

I honor Miriam Atria for all her contributions for the people of South Carolina. Please join me in wishing her continued success.

RECOGNIZING THE HONORABLE AL HUTCHINS

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 12, 2025

Mr. BISHOP. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Al Hutchins of Blakely, Georgia, who is retiring after more than 20 years of dedicated service on the Blakely City Council. An event to celebrate his extraordinary career in public service will be held on Tuesday, December 16, 2025, at the Al Hutchins Community Center in Blakely, Georgia.

Councilman Hutchins has devoted 25 years and 4 months to public service in our region, including more than two decades representing his community through the City of Blakely and as a representative with the Southwest Georgia Regional Commission. Throughout his long career he has been a steady and principled leader, working to strengthen local government, improve services for residents, and support community development across southwest Georgia.

His commitment to service has earned him numerous honors, including the Unsung Hero Award, Certificates of Congressional Recognition, multiple recognitions from the Southwest Georgia Regional Commission for long service and perfect attendance, a Certificate of Recognition from the City of Blakely for 20 years of service, awards from the Georgia Municipal Association for achievement and distinction, a resolution from Representative Gerald Greene and the Georgia House of Representatives, and recognition from the U.S. Census Bureau for community partnership and engagement—among many other certificates of appreciation from local organizations. These awards reflect the respect he has earned from colleagues, civic partners, and constituents. It has been said that the “True person of success is not the person that climbs the ladder of this life with two hands but climbs the ladder of this life with one hand and reaches back with the other.” Throughout his career in public service, Councilman Hutchins has always reached back to help others to reach their full potential.

Beyond his public work, Al Hutchins is a devoted family man and active member of his faith community. He and his wife, Alice Hutchins, are parents to Mabelle (Joyce) Hutchins, Allison (Andrea) Harrison, and Tre Hutchins, and proud grandparents of TiGeronika Lindsey, Bryson Hutchins, and Jru Harrison. He is a member of Empowerment Temple under the leadership of Apostle Turkeisa Rushin.

On a personal note, Councilman Hutchins and his wife, Alice have become trusted friends and confidantes. They have supported me as their congressman and for their support, I will be forever grateful. One of the things that I appreciate most about Councilman Hutchins is the fact that he has wonderful sense of humor and the fact that you can almost count on him to tell a “good joke.”

As Councilman Hutchins begins his well-earned retirement, Vivian and I join his family, friends, and the people of Blakely in thanking

him for his tireless service and leadership. His steady stewardship and commitment to the common good, have left a lasting and positive mark on his community. On behalf of the more than 765,000 people of the 2nd Congressional District and my colleagues, I once again thank him for his service and wish him, Alice, and their family every blessing in the years ahead.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BARRY MOORE

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 12, 2025

Mr. MOORE of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, on Roll Call No. 331, I mistakenly voted YEA when I intended to vote NAY.

OPPOSITION TO PERMITTING BILLS

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 12, 2025

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to the slate of permitting bills that the Republican majority has brought to the House Floor this week. These bills roll back vital protections that ensure our constituents have access to clean air and water, and can weigh in on projects that will affect the health of their selves, their families, and their community.

Make no mistake, the six bills before the House this week are not a commonsense, bipartisan permitting package. They are the latest attempt for President Trump and Congressional Republicans to roll back protections for our environment so that their big oil and gas friends can “drill, baby, drill” without consequence or punishment.

Republicans claim that H.R. 3893, the PERMIT Act, just cuts unnecessary bureaucratic red tape. That is false. In reality, the PERMIT Act is a partisan package of over a dozen bills that roll back the Clean Water Act, further weakening protections on our rivers, lakes, streams, and wetlands. This bill protects polluters from responsibility for treating toxic pollution in their waste stream like lead, mercury, selenium, PFAS, and arsenic. If enacted, the PERMIT Act will lead to an increase in the unregulated discharge of these harmful chemicals into local bodies of water.

In addition to the PERMIT Act, House Republicans have brought five additional bills forward that will raise prices for consumers and prioritize polluters over the American people. Let me tell you just how bad these bills are:

H.R. 3668 would strip states of their ability to enforce their own clean water laws concerning natural gas pipelines.

H.R. 3628 would force states to show arbitrary preference for fossil fuels over clean, cheap energy.

H.R. 3638 would require the Department of Energy (DOE) to issue a supply chain report, asking DOE to do more with less after Elon Musk and DOGE forced out 3,500 DOE employees and put the agency’s capacity to write such a report in doubt. If Republicans are concerned about energy supply chains, they should start by repealing the One Big Beautiful

Bill Act, which attacked tax credits and programs designed to strengthen our supply chains.

