

PRODUCING ADVANCED TECHNOLOGIES FOR HOMELAND SECURITY ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfinished business is the question on suspending the rules and passing the bill (H.R. 1692) to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to enable secure and trustworthy technology through other transaction contracting authority, and for other purposes.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. GREEN) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

ELECTING MEMBERS TO A CERTAIN STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. MEUSER. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Republican Conference, I send to the desk a privileged resolution and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 213

Resolved, That the following named Members be, and are hereby, elected to the following standing committee of the House of Representatives:

COMMITTEE ON ETHICS: Mr. Rutherford, Mr. Garbarino, Mrs. Hinson, Mr. Moran.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

ELECTING MEMBERS TO CERTAIN STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. AGUILAR. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Democratic Caucus, I offer a privileged resolution and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 214

Resolved, that the following named Members be, and are hereby, elected to the following standing committees of the House of Representatives:

(1) COMMITTEE ON ETHICS.—Ms. Ross, Mr. Ivey, Ms. Garcia of Texas, Mr. Subramanyam.

(2) COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY.—Mr. Carter of Louisiana, Mr. Garcia of California.

Mr. AGUILAR. (During the reading). Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be considered as read.

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

There was no objection.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

REQUEST TO DIRECT THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO MAKE A CORRECTION IN THE ENGROSSMENT OF H.R. 1968

Ms. DELAURO. Mr. Speaker, I send to the desk a resolution, and I ask unanimous consent for its immediate consideration in the House.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under guidelines consistently issued by successive Speakers, as recorded in section 956 of the House Rules and Manual, the Chair is constrained not to entertain the request unless it has been cleared by the bipartisan floor and committee leaderships.

HONORING RAYQUAN WILLIAMS

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

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor RayQuan Williams, a senior at Groves High School in Savannah, Georgia, whose resilience and work ethic has inspired many.

RayQuan has faced immense hardship, losing his father at the age of 57 and his mother in December of 2024. Throughout these hardships, he has excelled academically, participating in dual-enrollment studies at Savannah Technical College, never letting his circumstances define him.

As a two-way lineman for the Groves High School football team, RayQuan demonstrated exceptional work ethic and dedication, earning the respect of his coaches and teammates. His perseverance earned him the Abbie DeLoach Foundation and the Savannah Quarterback Club Scholar Athlete Award which includes scholarship funds that will help him fund his educational aspirations.

Mr. Speaker, RayQuan's story is a testament to the strength of the human spirit and the power of community support. We congratulate RayQuan, and we are very, very proud of him.

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FARMERS NEED CERTAINTY

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

Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise to highlight the Agriculture Commodities Price Enhancement Act.

Input costs for our farmers are astronomically high right now, whether it be fertilizer, seeds, or labor, not to mention the volatility of the current world food market.

On top of this, the past year was one of the worst years for farmers in North

Carolina, between the impacts of drought and Hurricane Helene and other factors beyond their control.

Our farmers need some certainty that they will be able to farm next year if their crops are not bringing in enough income to provide for their families.

The Agriculture Commodities Price Enhancement Act directly addresses this by increasing reference prices for key commodities grown in eastern North Carolina and across the United States.

HONORING JULIANN MACDONALD

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

Mr. BURLISON. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the life and the legacy of Juliann MacDonald, a lifelong Missourian from Savannah who recently passed.

Juliann was a beloved mother and grandmother who touched the lives of many in our community.

Friends and family knew her as Mimi. She was someone who put service above herself, caring for her neighbors, her community, and especially her family.

She regularly volunteered at multiple organizations and schools. She was deeply involved in her local church, and she brought joy to her book club with friends that cherished her company.

Throughout a 42-year teaching career, her compassion, leadership, and dedication touched and inspired the lives of countless students who had the privilege of learning under her mentorship.

A rich life and a storied legacy, Juliann leaves behind her husband, Martin; her sons, Ryan and Scott; her daughters-in-law, Vicki and Laura; and her two grandchildren, McKenzie and Jameson.

My prayers are with her loved ones and with her family.

HONORING PATRIOTIC SERVICE OF SENATOR MARK KELLY

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

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call out a vile attack on an American patriot, Senator MARK KELLY of the great State of Arizona.

Yesterday, unelected billionaire Elon Musk, who has never served this Nation a day in uniform, called Senator KELLY a traitor for visiting our Nation's ally Ukraine.

A traitor is one who commits treason. That consists of giving aid and comfort to an enemy. Ukraine is not our enemy. Ukraine is our ally.

MARK KELLY has served our Nation honorably from 1986 to 2011 in the United States Navy rising to the rank

of captain, having served 39 combat missions during the Gulf war.

During his naval career, he was awarded two Defense Superior Service Medals, one Legion of Merit, two Distinguished Flying Crosses, four Air Medals with Combat V, two Navy Commendation Medals, one Navy Achievement Medal, two Southwest Asia Service Medals, one Navy Expeditionary Medal, two Sea Service Deployment Ribbons, a NASA Distinguished Service Medal, and an Overseas Service Ribbon.

He only resigned his commission to help provide care and assistance to his beloved wife who had served here formerly, Congresswoman Gabby Giffords, following an assassination attempt on her in Tucson in 2011.

