

I am proud to recognize Mr. Jefferson's accomplishments this Black History Month. Happy 100th birthday.

KLAMATH RIVER DAM REMOVAL DISASTER

(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, the Klamath River Hydroelectric Project in the northern California and southern Oregon area, including my district, had produced annually enough reliable, cheap, renewable, CO₂-free electricity for 70,000 households. They provided good-paying jobs and were the largest single private taxpayer in Siskiyou County, California, by having these dams.

Now, the Klamath removal project is an assault on the people and livelihoods of the people in the Klamath Basin. It is an attack on American agriculture, a misguided attempt to help a fish population that this Klamath dam removal will likely end up destroying, as evidenced by the dirty plume of water you see entering into the stream there. Unbelievable.

People are now finding their wells are going dry because they are not being supported by having the lakes there anymore. They are finding that the wells they do have are starting to feel the effects of this toxic plume hitting them. The water supply that the fish, wildlife, and livestock would normally get out of the river is tainted. You are seeing massive fish kills and wildlife kill.

One lady sent an example to my office of the water that came out that she used to bathe her child in. It was the same color as this stuff right here. I wouldn't wash my snow tires in that, I don't think, let alone my child.

HONORING CLIFFORD DeBAPTISTE

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

Ms. HOULAHAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a resident of my community, Clifford DeBaptiste, who will be celebrating his 100th birthday this May.

Clifford has served our community for over 70 years, first in the Army, where he reached the rank of sergeant major, and then as a business and civic leader in our community.

After serving in uniform, Clifford moved to West Chester with his wife, Inez, and his daughters, Lillian, Inez, and Celeste, where he attended our West Chester University and the first degree-granting HBCU, our Lincoln University.

He and Inez opened several funeral homes, becoming active members of the local business community. During this time, he also served 13 terms as the chairman of the Pennsylvania State Board of Funeral Directors.

In 1994, he made history as the very first Black mayor of our West Chester. His work revitalized West Chester's downtown and led to incredible growth for local businesses, with the number of restaurants in the borough rising from 15 to 57 during his term.

Since his retirement, he has remained very active in our local community. We are so grateful for his contributions and for those of his daughter, Lillian, who followed in his footsteps and is now the current mayor of West Chester. I wish a happy early birthday to Clifford.

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REMEMBERING CAPTAIN LARRY TAYLOR

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

Mr. FLEISCHMANN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Chattanooga native and our Nation's most recent Medal of Honor recipient, Captain Larry Taylor. Captain Taylor passed away earlier this year on January 28.

I have had many honors and privileges as the Representative for Tennessee's Third Congressional District.

One of the highest honors of my career was getting to know Captain Taylor and his family while working with them and east Tennessee's steadfast and determined veterans to have the Medal of Honor awarded to Larry Taylor for his heroic, valiant, and selfless service during the Vietnam war.

Captain Taylor's heroic actions on June 18, 1968, near the village of Ap Go Cong not only saved the lives of his fellow brothers in arms but also revolutionized the way our military evacuates troops under fire.

Larry Taylor truly embodied the Tennessee volunteer spirit and the best of America and what our military stands for.

We thank God for Captain Larry Taylor's life and service to America and the cause of freedom. Our Nation honors and remembers this great man, Tennessean, and patriot.

REMEMBERING THE CITY OF WRANGELL, ALASKA

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

Mrs. PELTOLA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to mourn with the city of Wrangell, Alaska. At 9 p.m. on November 20, 2023, 37 acres of land descended on three houses at mile 11 of the Zimovia Highway in Wrangell. The landslide scattered everything, cutting off 55 homes and 71 people from their community.

Navigating wind, rain, and snapping trees, first responders went straight into the debris to find their neighbors.

With no cell service, firefighters went door to door. Local fishing boats transported survivors back to the city.

In the days following, the Coast Guard, State geologists, State troopers, and other public servants joined the search and rescue teams.

Like Alaskans always do, the Wrangell community pulled together in the face of adversity. Christina Florschutz was rescued from the debris and, for that, Alaskans are grateful.

Tragically, her husband, Otto, and the neighboring Heller family with three children aged 16, 12, and 11 did not survive.

Their loss will forever change this small community, and it should remind us of our duty. From better monitoring systems to faster FEMA responses, Americans expect the Federal Government to be ready when disaster strikes.

I hope that my colleagues will join me in making that a reality and remembering the story of Wrangell.

HONORING JIM BLACK

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

Mr. SMITH of Nebraska. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Third District banker, community servant, and World War II veteran, Jim Black.

As the oldest World War II veteran living at the Norfolk, Nebraska, veterans home, Jim turned 100 years of age in January and has lived a life full of service to his community and his country.

A native of Fullerton, Nebraska, Jim's undeterable desire to serve led him to enlist in the Navy after he was initially denied enlistment by the Army and the Army Air Corps for supposed medical issues.

During the war, he served on three different submarines, including the USS *Silversides*, which is credited with the sinking of 23 enemy submarines.

After the war, Jim returned to Nebraska to work at Fullerton's First National Bank and Cones State Bank in Pierce.

For his remarkable dedication to bettering the world around him, he was honored with the title of 2008 Citizen of the Year for his championing of the Discovery Bridge project linking Cedar County, Nebraska, and Yankton, South Dakota.

Jim exemplifies Nebraska values of determination, patriotism, and civic engagement. Today, he lives in Norfolk, Nebraska, and is a model for giving back to the community.

His enduring willingness to serve and can-do attitude represents the best of Third District Nebraskans.

CELEBRATING CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION MONTH

(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 to celebrate and acknowledge Career and Technical Education Month.

Throughout February, we take the opportunity to recognize the pivotal role that career and technical education plays in shaping our Nation's workforce and helping great American companies prosper.

