

they got about \$3 billion out of that. They want to come back for another \$3 billion on top of the \$3 billion they already got out of the so-called Bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.

So this thing continues to be a rat-hole for money. We should not send any more Federal dollars there. We should not send any more State dollars or cap and trade or automobile driver dollars towards it because it isn't going to work.

Instead, let people invest in their highways and their airports, something that people actually use and can afford.

PREMATURITY AWARENESS MONTH

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

Mrs. McCLELLAN. Madam Speaker, November is Prematurity Awareness Month and November 17 is Prematurity Awareness Day. It is an opportunity for us to come together and commit to address the United States' horrific preterm birth rate.

This is an issue that is personal to me. My daughter, Samantha, was born by emergency C-section 9 weeks early when my placenta ruptured because I had placenta previa. I was one of the lucky ones. After 6 weeks in the NICU, she was able to come home. When she stood with me when I took the oath of office, no one would ever know that she started less than 5 pounds. Not everyone is as lucky.

The March of Dimes just issued its annual report card for preterm birth rates; and the United States earned a D-plus once again, remaining the worst grade in the report's history. Chronic conditions, inadequate prenatal care, and racial disparities fueled these historic preterm birth rates.

The preterm birth rate remains at 10.4 percent with significant disparities among racial and ethnic groups. We have more work to do. Please stay tuned because next week I will be proposing a bipartisan measure to help bring this birth rate down.

COMMEMORATING LOUIS BENNETT, JR.

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

Mr. MOONEY. Madam Speaker, the national World War I Memorial here in Washington was recently completed with a sculpture known as "A Soldier's Journey."

In the spirit of honoring our World War I veterans, I rise to commemorate Louis Bennett, Jr. of Weston, West Virginia. Bennett realized the power aviation could bring to the war effort and formed the West Virginia Flying Corps. When the corps failed to achieve military status, Bennett chose commend-

ably to interrupt his studies at Yale and enlist in the British Royal Flying Corps.

Bennet flew combat missions in Western Europe. Over the course of only 9 days, he amassed a remarkable high number of 12 kills of enemy aircraft. Lieutenant Bennett became known as the balloon buster for shooting down nine German surveillance balloons, which is dangerous because, when the balloons blow up, they sometimes take the plane down with them.

On August 14, 1919, he was shot down and killed by German anti-aircraft artillery. In honor of her only son, in 1992, Mrs. Sallie Bennett donated her stately home to Lewis County for a war memorial and library. Mrs. Bennett used her considerable wealth to fund memorials of World War I veterans. I am pleased we have a place to memorialize them here in our Nation's Capital.

BIPARTISANSHIP

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

Mr. FOSTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the passage of H.R. 82, the Social Security Fairness Act.

This legislation will finally repeal the Windfall Elimination Provision and the Government Pension Offset, mistakes which have unfairly reduced or eliminated Social Security benefits for millions of Americans who have devoted their years to public service. I am proud that a strong bipartisan majority came together to protect their hard-earned benefits.

As we celebrate this historic vote, it is also important to recognize that, were it not for the discharge petition, this bill, despite its strong bipartisan support, would never have even come to the floor for a vote.

Too often the extreme flanks of both parties are calling the shots, leaving the majority of Members who are seeking bipartisan and thoughtful policy-making absolutely hamstrung.

As we look forward to the 119th Congress, it is my hope that we can strengthen the discharge petition, allowing us to bring more meaningful bipartisan pieces of legislation to the floor and more bipartisan productivity back to this Chamber.

A GRATEFUL NATION SALUTES AL OLIVER

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

Mr. WENSTRUP. Madam Speaker, I rise today to share the life of Ohio Second District native and Major League Baseball star, Al Oliver of Portsmouth, Ohio.

Born in 1946, Al learned from a young age what it means to be a leader. After his mother passed away when he was

11, he took on the incredible responsibility of caring for his two younger siblings. A standout baseball and basketball player at Portsmouth High School, he would later sign with the Pittsburgh Pirates at just 17 years old and would make his major league debut just 3 years later.

Oliver's career lasted 18 years including stops with seven baseball teams. Most notably, Oliver was part of the September 1, 1971, Pirates lineup that featured the first all-Black lineup in Major League Baseball history. That 1971 team would later go on to win the World Series.

In 1986, Oliver retired as a seven-time all-star, a three-time Silver Slugger, and World Series champion. Much like the story of our Nation, Oliver's is a story of overcoming challenges.

Al Oliver's story of fighting through adverse odds is an example to our Nation's children in America, through hard work, and perseverance, one can accomplish anything they set their mind to. Al Oliver did that.

We thank Al Oliver. A grateful Nation salutes him.

Play ball.

SOCIAL SECURITY FAIRNESS ACT OF 2023

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

Mr. MAGAZINER. Madam Speaker, for 40 years an unfair law has cut the Social Security benefits of millions of police officers, firefighters, first responders, public school teachers, and other government employees, even though they pay just as much into the Social Security system as other Americans.

These people, our friends and neighbors who keep us safe and teach our children, should not be penalized for pursuing years in public service.

That is why I proudly voted this week for the Social Security Fairness Act, to end the GOP and WEP rules that have unfairly reduced the earned Social Security benefits of public servants.

This is a matter of basic fairness. All Americans deserve to retire with dignity but especially those who serve our communities in education, law enforcement, public safety, and other service roles.

It is time to right this wrong. Now that the House has passed this bill, I urge the Senate to take it up immediately and to restore full Social Security benefits for the millions of Americans who have been treated so unfairly.

HONORING EMS DIVISION CHIEF STEPHANIE WINEGAR

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

Mr. BAIRD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Stephanie Winegar, the

EMS division chief of the Washington Township/Avon Fire Department and for winning the 2024 Indiana Emergency Response Conference EMS Officer of the Year Award.

