

I would not be standing here today without him sharing the belief that we are all just neighbors to one another, experiencing the same crazy weather together.

As the kids say, he is the GOAT. I am so proud to stand here and wish my friend the best in his retirement. He is the greatest.

RECOGNIZING JOHN MURPHY

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

Mr. LAWLER. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to recognize an individual who has been a beacon of service and steadfast advocate for those in need, John Murphy.

John's service began in the Marine Corps before he ran for county legislature and served there for over 40 years.

John has also committed himself to helping veterans and the developmentally disabled community, serving on the board of Camp Venture in support of the Venture Foundation for over 40 years, as well.

His work in this space led to many services being provided for the IDD community in the Hudson Valley, and his efforts remind us that the true measure of a society is found in how it treats its most vulnerable members.

In late 2023, John's other venture, Homes for Heroes, unveiled its new Phase II residences at Camp Shanks. This organization, headed by John, houses homeless veterans, something all of us in this body must continue to focus on.

I applaud John Murphy, a true hero for heroes, for his decades of service and his undying commitment to improving lives.

His legacy is built on the lives he has changed and the futures he has secured. I thank him for his service.

BORDER FUNDING TIED TO UKRAINE FUNDING

(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, in Ukraine, the real battle for liberty grinds on. Vladimir Putin dines on caviar while Speaker JOHNSON and his majority House Conference paralyze our Nation. They refuse to bring up the Senate aid bill to provide Ukraine ammunition.

The Speaker pretends Congress won't fix our southern border so we shouldn't arm Ukraine's freedom fighters. Fixing our southern border requires Congress to vote for the funds to secure it, yet the Speaker refuses to bring up border funding while Ukraine's soldiers face the third largest military in the world.

Courageous freedom champion Alexei Navalny was tortured and imprisoned by Putin because he wanted a free nation. He was killed in a bitter, frigid, arctic prison colony.

What an awesome, heroic son of liberty for the future of his countrymen and -women. He died for liberty.

Meanwhile, this House is paralyzed. For shame. History will render harsh judgments against those elected officials who do not stand up for liberty at its time of severe testing on a continent where 500,000 American soldiers died in the last century so that our generation could be free.

The Speaker should bring up the Senate bill. Stand tall for liberty. Don't shrink from it.

HONORING JACK BODNER

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

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in memory of an extraordinary serviceman from my district, my hometown, Jack "Pop-Eye" Bodner, who passed away at the age of 102 years old.

Mr. Speaker, Jack was a well-accomplished member of the United States Navy, having earned the European Theater Medal with four stars, the Good Conduct Medal, and the World War II Victory Medal.

Three years ago, our office had the honor to present Jack with his Combat Action Ribbon for his courageous service during World War II.

Jack enlisted with the U.S. Navy shortly after the attack on Pearl Harbor. He served our Nation across the globe. He was involved in several military operations, such as the Battle of Gela, the landing in Salerno, Italy, and the landing at Omaha Beach on D-Day in a U.S. amphibious landing craft.

Mr. Speaker, his service abroad garnered him the status of knight within the Legion of Honour, the highest decoration given by the Honorary Consul of France, in recognition of his contribution to the liberation of France.

May Jack Bodner's memory inspire all of us to strive toward courage and remind us of the heroes living amongst us. May God bless him and his family.

HONORING CALE YARBOROUGH

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

Mr. FRY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Timmonsville, South Carolina, native and American legend Cale Yarborough.

The NASCAR Hall of Famer started racing in Darlington at the soapbox derby. From there, he went on to win 83 cup races and became the sport's first driver to win three consecutive championships.

Cale's legacy is reflected not only in his record-breaking career but also his role in popularizing NASCAR. When Cale Yarborough was racing, America was watching.

Following his decorated career, Cale bought and operated a racing team of

his own. He also served the Pee Dee community in South Carolina on the Florence County Council.

