am a proud member of the Congressional Caucus on Foster Youth. When I was an 11-year-old, a foster child, Bob, came into our family, and he continues to be my brother today.

During this month, we renew our commitment to ensure that every child has a safe and loving family. I know firsthand how a supportive and loving home can make all the difference in a young person's life.

Madam Speaker, there are more than 460,000 children and youth in foster care. These children and youth range from infants to 18 years old when they age out. Foster youth who transition out of the foster care system without a permanent home are at high risk for unemployment, poor educational outcomes, health issues, early parenthood, long-term dependency on public assistance, increased rates of incarceration, and homelessness.

Madam Speaker, every child deserves a safe, supportive, and permanent family. We have the responsibility to continue to create policies that will improve outcomes and the overall well-being of foster youth and their families.

RECOGNIZING EPA COORDINATOR BETH MURPHY

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

Ms. BUDZINSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to extend my sincerest thanks to the dedication and service of

the EPA coordinator for Cahokia Heights, Beth Murphy.

Back in October, I asked EPA Administrator Michael Regan to appoint a member of his team to assist our response to the environmental, health, and safety crisis in Cahokia Heights. He delivered.

As the area's first dedicated Federal coordinator, Beth has helped bring new urgency to alleviating the flooding and sewage crisis in Cahokia Heights and surrounding communities. Her efforts to streamline collaboration between stakeholders across Metro East will help ensure that Federal, State, and local government resources can finally be used collaboratively.

Beth's hard work has helped us to put a spotlight on the needs of a community that has been overlooked for far too long.

I extend my deepest gratitude and appreciation for everything she has done for our community.

As Beth moves to her next assignment, we are excited to welcome our new coordinator, Betsy Nightingale. I look forward to working together with Betsy to build on the progress we have made and to finally solve these problems once and for all.

CONGRESS OUGHT TO ASSERT ITS EQUITIES TO STOP ELECTION INTERFERENCE

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

Mr. GAETZ. Madam Speaker, I rise to alert this House of election interference that is going on in a Manhattan courtroom right now, and we ought to assert our equities to ensure that Federal elections aren't subject to this type of devious behavior.

This entire case in New York is based on Michael Cohen. He is one of the few people walking around the planet Earth today who has lied to all three branches of government. He lied to the investigators. He lied to his own sentencing judge. He lied to this very Congress.

As if that wasn't enough, Michael Cohen lied to this very jury Tuesday. Tuesday, he said that the principal correspondence that he had was directly with President Trump and only about the completion of this payoff to Stormy Daniels. In reality, text messages prove that Michael Cohen was complaining to Keith Schiller about harassing phone calls from a 14-year-old and threatening to send him to Secret Service.

Michael Cohen lies about matters large and small. There is a reason he was held to the end of this case. They were hoping to corroborate him. They couldn't. It has failed, and it should be dismissed. Otherwise, the Congress should certainly assert our equities to stop election interference.

SUPPORTING LGBTQIA+ NEW MEXICANS

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

Ms. STANSBURY. Madam Speaker, I rise on this date of awareness to stand on the floor of the House of Representatives, the people's House, to show support for each and every LGBTQ person in the great State of New Mexico and across the country.

It is shocking and unconscionable that there are still Members of this Chamber who act with hate instead of love—in fact, we just saw it moments ago—who want to attack and criminalize who you are, who you love, and how you live.

I want the LGBTQ/queer community to hear me. I see them. I love them. I support them. They are not alone, not today, not tomorrow, not ever in this House, the people's House.

HONORING JACKSONVILLE SPORTS MEDICINE PROGRAM

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

Mr. BEAN of Florida. Madam Speaker, it is all fun and games until somebody gets hurt, especially when it comes to youth sports, but that is where JSMP comes in.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the Jacksonville Sports Medicine Program, which allows local youth to slam dunk and swing for the fences without fearing for their safety.

It was always a joy to watch my kids play ball, but what if they get hurt? In northeast Florida, we know the answer. We turn to the Jacksonville Sports Medicine Program. Established in 1984, they have been a guiding light for countless families, coaches, and doctors in sports safety. Sudden cardiac arrest is a leading cause of death for kids in sports, but thanks to JSMP, over 50,000 student athletes have received free screenings. That is a stadium full of lives.

We commend the leadership of Bob Sefcik, Dr. Jennifer Maynard, Jeff Ferguson, and Allegra Jaros for their unwavering commitment to this cause. I congratulate the Jacksonville Sports Medicine Program for 40 years.

JSMP, play ball.

RESTORE ORDER AT THE BORDER

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

Mr. CARBAJAL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remind this Chamber and our Nation that it has been over 100 days since congressional Republicans blocked a bipartisan bill to restore order at the border and fix our immigration system.

Week after week, only toothless, do-nothing resolutions attacking the President have been brought forward. When my colleagues across the aisle were presented with a bipartisan bill to actually tackle the chaos at our southern border, crack down on fentanyl trafficking, and begin to fix our broken immigration system, they said that is not their problem to solve.

This is a bill that would have hired nearly 2,000 new border personnel and immigration judges and streamlined our asylum system, making the process faster and fairer. It would have funded new inspection machines that could have been screening for deadly fentanyl for the past 100 days if only my Republican colleagues would have brought this bill up for a vote.

Madam Speaker, actions speak louder than words. One hundred days is already too long to wait. Let's vote on this bill today.

HONORING ROBERT MERRIMAN

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

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember and honor the life of Robert "Bob" Merriman, who passed away on May 11 at the age of 69.

Bob began his law enforcement career in Athens, Georgia, in 1975 and then moved to the Chatham County Police Department in 1977, where he became a detective. He moved to the Chatham-Savannah Police force in 2004 and retired as captain in 2007.

Bob came out of retirement in 2013 to serve as the chief of police in Thunderbolt and retired 5 years later.

Officer Merriman's skills as a detective led him to solve some of the toughest cases in his department. He was truly one of our finest. He was known for treating his victims and their families with great dignity and respect.

Bob will continue to serve as a hero to many and will always be remembered for his compassion, selflessness, and bravery.

IMPROVING WELLNESS SERVICES FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT

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

Mr. RUIZ. Madam Speaker, our men and women wearing the badge experience life-threatening risks every day.

As an emergency medicine physician, the increasing access to both physical and mental health resources have been a priority of mine, which is why I have successfully advocated to increase funding to the law enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act Program five-fold to \$10 million and am advocating to increase it to \$12 million. This funding will improve the delivery of and access to mental health and wellness services for law enforcement.