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So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:

Mr. DESAULNIER. Mr. Speaker, I regret that I was unable to vote today. Had I been present, I would have voted: Yea on Roll Call No. 337, the Long Island Sound Restoration and Stewardship Reauthorization Act (H.R. 5441).

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to attend the vote series today, due to an unexpected absence. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 336 and YEA on Roll Call No. 337.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, I missed all votes today due to a doctor's appointment. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 336 and YEA on Roll Call No. 337.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. GARCIA of Texas. Mr. Speaker, due to travel cancellations relating to Hurricane Beryl today, I was unable to vote during today's vote series. Had I been able to vote, I would have voted YEA on H.R. 897, the Alabama Underwater Forest National Marine Sanctuary and Protection Act, and YEA on H.R. 5441, the Long Island Sound Restoration and Stewardship Reauthorization Act of 2023.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I missed two Roll Call votes. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 336 and YEA on Roll Call No. 337.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.J. RES. 148

Mrs. MILLER of West Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to remove the gentleman from Mississippi (Mr. KELLY) as cosponsor of H.J. Res. 148.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. VAN ORDEN). Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from West Virginia?

There was no objection.

MOMENT OF SILENCE IN HONOR OF OFFICER JAMIESON RITTER

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

Ms. BROWN. Mr. Speaker, I rise with my colleagues from the Ohio delegation to pay tribute to Cleveland Officer Jamieson Ritter, who made the ultimate sacrifice for our community last week.

Officer Ritter honorably served his country in the National Guard and Army Reserve and served his community for 4 years as a police officer. Facing the terrible risk law enforcement officers deal with every day, officer Ritter lived the motto, "Protect and Serve." For example, he provided he-

roic emergency assistance multiple times this year, including saving the life of a gunshot victim wounded just weeks ago.

For his consistently selfless service, he was named Officer of the Month in May. Officer Ritter exemplified the best of law enforcement, and for that we are profoundly grateful.

May God hold Officer Ritter in the palm of His hand and give strength to his family and loved ones.

Mr. Speaker, I ask all in the Chamber to rise for a moment of silence in remembrance of Cleveland Police Officer Jamieson Ritter.

RECOGNIZING CLINTON COUNTY'S CAMP CADET

(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, I rise today to recognize Clinton County's Camp Cadet program.

Emergency first responder positions are in-demand jobs, and this camp mimics the disciplined atmosphere at a police academy. Participants are exposed to various detectives, police officers, rescuers, emergency medical technicians, and other emergency first responders. They will engage with the participants and teach them valuable skills such as CPR. The kids learn how to march in step under command and do so to and from the various venues during the week.

The Clinton County District Attorney's Office creates a mock crime scene, which is explained by detectives who also go over investigative techniques. This year, approximately 58 kids between the ages of 11 and 15 are participating in the Camp Cadet program at Commonwealth University—Lock Haven.

There will also be a 1-day program called the Lacy Day Camp, which is free to special needs kids who want to participate.

Mr. Speaker, I thank all the volunteers and departments who made this camp possible. They provide an opportunity to teach our young community members that law enforcement are their friends.

NORTH CAROLINA DROUGHT

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

Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, the current drought situation has reached a critical point. It is hitting hard, and many farmers have told me they have never seen anything like this in a lifetime.

According to the U.S. Drought Monitor, 16 counties in North Carolina's First Congressional District are currently at a D1 drought level, and three are at a D2.

I have witnessed firsthand the devastating effects of this drought on

crops such as withered cornfields and parched tobacco plants.

Every State from Georgia to Maryland faces similar damaging drought levels. Our farmers have had enough to deal with, and a drought makes everything more challenging.

It also affects local businesses that rely on the agriculture industry, creating a ripple effect across many rural communities.

Today I sent a letter to Secretary Vilsack calling for an immediate disaster designation. I strongly urge the USDA to get Federal assistance out the door.

HONORING DEPUTY WILLIAM HENRY BUTLER, JR.

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

Mr. WALBERG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and legacy of Hillsdale County Sheriff's Deputy William Henry Butler, Jr., who was shot and killed in the line of duty while assisting a fellow officer during a traffic stop.

Deputy Butler served our country in the National Guard for 26 years, including deployments overseas during Operation Iraqi Freedom. He then served our community in the sheriff's office for the past 12 years.

Deputy Butler enjoyed spending time with his family, boating, and fishing. He will be remembered as a model deputy, a protector, a giver, a helper, and a family man.

In a clear display of the impact he left, over 2,500 law enforcement officers and hundreds of community members attended his funeral this past week to remember Deputy Butler and honor his service.

Our hearts are broken for his wife, Sarah, their five children, and two grandchildren. He will be sorely missed but never forgotten.

CELEBRATING THE NATO ALLIANCE FOR LIBERTY

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

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the historic 2024 North Atlantic Treaty Organization Summit being held here in Washington, D.C.

We recognize 75 years of this indispensable NATO alliance for liberty, founded in the wake of the free world's great victory over tyranny in World War II.

This week, 32 world leaders gather in Washington to demonstrate NATO's unity and strength, facing greater threats to our shared security from the likes of Russia, Iran, China, and North Korea.

The Biden administration, along with bipartisan support in Congress, have strengthened NATO, including the important addition of Finland and Sweden.