We mourn the loss of a true legend, but we remember and celebrate a life that was well lived.

SERIOUS DEBATE ON IMMIGRATION

(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, sometime in the next month, there is going to finally be a serious debate on the number of people streaming across our border. It may be over an appropriations bill. It may be over an aid bill to Ukraine. There are going to be a lot of people who say there are other issues more important than this and to just wait a little longer to solve the problem at the border.

We have waited for 3 years to do something at the border as the Biden administration has watched the number of people who crossed the border every month go from 10,000 to 20,000 to 370,000 people. That is unacceptable.

We had testimony in my subcommittee last week that the people who are coming across the border are 3½ to 4 times as likely to commit a crime as the native-born, and we saw tragedy in Atlanta just on that topic.

We know very well, if you talk to people, that all of these people streaming across here have to live somewhere and are partly responsible for the increase in rental costs that we have across our country.

We don't want to shut down the government, and we don't want to say no more aid to Ukraine, but we have no choice. If it is not now, when? We have waited 3 years.

DIRECT VICTIMS OF BIDEN BORDER POLICY

(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, indeed, a very somber thought is that we have three young ladies who are direct victims of the wide-open Biden border policy. They are not getting much notoriety for that. They are not getting talked about a whole lot.

Kayla Hamilton, 1½ years ago, was taken by an illegal immigrant in this country. Lizbeth Medina, just this last December, was taken by somebody who had overstayed their visa and was here illegally. Now, most recently, Laken Riley, who we are starting to hear about a little bit, was taken by an illegal immigrant just a few days ago.

All of this is at the hands of the Biden border policy, which is endangering our citizens and causing them to lose their lives. What are we going to do about this? What are people doing? Are there protests out there? Are there

marches? Is there national outrage? Is there national media coverage?

I guess we are trying to do that here a little bit tonight because the media seems to not want to report this. They want to report other things. They don't seem to care about this issue that is affecting Americans so negatively.

Laken, Lizbeth, and Kayla are not forgotten. We are going to fix this border. These are not migrants. This is an illegal immigrant invasion hurting Americans.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 7 o'clock and 57 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Thursday, February 29, 2024, at 10 a.m. for morning-hour debate.

OATH OF OFFICE MEMBERS, RESIDENT COMMISSIONER, AND DELEGATES

The oath of office required by the sixth article of the Constitution of the United States, and as provided by section 2 of the act of May 13, 1884 (23 Stat. 22), to be administered to Members, Resident Commissioner, and Delegates of the House of Representatives, the text of which is carried in 5 U.S.C. 3331:

"I, AB, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter. So help me God."

has been subscribed to in person and filed in duplicate with the Clerk of the House of Representatives by the following Member of the 118th Congress, pursuant to the provisions of 2 U.S.C. 25:

THOMAS R. SUOZZI, Third District of New York.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

EC-3247. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 25-395, "Certificate of Assurance Moratorium Second Extension Temporary Amendment Act of 2024", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

EC-3248. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 25-396, "Medical Cannabis Program Enforcement Temporary Amendment Act of 2024", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

EC-3249. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 25-397, "School Improvement Temporary Amendment Act of 2024", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

EC-3250. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 25-398, "Protecting Adjacent and Adjoining Property Owners from Construction Damage Temporary Amendment Act of 2024", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

EC-3251. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 25-399, "Housing in Downtown Tax Abatement Temporary Amendment Act of 2024", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

EC-3252. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting D.C. Act 25-400, "Protecting Consumers from Unjust Debt Collection Practices Technical Clarification Temporary Amendment Act of 2024", pursuant to Public Law 93-198, Sec. 602(c)(1); (87 Stat. 814); to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

EC-3253. A letter from the Director, Regulations and Disclosure Law Division, U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule—Management of Customs Ports of Entry and Customs Stations (RIN: 1651-AB44) received February 7, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Ways and Means.