Words and statements have meaning. Elon Musk needs to be held accountable for his. Today, world leaders have resoundingly stood tall aside the Nation of Ukraine in agreeing to a 1-month cease-fire. The United States has also agreed to lift the embargo on armaments and will be sending 1 month of armaments to Ukraine as the rest of the world looks to Russia to be cooperative in our effort to stop the killing in central Europe.

BRINGING ATTENTION TO ALBERTO OSUNA

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

Mr. BURCHETT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to bring much-needed attention to an extraordinary ballplayer and young man and a Vol hopeful. His name is Alberto Osuna.

He was born in America, and he is affectionately known as Berto. He transferred to the University of Tennessee in January after an impressive career at North Carolina and Walters State Community College where he knocked out 45 home runs and knocked in 140 runs over three seasons.

Despite following all the necessary steps to secure eligibility to play for the University of Tennessee, the NCAA in their infinite wisdom has blocked his opportunity. Students at UT have painted the rock to my left here to show their support for Berto in hopes that he might play his final season with the Vols at Lindsey Nelson Stadium.

He wanted to do something for his family. This is what this is all about. In over a minute I don't have time to explain it all, but this situation just isn't about Berto. It is about ensuring that student athletes are on a level playing field, Mr. Speaker, against the bureaucratic machine and nightmare that the NCAA has become and seemingly continues to let down the student-athletes they claim to serve. They just follow the dollars, Mr. Speaker.

I would urge the NCAA to take some serious action and grant Alberto the immediate eligibility he deserves and take the necessary steps to prioritize

the well-being of their student-athletes, ensuring that opportunities for success are not blocked by unnecessary red tape.

Osuna left his whole life in Tampa to come to Knoxville and play for Coach Tony Vitello and the Vols. The NCAA needs to do the right thing. Free Berto. Give him the time he deserves on the field. The balls are stacked again this year, Mr. Speaker. They are coming off a national championship. They are winning again. It is not imperative that he gets on the team for them to win. It is just the right thing. NCAA should do the right dadgum thing.

HONORING LIFE OF GWEN ROBINSON

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

Mr. LANDSMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary life of Gwen Robinson, a dear friend of mine, an incredible leader, and an incredible human being.

She was one of the first people I met when I arrived in Cincinnati, and she welcomed me in the way she did with almost everyone, immediately kind and immediately generous.

There is a real argument to be made that much of what I have accomplished, what so many of us accomplished in southwest Ohio wouldn't have happened without her. She fought so hard for the children in the Bond Hill Head Start program that she helped lead, making sure each one of them had the highest quality preschool. It was part of what convinced me that every child in Cincinnati deserved 2 years of quality preschool, and when we said we wanted to do that, she was there every step of the way. She poured everything into helping us get the Preschool Promise passed. She did the same with the public transit levy a few years later.

There aren't enough words to capture her impact. Gwen was a giant and will be missed by all of us.

CONTINUING RESOLUTION SETS STAGE FOR NEW GOLDEN AGE

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

Mr. MEUSER. Mr. Speaker, here is some truth. Despite many false claims, the continuing resolution we just passed does not cut Medicaid, Medicare, Social Security, or veterans benefits or any healthcare benefits at all.

In reality, the CR was almost entirely the Democrat's budget bill last year. The opposition today and their vote to shut down the government is a little perplexing.

Mr. Speaker, here is what this bill actually offers: it gives our troops a 10 percent raise; provides \$6 billion for veterans' healthcare; invests \$7.6 bil-

lion into WIC for women and infants; \$425 million for food delivery programs for seniors, among other things.

Mr. Speaker, we are paying for it responsibly. We are repurposing \$20 billion in excess funding from the attempt to increase the IRS by \$80 billion last year, and we are redirecting \$10 billion from the Commerce Department's slush fund, funds that were not used and need to be repurposed.

This CR sets the stage for a plan for a new golden era for our country, and I was pleased to support it.

HONORING NEIGHBORHOOD HOUSING SERVICES OF CHICAGO

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

Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Neighborhood Housing Services of Chicago on their 50th anniversary and to recognize the enduring legacy of Gale Cincotta, a fearless leader for housing justice.

Gale understood that owning a home was not just about having a place to live, it was about stability, opportunity, and the chance to build a future, a better future. She took on fighting the banks against redlining and was a champion of the Community Reinvestment Act and never backed down in her pursuit of fairness for working families.

During the early 1980s, I had the privilege of working at NHS to see how access to affordable housing could change lives. I saw struggling families become thriving homeowners. I saw struggling neighborhoods revitalized into thriving communities. NHS has shaped many lives. It certainly played a pivotal role early in my own formation.

Our work is far from over. Families are still being priced out. Displacement and gentrification are still impacting families, and the access to these programs is under attack.

Today we celebrate NHS for 50 incredible years but also recommit to the fight for housing justice.

HOUSING

(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, last weekend when I was home I saw a very good guy who was recently married. He already has two children, and he was happy because he was buying a new house. He had to save up money for a down payment to do it.

The thing I noticed, though, is that during the 2 or 3 years that it took to save for the down payment, he had to live with his in-laws, which was fine because he had a strong family, and that is what it took to buy the house. It bothered me knowing that in other places in this country people are just