H.R. 3616 would grant the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) unprecedented power to veto or demand changes to any federal agency action, including environmental rules.

H.R. 3632 would force old, expensive power plants to stay online for up to five years after their scheduled retirement date, sending already-high electricity bills through the roof.

Mr. Speaker, these bills do not exist in a vacuum. We are considering these bills in the wake of Trump Administration actions to cancel and stall clean energy projects. In October, President Trump canceled over \$7.5 billion in grants for 223 clean energy projects. President Trump canceled over \$714 million in funding for Minnesota. These grants would have funded battery storage for a more stable grid, modernized transmission lines, and funded a battery recycling education program at Macalester College.

My Republican colleagues want to talk about permitting reform? Let’s talk about how President Trump is weaponizing the existing permitting process to freeze the approval of permits for onshore wind and solar projects, leaving thousands of megawatts of clean power in limbo at a time when demand for electricity is sky rocking. If Republicans succeed in passing these bills and gutting protections for our communities and environment, it will mean that oil and gas companies have an easier pathway to polluting the land, air, and water we all rely on.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to oppose all six of these bills. I once again urge the Republican House Majority to stop bringing these harmful bills that fast-track fossil fuel projects, restrict communities’ ability to challenge harmful development, and work to undermine clean energy development. This is not the way to improve Americans’ lives.

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF LCL TRANSPORT

HON. TONY WIED

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 12, 2025

Mr. WIED. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize the 100th anniversary of LCL Transit, a Wisconsin-based, family-owned company in Green Bay.

LCL Transit’s story began in Sobieski, Wisconsin, when Joe Pomprowicz bought a small pickup in the 1920’s to deliver groceries from his mother’s store. In 1926, Joe Pomprowicz and his future wife, Helen VanderLinden, founded LCL Transit with a used REO Speed Wagon and an innovative idea to haul fresh fish overnight to Chicago—the first truck from Northeast Wisconsin to do so. Helen’s business sense and Joe’s innovative mindset attracted major customers and expanded rapidly after a 1927 meeting with their soon-to-be largest customer, J.L. Kraft.

Over the next two decades, LCL acquired other trucking companies, and by 1967, the company operated over 200 tractors and trailers across 11 terminals. A strategic purchase in 1971 of O’Donnell Tank Lines in Elkhorn had moved LCL into food-grade liquid bulk, which

included products like milk, corn syrup, oils, and liquid chocolate, among others. As LCL celebrated its 50th anniversary in 1976, they had grown to 500 employees, and the company's leadership was passed from Joe and Helen to their daughter and her husband, Bob and Joan Schaupp.

Throughout the years, Joe and Helen's children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren have continued the impressive legacy they built, including the current President of the company, Hans Schaupp. LCL Transit is a true credit to Northeast Wisconsin and to the communities it serves across the Midwest and country. I commend the company's hard work and dedication that has resulted in its lasting growth and success for over 100 years.

I invite my colleagues to join me to celebrate the 100th anniversary of LCL Transit. I extend my sincerest congratulations to the company's current President Hans Schaupp and the entire LCL Transit team as they celebrate this impressive milestone. I wish them continued success in the decades ahead.

HONORING JUDITH CANNAN FOR HER NEARLY 50 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

HON. JOSEPH D. MORELLE

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 12, 2025

Mr. MORELLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Judith Cannan, Chief of the Policy, Training and Cooperative Programs Division (PTCP) at the Library of Congress on her retirement after nearly 50 years of service and thank her for her extraordinary dedication to the institution.

Her exemplary career has left an enduring mark on the profession, the global library community, and on generations who have benefited from her dedication, scholarship, and leadership.

Born in Birmingham, England, and raised in New Zealand, Ms. Cannan earned her bachelor's degree from Victoria University of Wellington and a diploma in library science from the National Library School. Before joining the Library, she served as a serials cataloger at Cornell University, experience that would lay the foundation for her lifetime of professional service.

Ms. Cannan joined the Library of Congress in 1976, and from 1977 to 1985 served as Head of the English Language Serials Cataloging Section. She later became the first Chief of the Technical Processing and Automation Instruction Office, the precursor to what is now the PTCP. Over her decades of service, she played a central role in some of the Library's most significant transitions: the implementation of its first integrated library system in 1999; national and international training for the new cataloging standard in 2013; and the recent shift toward a linked open data environment through the BIBFRAME initiative.

A widely respected authority in serials cataloging, Ms. Cannan authored two monographs and numerous journal articles that guided practitioners through periods of extensive change. Her scholarly contributions shaped the field and continue to influence catalogers around the world.