EC-3254. A letter from the Inspector General, Office of the Inspector General of the Intelligence Community, transmitting the biennial "Joint Report on the Implementation of the Cybersecurity Information Sharing Act of 2015", pursuant to 6 U.S.C. 1506(b)(1); Public Law 114-113, Sec. 107(b)(1); (129 Stat. 2952); to the Committee on Intelligence (Permanent Select).

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions of the following titles were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Ms. GRANGER:

H.R. 7463. A bill making further continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2024, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Appropriations, and in addition to the Committee on the Budget, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. YAKYM:

H.R. 7464. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for access standards with respect to the provision by the Department of Veterans Affairs of hospital care, medical services, or extended care services that are applicable to certain veterans with mental disorders; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mrs. BICE (for herself, Ms. SANCHEZ, Mr. FEENSTRA, Ms. HOULAHAN, Mr. MOOLENAAR, and Mr. TORRES of New York):

H.R. 7465. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to index dependant care assistance programs to inflation; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. BURCHETT:

H.R. 7466. A bill to amend the Legislative Reorganization Act of 1946 to reduce the

rates of pay of Members of Congress during a fiscal year if Congress has not agreed to a concurrent resolution on the budget for such fiscal year, to repeal the automatic appropriation of funds for the salaries of Members of Congress, and for other purposes; to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. CISCOMANI (for himself and Ms. SHERRILL):

H.R. 7467. A bill to amend the Head Start Act to permit some teachers in Early Head Start programs to teach while earning a child development associate credential; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

By Ms. DE LA CRUZ (for herself, Mr. CUELLAR, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mr. SELF, Mr. CRENSHAW, Mr. JACKSON of Texas, Mr. NEHLS, Ms. CROCKETT, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. CARTER of Texas, Ms. VAN DUYN, Mr. VICENTE GONZALEZ of Texas, Mr. PFLUGER, Mr. HUNT, Mr. GOODEN of Texas, Mr. TONY GONZALES of Texas, Mr. MORAN, Mr. ARRINGTON, Ms. GARCIA of Texas, Mr. BABIN, Mr. MCCAUL, Mr. CLOUD, Mr. FALLON, Mr. BURGESS, Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas, Mr. ROY, Mr. ELLZEY, Ms. ESCOBAR, Mr. CASTRO of Texas, Mr. LUTTRELL, Mrs. FLETCHER, Mr. VEASEY, and Ms. GRANGER):

H.R. 7468. A bill to ensure that United States diplomats and officials of the U.S. Section of the International Boundary and Water Commission are able to advance efforts seeking compliance by the United Mexican States with the 1944 Treaty on Utilization of Waters of the Colorado and Tijuana Rivers and of the Rio Grande; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania (for herself, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania, Mr. EVANS, and Ms. SCANLON):

H.R. 7469. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 28 East Airy Street in Norristown, Pennsylvania, as the "Charles L. Blockson Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

By Mr. DUNN of Florida (for himself, Mr. CARBAJAL, Mr. GALLAGHER, Mr. VASQUEZ, and Mr. GIMENEZ):

H.R. 7470. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to treat spaceports like airports for purposes of exempt facility bond rules; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. ISSA:

H.R. 7471. A bill to provide firearm licenses an opportunity to correct statutory and regulatory violations, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. MCGARVEY (for himself and Mr. BARR):

H.R. 7472. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 835 South 7th Street in Louisville, Kentucky, as the "Alberta Odell Jones Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

By Mr. SCHIFF (for himself, Mr. THANEDAR, Mrs. FOUSHEE, and Mr. CASTRO of Texas):

H.R. 7473. A bill to ensure continued appropriations for certain Small Business Administration programs during a Government shutdown in fiscal year 2024, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Appropriations.

By Mr. TRONE (for himself, Mr. HOYER, Mr. IVEY, Mr. MFUME, Mr. RASKIN, Mr. RUPPERSBERGER, and Mr. SARBANES):