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So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the resolution was agreed to.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:

Mr. BAIRD. Mr. Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 129.

AUTHORIZING THE USE OF EMANCIPATION HALL IN THE CAPITOL VISITOR CENTER FOR AN EVENT TO CELEBRATE THE BIRTHDAY OF KING KAMEHAMEHA I

Mr. STEIL. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on House Administration be discharged from further consideration of H. Con. Res. 24, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the concurrent resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. DOWNING). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Wisconsin?

There was no objection.

The text of the concurrent resolution is as follows:

H. CON. RES. 24

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring),

SECTION 1. USE OF EMANCIPATION HALL FOR EVENT TO CELEBRATE BIRTHDAY OF KING KAMEHAMEHA I.

(a) AUTHORIZATION.—Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center is authorized to be used on June 8, 2025, for an event to celebrate the birthday of King Kamehameha I.

(b) PREPARATIONS.—Physical preparations for the conduct of the event described in subsection (a) shall be carried out in accordance with such conditions as may be prescribed by the Architect of the Capitol.

The concurrent resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO BE AVAILABLE TO SERVE ON INVESTIGATIVE SUBCOMMITTEES OF THE COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces the Speaker's appointment, pursuant to clause 5(a)(4)(A) of rule X, and the order of the House of January 3, 2025, of the following Members of the House to be available to serve on investigative subcommittees of the Committee on Ethics for the 119th Congress:

Mr. BENTZ, Oregon
 Mrs. CLINE, Virginia
 Mrs. FEDORCHAK, North Dakota
 Mrs. KIM, California
 Mr. MANN, Kansas
 Mr. OWENS, Utah
 Mr. ROSE, Tennessee
 Mr. ROUZER, North Carolina
 Mr. TAYLOR, Ohio
 Mr. YAKYM, Indiana

HONORING THE LIFE OF GEORGE MILLARD ALLEN, JR.

(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 the life and the legacy of George Millard Allen, Jr., a veteran, a devoted public servant, and a cherished member of the Brunswick, Georgia, community.

Born in Shreveport, Louisiana, he proudly served our Nation in the United States Navy, exemplifying self-sacrifice and patriotism.

After his military service, Mr. Allen continued to serve his community in various capacities, including involvement in local education as a Glynn County School Board member.

Mr. Allen's legacy is characterized by his unwavering commitment to service, both in uniform and in civilian life. He leaves a lasting impact on everyone who has had the privilege of knowing him.

As we remember Mr. Allen, let us celebrate a life well lived and commit to continuing his example of selfless service.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 3321

Mr. ROY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to remove the gentleman from Arizona (Mr. BIGGS) as cosponsor of H.R. 3321.

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

There was no objection.

HONORING NEWPORT BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT

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

Mr. MIN. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to highlight the heroism of a number of police officers in the Newport Beach Police Department in my district. This, of course, is National Police Week. The heroism of these officers is worth noting.

Just earlier this year, Officer Ragan Grego, Officer Roberto Salcedo, and Officer Jonathan Sunshine valiantly saved the life of a man who was pulled from the ocean after going into cardiac arrest.

On July 4, Officer Kyle Cameron, Officer Michael Querry, Officer Bernadette Sanchez, and Officer Heather Thomson helped save a man's life after he was injured in a violent stabbing.

Sergeant Ricardo Adame, Officer Tony Gallegos, Detective Joshua Granger, Officer Jack McMannis, and Officer Salvador Torres rescued an unconscious woman by pulling her from her vehicle, which was partially submerged in the ocean.

Each of these brave and quick-thinking decisions reflects the fearlessness

and ingenuity of the law enforcement officers in Orange County, which I represent.

I am proud to represent such courageous law enforcement officers who tirelessly work to keep our community safe, and I thank them for their service.

RECOGNIZING KATHLEEN SPILLANE

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

Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I stand on a bipartisan basis with one of my fellow colleagues, LLOYD DOGGETT, from Travis County, Texas.

Mr. Speaker, today, we became the beneficiaries of seeing the Corps of Engineers from the Fort Worth District visit us to talk about the water needs and the infrastructure of our water programs in Texas.

Today, I rise to recognize Kathleen Spillane, chief of the Civil Works Branch for the United States Army Corps of Engineers, Fort Worth District.

In this role, Kathy oversees a comprehensive portfolio of critical water resources development projects in Texas, including flood risks, management, water supply, and operations.

Kathy manages a civil works program valued at over \$1 billion, supervising a team that takes input from not only Members of Congress but also communities throughout Texas. Under her direction, the Fort Worth District's 25 reservoirs, which provide over one-third of Texas' surface drinking water, are effectively managed.

I am very proud of the years Kathy has spent not only with the Corps but in service to the people of the United States of America and, in particular, Texas.

Kathy has done a great job. I am very proud of her. May God be with her as she travels back home to our home State of Texas.

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THREATS TO SOCIAL SECURITY

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

Ms. ROSS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with grave concern about the threat that the Trump administration poses to Social Security.

In February, Elon Musk called the program the biggest Ponzi scheme of all time. Then a few weeks later, he referred to Social Security as the big one to eliminate.

These are not empty comments. They are real threats. Under this administration, we are seeing mass firings at Social Security offices, hours-long wait times, delayed checks, websites crashing, and field offices closing.

