

punched their tickets to the March Madness tournament.

The men's team clinched their spot with a Sunday night victory over Winthrop, coming back from a 15-point deficit.

The women's team punched their ticket by winning the Big South tournament against Longwood University.

Together, these teams have made history, and they are not stopping now. To anyone unfortunate enough to be facing the Panthers later this month, good luck. You are going to need it.

Mr. Speaker, I say to both teams that Guilford County and the entire Sixth District of North Carolina are with them. May they remember their values: God, family, and country. Let's choose to be extraordinary and bring it home.

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HONORING REVEREND PHIL LAWSON

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

Mr. DESAULNIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Reverend Phil Lawson, a civil rights leader, pastor, tireless advocate for social justice, mentor, and friend.

From a young age, Reverend Lawson committed himself to faith and peace, studying nonviolent direct action under the leadership of Bayard Rustin. He emerged as a powerful voice for civil rights, participating in events like the historic 1965 Selma to Montgomery marches alongside his friend, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

After leading a Methodist parish in Kansas City, Reverend Lawson took a job with the city of Berkeley, California. He later served in roles at two local Methodist parishes before being appointed to lead the Easter Hill United Methodist Church in Richmond, California. His work on social justice issues earned him recognition as the Contra Costa County Humanitarian of the Year in 2003.

After a distinguished life of service, Reverend Lawson passed away earlier this year at the age of 92. He will be remembered for his outstanding character and his deep impact on this country and our community in California.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring the life of Reverend Phil Lawson.

GOOD ASPECTS OF CONTINUING RESOLUTION

(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, one of the good aspects in the continuing resolution for California, and nationally for those who like California-grown food, is a portion that will be in there

through the WIIN Act regarding Bureau of Reclamation funding for water projects in California, mainly the Sites Reservoir.

What you see here is the Shasta Reservoir and all that water going over that is actually going nowhere except out to the Pacific Ocean. Sites Reservoir's existence will mean we will have the ability to impound up to 1.5 million acre-feet of saved water that the whole State can use instead of being lost.

We have lost so much water this year due to, I think, not great management of that resource. At least 800,000 acre-feet, maybe up to 2 million acre-feet, have been lost just from Lake Shasta down the river out to the ocean.

This funding here will help build a good project. It will help California's water supply go much further than what we see happening right now. We see farms being cut to 35 percent of their allocation. We see people in urban areas being cut to 42 gallons per day because we can't manage this water supply.

Build the storage, manage the water better, and we will get a lot more wins.

CUTS TO NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

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

Mrs. MCCLAIN DELANEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in defense of the National Park Service, whose payroll and costs may be cut up to 30 percent by the administration in the coming weeks.

For over a century, the National Park Service has protected and preserved the stunning beauty of our country for all Americans, and these parks have further generated tens of billions of dollars for our local economies.

My district is the Sixth District of Maryland, and we are home to seven national parks, including Antietam and the C&O Canal, which has over 4 million visitors annually. This supports thousands of jobs, hotels, and restaurants.

Cuts to the National Park Service just don't hurt its employees, like my constituent Carrie Schmitt, who was laid off by the Catoctin Mountain Park 2 weeks ago. They also hurt the millions of small businesses that depend on our parks to keep the lights on.

Equally important, our future generations, like my first grandbaby, 7-week-old Charlie, deserve to see the beauty and grandeur of our geography. We must protect our parks and the dedicated public servants who take care of them.

ENSURING AMERICAN STEEL STAYS RESILIENT

(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 commend President Trump for his position that the United States Steel Corporation must remain an American company.

Steel is foundational to our Nation's economic and national security. We must maintain a strong domestic steel industry.

U.S. Steel was once the largest steel producer in the world, a symbol of our global competitiveness, but over decades, it was weakened by an onslaught of subsidized steel dumped from overseas.

Instead of auctioning off critical manufacturing assets to the highest foreign bidder, President Trump is focused on policies to ensure our American steel industry stays resilient.

This is not about being anti-Japan or any other nation but about being pro-America and protecting our economic future and national security.

We shouldn't sell out our workers or our future to foreign corporations.

GIVE SENIORS THE CARE THEY DESERVE

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

Ms. MORRISON. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to recognize Bob Christianson, a resident of a local nursing home in Bloomington, Minnesota.

Bob is 85 years old. He bravely served our country in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve. He, like millions of seniors across the country, gets his nursing home coverage through Medicaid. When I met Bob, he said he would not be here today were it not for Medicaid.

Now, congressional Republicans are proposing to gut Medicaid in order to pay for tax cuts for billionaires, which would mean less access to services, less access to care, and worse quality of life for seniors everywhere.

Bob told me he is fighting this proposed budget with all the effort he can muster, calling his representatives, joining local organizations, and going to protests, all at 85 years old.

It shouldn't be this way. Bob should not have to be spending his days protesting just to get the healthcare and nursing home coverage he needs.

Remember, 62 percent of all nursing home residents in the United States are covered by Medicaid. We cannot put our seniors' care on the chopping block to pay for tax cuts for billionaires.

I implore my Republican colleagues to work with us on a budget that will give our seniors the care they need and deserve.

HONORING DR. HAZEL DUKES

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

Mr. KENNEDY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a towering figure in the fight for justice, civil rights, and equality, Dr. Hazel Dukes, a trailblazer whose impact will be felt for generations to come and a dear friend and mentor.