NATO, led by the United States and our allies, has stood resolute with our partner in liberty, Ukraine, against Vladimir Putin's tyranny and Russia's unprovoked illegal invasion of Ukraine that could trigger the largest war on the European continent since World War II. That, we must avoid.

Let people free stand with our NATO allies working together in alliance protecting America and the rest of our free world.

RECOGNIZING ELLA SHAFFER

(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. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Ella Shaffer's incredible accomplishments. She recently earned the Congressional Gold Medal, which has been her goal since her first year of high school.

One of the requirements is to complete 400 hours of community service. For Ella's dedication to our community, she received her award here in Washington in a ceremony for all the award winners from across the country.

In addition to her congressional award, Ella has earned the Girl Scout Bronze and Silver Awards and is working on her Gold.

The Bronze Award was earned by collaborating with her troop to build three buddy benches for a local elementary school playground. She earned the Silver Award by creating an observational bee box to help protect local bee populations. Her plan for her Gold Award is to establish a youth triathlon in Savannah.

She was recognized by the Girl Scouts of Historic Georgia during their annual Legacy of Leadership breakfast.

Ella Shaffer is the true definition of a servant leader, and we thank her for all the hard work she has done for the community.

PROTECTIONS FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

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

Ms. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, our healthcare system and social service programs were not designed with all people in mind.

For decades, people with disabilities have been overlooked and ignored. They have faced barriers to receiving healthcare such as discrimination and inaccessible medical equipment that have led to poorer health outcomes. Negative bias and discrimination against people with disabilities has no place in our healthcare system.

After 50 years of tireless advocacy by the disability community, the Department of Health and Human Services has finally strengthened civil rights protections for people with disabilities.

The Biden administration's new rule brings us closer to fully realizing protections under current law by prohibiting discrimination on the basis of disability and getting all Americans healthcare that meets their individual needs. I am proud to celebrate this achievement and the remarkable advocacy of the disability community that made it possible.

HONORING MAJOR GENERAL LEE HOPKINS

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

Ms. LETLOW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a truly remarkable Louisianian, Major General Lee Hopkins, for his 40 years of service in the Louisiana National Guard upon his retirement.

Major General Hopkins was commissioned in 1986 through the State Officer Candidate School of the Louisiana Army National Guard. He then enlisted into the 205th Engineer Battalion and concluded his 40-year career as the Assistant Adjutant General for the Louisiana National Guard.

He also shares my passion for education. General Hopkins oversaw the State's highly successful education programs consisting of three Youth Challenge Programs, three STARBASE programs, and one Job Challenge Program to provide targeted education and STEM opportunities. His leadership positively affected the lives of more than 10,000 at-risk youth during this period.

This only scratches the surface of all the incredible ways General Hopkins contributed to our State and country throughout his career. Please join me in thanking him for his service and sacrifice.

SUPPORTING INDIANA'S FIRST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT POLICE DEPARTMENTS

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

Mr. MRVAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my deep appreciation for the inclusion of community project funding requests in the fiscal year 2025 appropriations measure that will support police departments throughout Indiana's First Congressional District.

I am proud that these funds will directly assist with the purchase of equipment and technology that will enhance the abilities of police officers to protect themselves and our communities.

This positive action would not occur without the thoughtful engagement of the House appropriations leaders and the dedicated law enforcement personnel from eight municipalities in northwest Indiana, including Crown Point, Dyer, East Chicago, Griffith, Hobart, La Porte, Schererville, and Valparaiso.

I look forward to continuing to work with all of my congressional colleagues to finalize these critical requests as soon as possible.

BEAUTIFUL LAKES IN KENTUCKY

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

Mr. COMER. Mr. Speaker, I am very honored to represent more miles of recreational lakes and marinas than any Member of the U.S. House of Representatives.

My wife and I and our family just came back from a great weekend vacation, a weekend getaway at Dale Hollow Lake near my home in Monroe County. Dale Hollow is located in Cumberland and Clinton Counties in my congressional district.

I was thinking about all the great lakes that we have in the First Congressional District of Kentucky: Dale Hollow, Lake Cumberland, Barren River Lake, Green River Lake, Kentucky Lake, and Lake Barkley.

There are no finer places in America, no more beautiful places in America to travel, and I appreciate the economic impact that these lakes have in Kentucky and in my congressional district.

I encourage people to support these lakes, and I thank all the great employees, all the great staff, and all the great people that make our lakes in Kentucky what they are.

THE DEMISE OF THE NUCLEAR FAMILY

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

Mr. GROTHMAN. Mr. Speaker, another week has gone by and another week of the press corps leaving aside writing about the greatest long-term issue facing our country, and that is the breakdown of the family, beginning in the 1960s with the most recent Marxist and feminists like Kate Millett, later on a communist by the name of Angela Davis, and later on, Black Lives Matter.

Our country keeps marching toward the end of the nuclear family, and programs ever since that time are clearly designed with this in mind, such as section 42 housing tax credits giving better housing to people who are not married than people who are, healthcare, earned income tax credit of \$6,000 to \$7,000 a year, TANF cash, and special programs for disabled kids for which only single parents are eligible.

It is time for the press to look at these programs. Frequently, it is costing over \$25,000 for young couples to get married rather than to not keep both parents in the house. I ask the press corps to wake up and make this an issue in this year's presidential campaign.