

declares the House in recess until 2 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 16 minutes p.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 2 p.m.

PRAYER

Dr. Ralph B. Lassiter, Sr., St. Mark Baptist Church, Omaha, Nebraska, offered the following prayer:

God our creator, our sustainer, and our redeemer, we thank You for this day and ask Your blessings upon this, the people's House, both collectively and individually.

Lord, fill our Representatives with wisdom and courage to perform the difficult tasks entrusted to them. Calm the winds of dissension, empower a spirit of unity, and provide clarity of vision for the future that You desire for this country.

Lord, encourage these men and women through Your Word that tells us that You have "plans to prosper us and not to harm us, plans to give us hope and a future." Therefore, I ask that You touch the heads, the hearts, and the hands of those who lead these United States, so that Your will be done.

Now, Lord, we give all glory, honor, and praise to You because You are able to do infinitely more than we might ask or think. In the mighty and majestic name of my Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ, I pray.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the 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. Will the gentleman from Texas (Mr. SELF) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. SELF 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.

WELCOMING DR. RALPH B. LASSITER, SR.

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the gentleman from Nebraska (Mr. BACON) is recognized for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

Mr. BACON. Mr. Speaker, I am grateful to welcome Pastor Ralph Lassiter

and his wife, Doris Lassiter, to the people's House. We are grateful to have them in Washington, D.C., and I thank him for opening up our session in prayer.

Pastor Lassiter has been the lead pastor for Mount Moriah Baptist Church for 17 years before he retired. Now, he is the pastor emeritus.

Mount Moriah is a historical church in our city, preaching the Gospel for generations, healing relationships, and helping people with their physical needs. It has been a true blessing.

Today, both Pastor and Mrs. Lassiter are helping to bring a small business back to north Omaha. Pastor Lassiter also works with men who are struggling with addictions. He has been a true blessing.

His favorite Bible verse is out of Proverbs: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart; and lean not unto your own understanding. In all your ways, acknowledge Him, and He will guide your paths." It is a great prayer.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Pastor Lassiter for opening us up with prayer, and I welcome both him and his wife, Mrs. Lassiter.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF MICHAEL KALINICH, SR.

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

Mr. MILLER of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of Michael Kalinich, Sr., a pillar of Strongsville, Ohio.

Mr. Kalinich leaves behind a legacy of service and strength. He will be remembered for his unwavering dedication to his family and community.

Born into a family of entrepreneurs, Michael carried on the family business with great pride, bringing it to Strongsville in 1956. This business thrived under his leadership and continues to operate in the city that he loved so deeply.

Michael proudly served his country during the Korean war. As a United States Army veteran, bravery and patriotism were hallmarks of his character in every aspect of life. Michael put the "strong" in Strongsville.

Michael's commitment to his community was without equal. He started the Strongsville Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Dance to benefit graduating high school students looking to pursue higher education. He was also a founding member of the Strongsville City Club and served as chairman of the Strongsville Homecoming. These selfless efforts brought joy and celebration to his neighbors.

Mr. Speaker, as we celebrate Michael's life, let us remember the power of community, hard work, and family.

CONGRATULATING COACH WENDEE SAINTSING ON HER RETIREMENT

(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, after 35 remarkable years as Barton College head women's basketball coach, Wendee Saintsing has entered a well-deserved retirement.

Coach Saintsing has taken 10 teams to the NCAA Division II tournament and led Barton to seven Conference Carolinas regular season championships and three Conference Carolinas Tournament titles.

Under her leadership, 27 of her 33 Bulldogs teams have had winning records. She also coached seven All-Americans, and a Bulldogs student athlete was named the Conference Carolinas Women's Basketball Player of the Year 12 times.

Saintsing was named the Conference Carolinas Coach of the Year an impressive four times and received the Milestone award at the Conference Carolinas inaugural Legends of the Game banquet.

Mr. Speaker, Coach Saintsing's outstanding record, which is big, speaks for itself. She has made an invaluable impact at Barton and on eastern North Carolina. I congratulate her on her retirement.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. SELF). Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or votes objected to under clause 6 of rule XX.

The House will resume proceedings on postponed questions at a later time.

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE DATA ACCESS ACT

Mr. LATURNER. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (S. 1549) to provide the Congressional Budget Office with necessary authorities to expedite the sharing of data from executive branch agencies, and for other purposes.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

S. 1549

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Congressional Budget Office Data Access Act".

SEC. 2. CONDITIONS OF DISCLOSURE FOR FEDERAL AGENCY INFORMATION WITH THE CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE.

Subsection (b) of section 552a of title 5, United States Code (commonly known as the "Privacy Act of 1974"), is amended—

(1) by redesignating paragraphs (11) and (12) as paragraphs (12) and (13), respectively; and

(2) by inserting after paragraph (10) the following:

"(11) to the Director of the Congressional Budget Office, or any authorized representative of the Director, in the course of performance of the duties of the Congressional Budget Office;"

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Kansas (Mr. LATURNER) and the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. RASKIN) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Kansas.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. LATURNER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on this measure.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Kansas?

There was no objection.

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

Mr. Speaker, the Congressional Budget Office, or CBO, is the legislative branch agency responsible for helping Congress accurately analyze the budgetary impact of proposed legislation.

