

CONGRATULATING CENTRAL MOUNTAIN HIGH SCHOOL

(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 Central Mountain High School's wins at the National Leadership and Skills Conference.

Recently, Central Mountain High School students traveled to Atlanta, Georgia, to compete at the SkillsUSA's National Leadership and Skills Conference, where they achieved remarkable success.

New alumna Sofia Dressler took home the national title in related technical math. Sofia is a gifted mathematician, already taking math courses at Commonwealth University in Lock Haven and has worked through calculus 3 up to number theory.

Additionally, three Central Mountain High School rising seniors—Ellen Banfill, Emily Everett, and Samantha Streater—placed eighth nationally in the community service competition. Their community service project centered around the Stop the Bleed national awareness campaign, aimed to equip their community with supplies and knowledge to provide immediate emergency care for life-threatening bleeding after a traumatic injury. These four young women have already demonstrated academic excellence and a strong sense of community.

Congratulations to Sofia, Ellen, Emily, and Samantha on their achievements. Students like themselves are the future of this great Nation.

EXPRESSING MY OUTRAGE

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

Mrs. RAMIREZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise to express my outrage on the eve of Prime Minister Netanyahu's joint address.

His address is a slap in the face to the thousands and thousands of Americans who have been demanding a ceasefire, the people of conscience opposed to U.S.-supplied bombs killing women and children, and the 12 U.S. Government officials who have resigned protesting the national security and moral crisis our policies are creating.

We cannot work toward peace while giving a war criminal the floor or exert moral authority while supporting the killing of children and civilians nor defend national interests while eroding our relationships across the world.

We must listen to the American people and our officials and diplomats, like Major Harrison Mann, who will be standing with me tomorrow to demand the administration and our leadership change course.

I hear them. What they say is: Not one more bomb, not one more dollar,

not one more excuse for Netanyahu's atrocities.

WHAT AMERICA MEANS TO CODY SMITH

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

Mr. ALFORD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate our top 10 speech writers for this year's Missouri's Fourth Congressional Speech Competition. They were chosen to write speeches on what America means to them. Today we are recognizing Cody Smith from Sturgeon High School in Boone County, Missouri.

America represents many different things to different people, depending on their backgrounds, experiences, and perspectives. For me, it embodies a variety of values such as equality, opportunity, and above all, freedom.

America is a land of opportunity where simple hard work and determination can lead to success. America represents a melting pot of cultures, where anyone and everyone can come together and thrive in harmony. It is a beacon of hope and possibility where individuals can forge their own paths and make meaningful contributions to their country.

There is no other country in the world that I would rather call home than America.

I couldn't agree more with Cody.

RURAL HEALTH GROUP WELCOMES MEDICAL RESIDENTS

(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, eastern North Carolina communities face the greatest healthcare disparities of any area in our State. I am super excited to share that the Rural Health Group welcomed the dynamic inaugural class of medical residents to Roanoke Rapids, including Onyenyechi Joy Onyeanuna, Tanweer Hoosen, and Tochukwu Okafor.

Such pioneers will pave the way for a future filled with improved health outcomes for our community. Their decision to join this incredible program is a testament to their dedication and passion to serving those most in need. Their class will forever hold a special place in Roanoke Rapids' history. We are incredibly grateful for their commitment and looking forward to seeing their positive impact.

SECRET SERVICE ACCOUNTABILITY

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

Mr. ROSE. Mr. Speaker, the American people continue to learn about the security failures leading up to the assassination attempt on President Donald Trump. They deserve to know what

happened and that this will never happen again.

Yesterday, Secret Service Director Kimberly Cheatle testified in the House Oversight Committee after being subpoenaed. Her testimony should have been voluntary, as times such as these require transparency. Nevertheless, House Members, on a bipartisan basis, are committed to getting to the bottom of what happened that awful day in Pennsylvania.

I commend the heroism exhibited by the agents working the President's security detail, yet the agency and its leadership for which they serve must be held accountable. With more than \$3 billion in annual funding, a would-be assassin should never have been able to fire multiple rounds at a Presidential candidate from the top of a roof just 147 yards away. This is unacceptable.

RISING COST OF AUTO INSURANCE

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

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, across our Nation, the cost of auto insurance has increased by an average of 26 percent in the last year alone. In my district, Mr. Speaker, Detroiters still pay the highest auto insurance rates in the Nation, leaving many of our families struggling to make ends meet. Even through and across the 12th Congressional District, in Oakland and Wayne Counties, we can see some rates going up as high as 40 percent.

While rent, utilities, gas, and other living expenses are deducted from a household's income to enable more families to qualify for Federal assistance that they need, it is outrageous, and I am taken aback and shocked, that auto insurance is currently not considered an expense.