When the Library's training functions merged with the Policy and Standards Division to form PTCP, Ms. Cannan was entrusted as its first Chief. In this role, she oversaw professional training across the Library Collections and Services Group and led the secretariat for the Program for Cooperative Cataloging, an international community of 700 member institutions. Her steady leadership, deep subject expertise, and unwavering commitment to professional development strengthened the Library and the broader community it serves.

In 2023, Ms. Cannan was recognized with two of the American Library Association's highest professional honors: the ALA Medal of Excellence and the ALA Core Margaret Mann Citation—fitting acknowledgments of a career defined by excellence, service, and innovation.

Judith Cannan's legacy at the Library of Congress is profound. Her leadership strengthened one of our Nation's most treasured institutions, elevated the standards of cataloging worldwide, and her commitment to mentoring and training ensures future librarians are well prepared to carry this mission forward.

Her nearly half-century of service exemplifies the very best of public stewardship. We are grateful for her longtime commitment to the Library and wish her the best in her well-deserved retirement.

INCREASING INVESTOR OPPORTUNITIES ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. ANN WAGNER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 10, 2025

Mrs. WAGNER. Mr. Chair, I would like to share the preliminary estimate by the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) on H.R. 3383, the INVEST Act.

CBO has previously estimated the direct spending and revenue effects, on a preliminary or final basis, for each section of the Rules version of H.R. 3383. CBO and JCT estimate that H.R. 1013 (Retirement Fairness for Charities and Educational Institutions Act of 2025), whose language is mirrored in section 202 of H.R. 3383, would not impact direct spending over the 2026 to 2035 period but would affect the revenues and deficit by an insignificant amount over that same period. For every other bill that has been compiled into H.R. 3383, CBO estimates that there would not be any direct spending or revenue effects over the 2026 to 2035 period.

On a preliminary basis, CBO estimates that the combined bill has no direct spending effects and would impact the revenues and deficit by an insignificant amount over the 2026 to 2035 period.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. JERROLD NADLER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 12, 2025

Mr. NADLER. Mr. Speaker, on December 11, 2025, I missed votes due to a personal matter. Had I been present, I would have

voted NAY on Roll Call No. 322; NAY on Roll Call No. 323; NAY on Roll Call No. 324; NAY on Roll Call No. 325; YEA on Roll Call No. 326; YEA on Roll Call No. 327; NAY on Roll Call No. 328; YEA on Roll Call No. 329; NAY on Roll Call No. 330; YEA on Roll Call No. 331; and YEA on Roll Call No. 332.

HONORING PETER AND CORA WEISS'S LIFE AND LEGACY OF SOCIAL CHANGE

HON. JAMIE RASKIN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 12, 2025

Mr. RASKIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Peter and Cora Weiss's lifelong passionate dedication to peace, social justice and civil rights for all. I would like to ask for unanimous consent that two articles summarizing the remarkable lives of Peter and Cora Weiss. We just lost both of these fighters for human freedom and progress, and we are all poorer for it.

In 1938, Peter fled Austria to escape Nazi persecution. Just a few years later he enlisted in the U.S. Army to fight in World War II. Meantime, Cora volunteered with her mother to roll bandages for the Red Cross. They were deeply involved in defending freedom against fascism.

As citizen activists, Peter and Cora became leaders of the national movement to stop the Vietnam War and halt the global nuclear arms race. Cora organized demonstrations in Central Park and Washington, D.C. that mobilized millions of Americans to demand an end to the Vietnam War and an end to nuclear testing. With his powerful knowledge of international institutions and the U.S. Constitution, Peter redefined international human rights law in the United States and abroad.

Cora and Peter Weiss were champions of free speech and social justice but in Cora's own words, she "wasn't making a revolution." She "was just working hard and long."

May we all work so hard and so long to achieve peace and justice in our own time.

I include in the RECORD the following article honoring Peter Weiss from the Vineyard Gazette.

Peter Weiss, a trailblazing attorney and a tireless advocate for human rights, international law and the abolition of nuclear weapons, died Nov. 3 at the age of 99, one month shy of his 100th birthday. The cause was old age.

Born in Vienna, Austria, Peter led a life defined by resilience, hope, intellect and a profound commitment to justice and peace.

Fleeing Austria in 1938 to escape Nazi persecution, Peter and his family spent three years in France before finding refuge in New York City. This early experience of injustice and displacement contributed to his lifelong dedication to defending human rights and holding those who violate them accountable through the rule of law.

Peter served in the U.S. Army during WWII at a top-secret prisoner of war camp outside Washington, D.C. where German-speaking Jewish soldiers hosted and interrogated Nazi POWs.

After the war he was stationed in Berlin, working to dismantle Nazi-aligned industrial cartels. Following his service, Peter finished his undergraduate education at St. John's College in Annapolis in 1949, where his study