

last day's proceedings and announces to the House the approval thereof.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from California (Mr. TAKANO) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. TAKANO led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to 15 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

FARM BILL

(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, farming is more than a profession. It is the true cornerstone of American society. Moreover, no group has had a more significant impact on the evolution of modern society than our hardworking farmers. From the earliest days of our Nation's founding, the work ethic and devotion of our producers is what pushed us forward.

Before the sun rises, our Nation's farmers, ranchers, and foresters have already been hard at work for hours tending to their fields and caring for their livestock. Providing for our families goes beyond putting food on our tables. It includes clothes on our backs, heat in our homes, and fuel for our vehicles.

With each harvest, our farm families ensure that America and the world has access to a safe and abundant food supply.

American agriculture remains America's backbone, and we must support the families who give us so much by passing an effective 5-year farm bill.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO MICHAEL R. MCCORMICK

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

Mr. TAKANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Michael R. McCormick, the remarkable superintendent of the Val Verde Unified School District, as he embarks on a well-deserved journey into retirement.

With over 27 years of dedicated service to the field of education, Michael McCormick's career has been defined by an unwavering commitment to fos-

tering educational excellence and nurturing innovation.

Before assuming the role of superintendent, Mr. MCCORMICK served as the assistant superintendent for education services at Val Verde. Under his stewardship, the district earned numerous awards and accolades owing to his thoughtful and diligent focus that put students first.

From championing STEM education to striving to close the racial education gap for his students, Val Verde has thrived under his guidance. Superintendent Michael McCormick's dedication to education has left an enduring legacy of inspiration and empowerment.

I congratulate Mr. MCCORMICK on his retirement. We thank him for his tireless commitment to excellence in education.

REMOVAL OF KLAMATH DAMS

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

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, in my district in northern California there is this catastrophic removal and destruction of the Klamath dams. These are hydroelectric dams that provide clean, CO₂-free power for about 70,000 homes. It is reducing the renewable grid that everybody seems to want, eliminating recreational assets, hurting property values, damaging the local economy, and making it tougher on agriculture in the Klamath Basin.

Mr. Speaker, many of these products right here that are grown in California, 90 to 99 percent of what America relies upon. Even 100 percent of some of those same crops are grown in the Klamath Basin. They won't be able to do that much longer if they keep tearing down our infrastructure and taking water away.

The removal of these dams currently has released many millions of cubic yards of accumulated silt which has ruined the water quality and killed hundreds of thousands of fish and their spawning beds that they have laid new smelts in.

We have seen even full-sized deer getting stuck and dying in the mud. The Governors of California and Oregon seem willing to ignore these because they think it is a win to tear out the dams.

Local farmers, again, are suffering. The project borrowed water from the dams to extend irrigation systems. We won't have that flexibility anymore with that out. We won't be able to grow some of these crops that Americans enjoy and rely upon.

We have this devastation going on all in the name of the environment and all in the name of saving some fish, and in the meantime they have destroyed and killed hundreds of thousands of fish and will continue to do so with this reckless dam removal that won't end here. It will keep going. We will have

less hydroelectric power, less stored water, and less recreation with this crazy type of thinking.

ISRAELI HOSTAGE FAMILY

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

Ms. WILD. Mr. Speaker, 228 days. That is how long it has been since scores of people were violated, maimed, tortured, and killed in Israel.

It has been 228 days since 252 people, including children and the elderly, were abducted from Israel into Gaza.

Yesterday, I met with four of their families, Alex Danzig, a 75-year-old, was taken from Kibbutz Nir Oz. He spent the last 30 years working at Yad Vashem, Israel's Holocaust remembrance center, educating about the lessons of World War II.

Ohad Ben Ami, a dual Israeli-German citizen, was kidnapped from Kibbutz Be'eri. Ohad's daughter showed me one of the last photos she has of him which depicts him being dragged into a van by a terrorist.

Shaked Dahan, whose dog tag I wear in his honor, was a 19-year-old IDF soldier killed on October 7. Footage of his lifeless body being dragged from the tank he drove was shown to me by his family. His body was taken to Gaza, and his family prays for its return so they can give him a proper burial.

Matan Angrest, a 21-year-old IDF soldier, also abducted, status unknown, is believed to be alive. He shares a November 28 birthday with his younger sister. This past year was the first time they had ever marked their birthday apart.

Mr. Speaker, it has been 228 excruciating days for these families. We must not forget them. Until they are released, I will keep saying their names and standing with their families.

NATIONAL EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK

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

Mrs. HOUCHIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate National Emergency Medical Services Week and honor the EMS professionals and paramedics who provide lifesaving care across the Nation every day.

EMS professionals like Nick Oleck, chief of Scott County EMS in my home State of Indiana. Ever since he started serving in Scott County more than a decade ago, Nick and his team have turned around the Emergency Medical Services department, and it is now self-funded, saving taxpayer money while also saving lives.