How is it that 49 out of 50 States require drivers to have auto insurance, yet the cost is not factored into the cost-of-living formula for applying for Federal assistance in our country?

This is why I introduced the Auto Insurance Expense Relief Act. This bill corrects that injustice by including the cost of auto insurance to qualify for critical programs like food assistance, health coverage, and housing support. I ask that my colleagues join me in passing this important legislation.

CONGRATULATING PETER MATTHIESSEN

(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 today to commend Captain Peter Matthiessen, a dedicated 13-year veteran firefighter serving the city of Roanoke. Captain Matthiessen's exceptional service has earned him the esteemed Veterans of Foreign Wars National Firefighter of the Year Award.

Nominated by the local VFW Post 1264, Captain Matthiessen's leadership

in organizing the annual Roanoke 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb has been instrumental. Working alongside First Lieutenant Stephen Curry, Captain Robert Reid, and retired Battalion Chief Matt Dewhirst, this team has brought a cherished tradition to the Roanoke Valley. For a decade now, the event has drawn around 300 participants and raises \$25,000 for the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation annually.

The 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb challenges participants to climb the equivalent of 110 stories of the World Trade Center, thus honoring the 343 firefighters who made the ultimate sacrifice on September 11, 2001.

I congratulate Captain Matthiessen's humble dedication to this mission and his continued service to his community as well as all those who participate year after year in the 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb. May we never forget.

□ 0915

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 8997, ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2025; AND PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 8998, DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, ENVIRONMENT, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2025

Mrs. FISCHBACH. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 1370 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 1370

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. 8997) making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025, 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 Appropriations or their respective designees. After general debate the bill shall be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule. An amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 118-42 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.

SEC. 2. (a) No further amendment to H.R. 8997, as amended, shall be in order except those printed in part A of the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution, amendments en bloc described in section 3 of this resolution, and pro forma amendments described in section 4 of this resolution.

(b) Each further amendment printed in part A of the report of the Committee on

Rules shall be considered 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 except as provided by section 4 of this resolution, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole.

(c) All points of order against further amendments printed in part A of the report of the Committee on Rules or against amendments en bloc described in section 3 of this resolution are waived.

SEC. 3. It shall be in order at any time for the chair of the Committee on Appropriations or his designee to offer amendments en bloc consisting of further amendments printed in part A of the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution not earlier disposed of. Amendments en bloc offered pursuant to this section shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for 20 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations or their respective designees, shall not be subject to amendment except as provided by section 4 of this resolution, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole.

SEC. 4. During consideration of H.R. 8997 for amendment, the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations or their respective designees may offer up to 10 pro forma amendments each at any point for the purpose of debate.

SEC. 5. At the conclusion of consideration of H.R. 8997 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. 6. 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. 8998) making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025, 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 Appropriations or their respective designees. After general debate the bill shall be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule. An amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 118-41 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.

SEC. 7. (a) No further amendment to H.R. 8998, as amended, shall be in order except those printed in part B of the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution, amendments en bloc described in section 8 of this resolution, and pro forma amendments described in section 9 of this resolution.

(b) Each further amendment printed in part B of the report of the Committee on

Rules shall be considered 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 except as provided by section 9 of this resolution, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole.

(c) All points of order against further amendments printed in part B of the report of the Committee on Rules or against amendments en bloc described in section 8 of this resolution are waived.

SEC. 8. It shall be in order at any time for the chair of the Committee on Appropriations or his designee to offer amendments en bloc consisting of further amendments printed in part B of the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution not earlier disposed of. Amendments en bloc offered pursuant to this section shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for 20 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations or their respective designees, shall not be subject to amendment except as provided by section 9 of this resolution, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole.

SEC. 9. During consideration of H.R. 8998 for amendment, the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations or their respective designees may offer up to 10 pro forma amendments each at any point for the purpose of debate.

SEC. 10. At the conclusion of consideration of H.R. 8998 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.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. FONG). The gentlewoman from Minnesota is recognized for 1 hour.

Mrs. FISCHBACH. Mr. Speaker, for the purpose of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. MCGOVERN), pending which I yield myself such time as I may consume. During consideration of this resolution, all time yielded is for the purpose of debate only.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mrs. FISCHBACH. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from Minnesota?

There was no objection.

Mrs. FISCHBACH. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, we are here to debate the rule providing for consideration of H.R. 8997 and H.R. 8998. The rule provides for both bills to be considered under structured rules, each with 1 hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations or their designees, and provides for one motion to recommit for each.