As is displayed on this poster, Stephanie won this award for exceptional leadership, professionalism, and dedication to serving our central Indiana communities. She began her EMS career in 1988 as a volunteer EMT with the Wayne Township Fire Department. She tirelessly worked for Wishard Ambulance Service, while pursuing her paramedic certification from St. Vincent Hospital.

In 2023, she became Washington Township/Avon Fire Department's first female EMS chief. Thanks to Stephanie's leadership, her teams are always well-equipped when responding to emergency situations and excel in patient care.

We are so grateful for her service to our central Indiana communities for over two decades. She is to be congratulated on her outstanding achievement.

SENATE ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The Speaker announced his signature to enrolled bills of the Senate of the following titles:

S. 1510.—An act to amend provisions relating to the Office of the Inspector General of the Government Accountability Office, and for other purposes.

S. 2143.—An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 320 South 2nd Avenue in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, as the “Staff Sergeant Robb Lura Roofing Post Office Building”.

S. 2274.—An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 112 Wyoming Street in Shoshoni, Wyoming, as the “Dessie A. Bebout Post Office”.

S. 3267.—An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 410 Dakota Avenue South in Huron, South Dakota, as the “First Lieutenant Thomas Michael Martin Post Office Building”.

S. 3419.—An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1765 Camp Hill Bypass in Camp Hill, Pennsylvania, as the “John Charles Traub Post Office”.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. BAIRD. Madam Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 44 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Monday, November 18, 2024, at noon for morning-hour debate.

OATH FOR ACCESS TO CLASSIFIED INFORMATION

Under clause 13 of rule XXIII, the following Members executed the oath for access to classified information:

Tony Wied.
Erica Lee Carter.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

EC-6068. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Syria that was declared in Executive Order 13338 of May 11, 2004, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1641(c); Public Law 94-412, Sec. 401(c); (90 Stat. 1257) and 50 U.S.C. 1703(c); Public Law 95-223, Sec. 204(c); (91 Stat. 1627); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-6069. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Nicaragua that was declared in Executive Order 13851 of November 27, 2018, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1641(c); Public Law 94-412, Sec. 401(c); (90 Stat. 1257) and 50 U.S.C. 1703(c); Public Law 95-223, Sec. 204(c); (91 Stat. 1627); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-6070. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a determination under section 7034(k)(5) of the Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2024, pursuant to Public Law 118-47, Sec. 7034(k)(5); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-6071. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a determination under section 7034(k)(5) of the Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2024, pursuant to Public Law 118-47, Sec. 7034(k)(5); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-6072. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting the Department's final rule — Notarial and Related Services [Public Notice: 12553] (RIN: 1400-AF89) received October 29, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-6073. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a determination under section 614(a)(1) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to provide assistance to Ukraine; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-6074. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Department Notification Number: RSAT Case 24-10362; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-6075. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a memorandum of justification for the exercise of authority under section 614(a)(1) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to provide assistance to Ukraine; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-6076. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a determination under section 614(a)(1) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to provide assistance to Ukraine; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-6077. A letter from the Inspector General, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the report, “HHS Continues to Make Progress Toward Compliance With the Geospatial Data Act”, pursuant to 43 U.S.C. 2802(c)(11)(C); Public Law 115-254, Sec. 753(c)(11)(C); (132 Stat. 3417) and 43

U.S.C. 2802(c)(12)(B); Public Law 115-254, Sec. 753(c)(12)(B); (132 Stat. 3417); to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

EC-6078. A letter from the General Counsel to Inspector General and Deputy Inspector General, United States Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting a change of status of Inspector General, pursuant to section 5241 of Public Law 117-263; to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

EC-6079. A letter from the Biologist, Migratory Bird Program, United States Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting the Department's final rule — Permits for Incidental Take of Eagles and Eagle Nests; Correction and Technical Amendment [Docket No.: FWS-HQ-MB-2020-0023; FF09M30000-245-FXMB1232090000] (RIN: 1018-BE70) received October 25, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

EC-6080. A letter from the Fisheries Regulations Specialist, NMFS, Office of Sustainable Fisheries — Alaska Region, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands; Final 2024 and 2025 Harvest Specifications for Groundfish [Docket No.: 240304-0068] (RTID: 0648-XD454) received November 1, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

EC-6081. A letter from the Fisheries Regulations Specialist, NMFS, Office of Sustainable Fisheries — GARFO, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Framework Adjustment 38 to the Atlantic Sea Scallop Fishery Management Plan [Docket No.: 240314-0080] (RIN: 0648-BM78) received November 1, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

EC-6082. A letter from the Fisheries Regulations Specialist, NMFS, Office of Sustainable Fisheries — GARFO, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; 2024 and 2025 Summer Flounder and Scup, and 2024 Black Sea Bass Recreational Management Measures [Docket No.: 240419-0114] (RIN: 0648-BM83) received November 1, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

EC-6083. A letter from the Fisheries Regulations Specialist, NMFS, Office of Sustainable Fisheries — PIRO, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's final rule — Pacific Island Fisheries; Annual Catch Limits and Accountability Measures for Main Hawaiian Islands Kona Crab for Fishing Years 2024-2026 [Docket No.: 240501-0123] (RIN: 0648-BM65) received November 1, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

EC-6084. A letter from the Fisheries Regulations Specialist, NMFS, Office of Sustainable Fisheries — Alaska Region, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, transmitting the Administration's temporary rule — Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Two Groundfish Species in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area [Docket No.: 230306-0065; RTID 0648-XD525] received November 1, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Natural Resources.

EC-6085. A letter from the Solicitor General, Department of Justice, transmitting a