This can be a heart-wrenching line of work. Last year, Nick suddenly lost a friend and colleague, and yet still he perseveres. While suffering through his

own grief, he continues to respond to calls for service. Nick has also started a community paramedic program to train future EMS personnel. He is an outstanding medic and an exemplar of the EMS profession.

This week we celebrate every EMS professional across the country as they contend for our communities whenever emergencies happen.

ARIZONANS ARE SUFFERING FROM RADIATION EXPOSURE

(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, in the mid-20th century, the United States Government conducted nuclear weapons development tests in the Southwest, exposing thousands of Arizonans downwind of the test site to ionized radiation from the fallout.

Women, men, and children were diagnosed with terrible cancers from the radiation exposure, and many tragically lost their lives.

Nearly 25 years ago, Congress attempted to make amends by passing the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act, but without congressional action, RECA is set to expire next month, denying Arizona families the compensation they need to pay for healthcare treatments.

The House has an opportunity to act right now to correct this injustice. More than 2 months ago, the Senate overwhelmingly passed the bipartisan RECA Reauthorization Act, a 5-year extension of the program.

It mirrors my Downwinders Parity Act by expanding the scope of the RECA's coverage to Arizonans in lower Mohave County who were previously denied compensation.

For too long, these downwinders have been left behind and overlooked. I urge my colleagues to give these people the justice they deserve and put this bill to a vote.

HONORING FALLEN SERVICEMEMBERS MEMORIAL

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

Mr. GOOD of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize all men and women in uniform who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our Nation.

Since our Nation's founding via the Revolutionary War, more than 1 million Americans have given their lives to protect the freedoms that we hold dear today.

Every fallen member of the armed services and their families deserve our deepest expression of gratitude, not only on Memorial Day, but every day.

The words of Jesus Christ in John 15:12-13 apply to these heroes most deserving of remembrance, when He said: This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.

Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.

As we reflect upon the ultimate sacrifice of more than 1 million American servicemembers this Memorial Day, may we also remember the family and friends they left behind.

Their pain and grief are unimaginable, tempered only by the joy of their memories and the knowledge that they gave their lives in service to the greatest country the world has ever known.

I join other Americans in offering them my prayers and heartfelt appreciation. May God bless them, and may God continue to bless the United States of America.

RECOGNIZING 100 YEARS OF ROCKINGHAM COUNTY BASEBALL LEAGUE

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

Mr. CLINE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the Rockingham County Baseball League as they celebrate 100 years of America's favorite pastime.

Founded in 1924, the Rockingham County Baseball League is the second oldest continuously operating league in the United States. J.R. "Polly" Lineweaver, a sportswriter for the Daily News-Record, helped organize the league. This effort brought players together from seven communities across Rockingham County in both spirit and game, with a consistent schedule and designated rules. From there, the league would go to include teams up and down the Shenandoah Valley.

The league has a rich history. It survived the Great Depression, World War II, and integrated with African-American players in the 1950s. RCBL boasts players who went on to play in Major League Baseball and even the National Basketball Association. Today its fields remain a welcoming place that brings athletes together.

Recently, the league's storied history and many accomplishments were highlighted in a new exhibit at the Rocktown History Museum in Dayton. It calls attention to the hard work of players, coaches, fans, and other community members who have shown care toward each other through the common love of baseball.

I congratulate RCBL on the many wonderful seasons they have enjoyed over the last century, and I wish them many more to come.

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PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 4763, FINANCIAL INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY FOR THE 21ST CENTURY ACT; PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 5403, CBDC ANTI-SURVEILLANCE STATE ACT; AND PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 192, PROHIBITING VOTING BY NONCITIZENS IN DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA ELECTIONS

Mrs. HOUCHIN. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 1243 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 1243

Resolved, That at any time after adoption of this resolution the Speaker may, pursuant to clause 2(b) of rule XVIII, declare the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for consideration of the bill (H.R. 4763) to provide for a system of regulation of digital assets by the Commodity Futures Trading Commission and the Securities and Exchange Commission, and for other purposes. The first reading of the bill shall be dispensed with. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived. General debate shall be confined to the bill and shall not exceed one hour equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Financial Services or their respective designees. After general debate the bill shall be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule. In lieu of the amendments in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committees on Agriculture and Financial Services now printed in the bill, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 118-33, modified by the amendment printed in part A of the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution, shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole. The bill, as amended, shall be considered as the original bill for the purpose of further amendment under the five-minute rule and shall be considered as read. All points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended, are waived. No further amendment to the bill, as amended, shall be in order except those printed in part B of the report of the Committee on Rules. Each such further amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole. All points of order against such further amendments are waived. At the conclusion of consideration of the bill for amendment the Committee shall rise and report the bill, as amended, to the House with such further amendments as may have been adopted. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill, as amended, and on any further amendment thereto to final passage without intervening motion except one motion to recommit.

SEC. 2. At any time after adoption of this resolution the Speaker may, pursuant to clause 2(b) of rule XVIII, declare the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for consideration of the bill (H.R. 5403) to amend the