For decades, Dr. Dukes was a force of nature, dedicating her life to the advancement of people of color and all Americans in the unyielding pursuit of social and economic justice.

As the longtime president of the NAACP New York State Conference, she led with extraordinary courage, wisdom, and an unwavering commitment to the cause of equality. From 1990 to 1992, she carried that leadership to the national stage as president of the NAACP, steering the organization through a pivotal era in the ongoing struggle for civil rights.

She was not just an advocate. She was a warrior fighting on the front lines for fairness, dignity, and opportunity for all. From her early days pushing for desegregation to her tireless work empowering marginalized communities, Dr. Dukes was a guiding light, illuminating the path toward justice for countless Americans.

Dr. Dukes' influence extended far beyond the NAACP. She shaped policy, broke down barriers, and lifted up those who too often had been left behind. She never wavered, never backed down, and never stopped believing in the power of collective action to change the world.

New York and our entire Nation are stronger because of her relentless dedication to equality and fairness. Her legacy is one of courage, resilience, and an unshakable belief in what is right.

Let us honor her memory not just with words but with action by continuing her fight and working toward a future where justice is not just an aspiration but a reality for all.

May Dr. Hazel Dukes rest in peace and power.

CONDOLENCES ON THE PASSING OF MA DUKES

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

Mr. MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, I am deeply saddened today for the passing of Dr. Hazel Dukes. We called her Ma Dukes.

Ma Dukes' lifelong commitment to equality, from breaking racial barriers in New York to leading the NAACP at the national and State levels, has left an indelible mark on our society. She was a trailblazer. For many of us, she was our present-day Sojourner Truth.

In 1966, Ma Dukes became the first Black woman employed at the Nassau County Attorney's Office. Her tireless work for voting rights, fair housing, education, and economic development uplifted countless individuals and communities. Through her leadership and determination, she not only changed policies but also inspired generations to continue the fight for justice.

While words cannot fully ease the pain of such great loss, I find comfort in the extraordinary legacy that she leaves behind. May her memory continue to inspire us all to carry forward the work she so passionately championed.

As all of us grieve in the State of New York and across America, we find peace in the words of Psalms 34:18: "The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit."

May His presence bring strength, wisdom, and healing to all who are mourning the loss of the great Ma Dukes, a woman of warmth, wisdom, and unwavering dedication to those she served. Her impact has extended beyond her advocacy. She was a mentor, friend, and guiding force to me and so many others.

THANKING DR. HAZEL DUKES

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

Mr. MANNION. Mr. Speaker, like many who have met Dr. Hazel Dukes, you will remember the first time that you meet her, for she is a force and her presence is pronounced.

For me, it was at a dinner at the Rome, New York, NAACP, which was an area that was new to me. When I had a chance to speak with Dr. Dukes, she was warm and welcoming. She held my hands and said to me: "You are on the right side of history, and it is always the right time to do what is right. I am confident that you will be successful." Like many words that Dr. Dukes spoke in her lifetime, she was also correct, just, and right.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Dr. Dukes for her service, her faith in me, and her faith in the American Dream and American values.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.J. RES. 25, PROVIDING FOR CONGRESSIONAL DISAPPROVAL OF THE RULE SUBMITTED BY THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE RELATING TO "GROSS PROCEEDS REPORTING BY BROKERS THAT REGULARLY PROVIDE SERVICES EFFECTUATING DIGITAL ASSET SALES"; PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 1156, PANDEMIC UNEMPLOYMENT FRAUD ENFORCEMENT ACT; PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 1968, FULL-YEAR CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS AND EXTENSIONS ACT, 2025; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Mrs. FISCHBACH. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 211 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 211

Resolved, That upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to consider in the

House the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 25) providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Internal Revenue Service relating to "Gross Proceeds Reporting by Brokers That Regularly Provide Services Effectuating Digital Asset Sales". All points of order against consideration of the joint resolution are waived. The joint resolution shall be considered as read. All points of order against provisions in the joint resolution are waived. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the joint resolution and on any amendment thereto to final passage without intervening motion except: (1) one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means or their respective designees; and (2) one motion to recommit.

SEC. 2. Upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to consider in the House the bill (H.R. 1156) to amend the CARES Act to extend the statute of limitations for fraud under certain unemployment programs, and for other purposes. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived. The amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Ways and Means now printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted. The bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. All points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended, are waived. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill, as amended, and on any further amendment thereto, to final passage without intervening motion except: (1) one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means or their respective designees; and (2) one motion to recommit.

SEC. 3. Upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to consider in the House the bill (H.R. 1968) making further continuing appropriations and other extensions for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025, and for other purposes. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived. The amendment printed in the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution shall be considered as adopted. The bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. All points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended, are waived. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill, as amended, and on any further amendment thereto, to final passage without intervening motion except: (1) one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations or their respective designees; and (2) one motion to recommit.

SEC. 4. Each day for the remainder of the first session of the 119th Congress shall not constitute a calendar day for purposes of section 202 of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622) with respect to a joint resolution terminating a national emergency declared by the President on February 1, 2025.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentlewoman from Minnesota is recognized for 1 hour.

Mrs. FISCHBACH. Mr. Speaker, for the purpose of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. MCGOVERN), pending which I yield myself such time as I may consume. During consideration of this resolution, all time yielded is for the purpose of debate only.

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GENERAL LEAVE

Mrs. FISCHBACH. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members