Career and technical education empowers students to explore various career options, discover their passions, and develop real-world skills that are in high demand.

Collaboration between educators and industry professionals ensures that our students graduate not only with academic knowledge but also with the practical expertise needed to excel in their chosen fields.

As we celebrate Career and Technical Education Month, let us commit to supporting programs that provide students with the opportunities to build a strong foundation for their future careers.

Together, we can create a workforce that is not only highly skilled but also adaptable to the ever-changing demands of our economy.

EXPORTING LNG

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

Mrs. BICE. Mr. Speaker, since the breakthroughs of the shale revolution, the United States has become a growing producer of natural gas and a significant exporter of liquefied natural gas.

This past year, LNG exports hit record highs, and we became the world's leading exporter. These exports are critical for our European allies who are still dealing with the fallout of the Russian invasion of Ukraine.

This is why Biden's decision to stop issuing new LNG permits is deeply concerning. Sadly, this is just the latest attack on domestic energy production.

The President's decision will create tremendous regulatory uncertainty and eliminate American jobs. He has weaponized the permitting process and caved to environmental groups that seek to end fossil fuels.

We have seen what can happen when there is an insufficient supply of LNG globally. Energy prices rise, and the coal-fired power plants turn back on. I urge the President to reverse this reckless decision.

NEW INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR RULES

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

Mr. KILEY. Mr. Speaker, yesterday, Wage and Hour Division Administrator Jessica Looman testified before the House Subcommittee on Workforce Protections and could not answer the most basic questions about how the administration's new independent contractor rule will apply to millions of Americans.

Will Realtors be considered employees or independent contractors? She could not say. Will truckers be considered employees or independent contractors? She could not say. Will writers be considered independent contractors or employees? She could not say.

She could not say who will be allowed to work and who will have their careers taken away from them. The reason for her evasiveness is that we already know the answer.

We have seen the devastating consequences of the law in California, AB5, that was the model for the Biden administration's rule.

Take the story of Barbara. Barbara says:

I am a proofreader. Nearly all proofreading is done online on a freelance basis.

Competition is fierce, and it is hard to get clients, but I did it. I was thrilled at being able to choose what editing jobs I was best suited for and to work as much or as little as I wanted.

Californians need not apply for any of these jobs, thanks to AB5. Not only can I not work in my chosen career, but all the time and money I spent is wasted.

In order to prevent millions of Americans from suffering Barbara's fate, I am encouraging this House to pass my resolution under the Congressional Review Act to reverse the Biden administration's new rule.

UNLOCKING OUR DOMESTIC LNG POTENTIAL ACT OF 2024

Mr. DUNCAN. Madam Speaker, pursuant to House Resolution 1009, I call up the bill (H.R. 7176) to repeal restrictions on the export and import of natural gas, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 1009, the bill is considered read.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 7176

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 "Unlocking our Domestic LNG Potential Act of 2024".

SEC. 2. ADVANCING UNITED STATES GLOBAL LEADERSHIP.

Section 3 of the Natural Gas Act (15 U.S.C. 717b) is amended—

(1) by striking subsections (a) through (c);

(2) by redesignating subsections (e) and (f) as subsections (a) and (b), respectively;

(3) by redesignating subsection (d) as subsection (c), and moving such subsection after subsection (b), as so redesignated;

(4) in subsection (a), as so redesignated, by amending paragraph (1) to read as follows:

"(1) The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (in this subsection referred to as the 'Commission') shall have the exclusive authority to approve or deny an application for authorization for the siting, construction, expansion, or operation of a facility to export natural gas from the United States to a foreign country or import natural gas from a foreign country, including an LNG terminal. In determining whether to approve or deny an application under this paragraph, the Commission shall deem the exportation or

importation of natural gas to be consistent with the public interest. Except as specifically provided in this Act, nothing in this Act is intended to affect otherwise applicable law related to any Federal agency's authorities or responsibilities related to facilities to import or export natural gas, including LNG terminals."; and

(5) by adding at the end the following new subsection:

"(d)(1) Nothing in this Act limits the authority of the President under the Constitution, the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.), the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1601 et seq.), part B of title II of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42 U.S.C. 6271 et seq.), the Trading With the Enemy Act (50 U.S.C. 4301 et seq.), or any other provision of law that imposes sanctions on a foreign person or foreign government (including any provision of law that prohibits or restricts United States persons from engaging in a transaction with a sanctioned person or government), including a country that is designated as a state sponsor of terrorism, to prohibit imports or exports.

"(2) In this subsection, the term 'state sponsor of terrorism' means a country the government of which the Secretary of State determines has repeatedly provided support for international terrorism pursuant to—

"(A) section 1754(c)(1)(A) of the Export Control Reform Act of 2018 (50 U.S.C. 4318(c)(1)(A));

"(B) section 620A of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (22 U.S.C. 2371);

"(C) section 40 of the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2780); or

"(D) any other provision of law.".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The bill shall be debatable for 1 hour, equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce or their respective designees.

The gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. DUNCAN) and the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. PALLONE) each will control 30 minutes.

The Chair now recognizes the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. DUNCAN).

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. DUNCAN. 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 H.R. 7176.

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

There was no objection.

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

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 7176, the Unlocking our Domestic LNG Potential Act of 2024. I am a proud cosponsor of this legislation, which my friend and colleague from Texas (Mr. PFLUGER), has introduced.

Since day one, President Biden has issued executive orders and given direction to the Federal agencies across the government to shut down American energy production, even at the expense of jobs, economic development, national security, and the climate. President Biden's decision to ban LNG exports in an election year is putting politics over people.

Let's be clear. The Biden administration does not appear to be against all