The Congressional Budget Act of 1974 authorized CBO to collect information and data directly from agencies. Timely access to agency data is necessary for CBO to produce accurate cost estimates for legislation and prepare other congressional reports. However, agencies often delay or restrict CBO's access to data. One of the most common reasons agencies restrict CBO's access to Federal agency data is because of perceived Privacy Act obstacles.

This bill, the Congressional Budget Office Data Access Act, solves this problem by granting CBO the same Privacy Act exemption afforded to the Government Accountability Office and Congress.

Under existing law, CBO must meet the confidentiality standards required of the agency that is providing the data, and this bill maintains that standard of confidentiality while expanding CBO's data access authority, such access that GAO and Congress already possess.

CBO access to agency data is critical for the legislative branch agency's ability to fulfill its mission.

Mr. Speaker, I thank my House Oversight Committee colleagues, Representative GROTHMAN and Representative MFUME, for their work on the House companion of this legislation, H.R. 7184. I also thank House Budget Committee Chairman ARRINGTON and Ranking Member BOYLE and their staff for coordinating with the Oversight Committee on this legislation.

Mr. Speaker, I encourage my colleagues to support this bill, and I reserve the balance of my time.

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

Mr. Speaker, the CBO Data Access Act is a commonsense, good government bill. I commend Senator GARY PETERS and Senator SUSAN COLLINS for introducing it on the Senate side, as well as Congressman LATURNER, the gentleman from Kansas, and Chairman GROTHMAN and Ranking Member MFUME for sponsoring the House companion.

The bill would accelerate the speed and improve the accuracy with which the CBO analyzes the budgetary consequences of proposed legislation by providing CBO with an exemption to the Privacy Act.

H.R. 7032, which has passed both the House and Senate, requires CBO to treat any information it receives with the same level of confidentiality as the agency from which it is received. That is a wise safeguard that will work well in tandem with this bill.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this legislation, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. LATURNER. Mr. Speaker, I encourage my House colleagues to support this commonsense bill to support CBO in carrying out its mission, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Kansas (Mr. LATURNER) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, S. 1549.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

REUSE EXCESS PROPERTY ACT

Mr. LATURNER. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (S. 2685) to make data and internal guidance on excess personal property publicly available, and for other purposes.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

S. 2685

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Reuse Excess Property Act".

SEC. 2. REPORTING ON EXCESS PERSONAL PROPERTY.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter II of chapter 5 of title 40, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in section 529—

(A) in subsection (a), in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by inserting "and the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Oversight and Accountability of the House of Representatives" after "Administrator of General Services"; and

(B) by adding at the end the following:

"(c) COMPILATION OF DATA.—Not later than 180 days following the close of a fiscal year, the Administrator shall compile the data in the reports submitted under subsection (a) and submit to the Committee on Homeland Security Governmental Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Oversight and Accountability of the House of Representatives and publish on a centralized online website a publicly available report, which shall include—

"(1) the complete data provided in each report in a user-friendly format;

"(2) a summary of the findings of each report, including the aggregate dollar amount of personal property determined to be no longer required for the purpose of the appropriation used to make the purchase; and

"(3) any other recommendations from the Administrator.";

(2) by inserting after section 529 the following:

"§ 530. Internal guidance on excess personal property

"(a) INITIAL REPORT.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this section, each executive agency shall submit to the Administrator of General Services and make publicly available on the website of the executive agency the internal guidance of the executive agency on considering using excess personal property to meet the needs of the executive agency, which shall include—

"(1) a requirement to consider excess personal property before buying new;

"(2) when it is practicable to check for and obtain excess personal property;

"(3) how to evaluate the suitability of excess personal property for use; and

"(4) defined roles and responsibilities relevant to considering the use of excess personal property, including the designation of an employee as responsible for searching through available excess personal property for items that meet the needs of the executive agency.

"(b) UPDATES.—Each executive agency shall submit to the Administrator of General Services and update on the website of the executive agency any changes to the internal guidance submitted and made available under subsection (a)."

(b) REPORT ON INTERAGENCY WORKING GROUP.—Not later than 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act, the Administrator of General Services shall publish a publicly available report on a centralized online website that includes a summary of findings from the interagency working group on the acquisition of personal property that was first convened in February 2023 on ways to improve the use of excess personal property.

(c) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—The table of sections for chapter 5 of title 40, United States Code, is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 529 the following:

"530. Internal guidance on excess personal property."

(d) GAO REPORT.—The Comptroller General of the United States shall submit to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Oversight and Accountability of the House of Representatives a report that evaluates the frequency with which executive agencies (as defined in section 102 of title 40, United States Code) acquire personal property that was made, produced, or manufactured by any entity, including any corporation, that is organized under the laws of, is headquartered in, or has its principal place of business in the People's Republic of China, including any Special Administrative Region.

(e) SUNSET.—Effective the date that is 5 years after the date of enactment of this Act, chapter 5 of title 40, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in section 529—

(A) in subsection (a), in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by striking "and the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Oversight and Accountability of the House of Representatives"; and

(B) by striking subsection (c);

(2) by striking section 530; and

(3) in the table of sections, by striking the item relating to section 530.

(f) NO ADDITIONAL FUNDS.—No additional funds are authorized to be appropriated for the purpose of carrying out this Act or the amendments made by this Act.