My district office in Raleigh, North Carolina, has received panicked calls from seniors whose checks didn't arrive on time for the first time ever.

Seniors' benefits are under attack, and Donald Trump is to blame. We will not be silent while Trump and his cronies try to slash the benefits that our seniors have earned over a lifetime of hard work.

HONORING THE LIFE OF ESTELLE WILLIAMS MCKISSICK

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

Mr. BEAN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, from nursery rhymes to classroom wisdom, Mother Goose told stories that shaped childhood, while Mother McKissick shaped minds that built futures.

Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the remarkable life of Estelle Williams McKissick, affectionately known to everybody as "Mother McKissick," a devoted educator, church leader, and pillar in the Jacksonville, Florida, community.

For 50 years, Mother McKissick poured her heart into the Duval County public school system as a teacher and principal, where she touched the lives of thousands of kids with her passion for learning.

Mother McKissick was a faithful servant of the Bethel Baptist Church where for 47 years she led along with her husband Bishop Rudolph McKissick, Sr.

Together they launched the B.E.S.T. Academy to help struggling students.

Although we mourn her passing, Mr. Speaker, let us carry forward her mission to educate with passion and to serve with love.

Godspeed, Mother McKissick.

HONORING OFFICER MATTHEW BOWEN OF THE VACAVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Officer Matthew Bowen of the Vacaville Police Department.

Officer Bowen joined the Vacaville Police Department in 2023 and was celebrated by his friends, family, and colleagues for his kindness, humor, work ethic, and unwavering calm under pressure.

On Thursday, July 11, 2024, Officer Bowen was initiating a traffic stop when he was struck by a vehicle, tragically losing his life in the line of duty.

His selfless dedication to protecting others, even in the face of danger, is a testament to his courage and commitment to public service.

Officer Bowen is survived by his wife, Elizabeth; and their two young sons,

Mason and Everett. It was my privilege to name him my district's Public Safety Hero of the Year for Solano County in 2025.

Mr. Speaker, this Police Week, I am honored to recognize Officer Matthew Bowen's legacy of courage and sacrifice. May he rest in peace.

UNIVERSAL SCHOOL CHOICE

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

Mr. KILEY of California. Mr. Speaker, The Nation's Report Card recently showed that our education system is in a state of crisis. There has been a steady and alarming decline. However, right now, we have an opportunity to turn the tide by catalyzing a revolution in school choice across the country.

One-half of the equation is the Educational Choice for Children Act which will expand private school choice to 2 million kids and has been included in the text of the reconciliation bill.

However, the other one-half, the High-Quality Charter School Act, and a tax provision contained therein, would triple the number of kids in charter schools across the country remains missing still.

I am encouraging my colleagues to ensure that we provide support for charter school families in equal measure in a way that will expand opportunity across the country. Together with universal school choice, we will be able to begin a new era of educational excellence in this country.

MOMENT OF SILENCE HONORING MELVIN LEE "KIP" HOLDEN

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

Mr. FIELDS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the life and legacy of former Mayor Melvin Lee "Kip" Holden of East Baton Rouge Parish.

Kip was a remarkable leader who committed his career to the people of Baton Rouge, serving as their city councilman from 1984 to 1988, and then their State representative from 1988 to 2004. He then served as mayor for three terms from 2005 to 2016.

As the first African American to lead the city-parish, he broke barriers and built bridges, always putting the people first. Mayor Holden was a trailblazer, a history maker, and a dedicated public servant.

His contributions have left a lasting mark on Baton Rouge and beyond. My prayers are with his family, friends, and all those whom he touched with his leadership.

Mr. Speaker at this time, I request a moment of silence.

CALIFORNIA'S CAP-AND-TRADE SCHEME

(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, in California, they are going at it again. Gavin Newsom and the legislature want to extend California's cap-and-trade tax for another 15 years.

This is a tax that was created by really creating a fake currency of selling the right to make CO₂ for manufacturing plants and power plants in California.

All this does is jack up the price for fuel, electricity, et cetera, and pass it along to families who have to pay for these things.

What will this go for?

A portion will go for at least a guaranteed \$1 billion per year for the boondoggle in California known as the high-speed rail. I call it the high-cost fail because it has been failing for many, many years and is projected to be probably 25 or 30 years late if it ever gets completed. It has wasted many billions of dollars so far with nothing to show for it.

He wants to lock in this cap-and-trade funding through 2045, all while Californians are paying more and more to keep their lights on and keep gas in their car. It is projected by some of these actions to be as much as \$8.43 per gallon according to a USC report.

Get that, Mr. Speaker, \$8.50 per gallon for these schemes. We need to fix roads and do a lot of other things besides high-speed rail and sticking taxes on more people.

HONORING THE LIFE OF CARL BALLTON

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

Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of my friend and a beloved champion for south Los Angeles, the late Carl Ballton.

I met Carl through my work at Crystal Stairs where he served on the board for over 20 years, including a decade as chair. Under his leadership, Crystal Stairs grew into a respected institution serving thousands of children and families.

Carl cared deeply about social justice and the Los Angeles community. That passion guided his service beyond Crystal Stairs. He led the Union Bank Foundation and served on the boards of the LA Urban League, United Negro College Fund, Habitat for Humanity, and many other organizations.

Carl and his beloved wife, Lula, used their power for good, especially within the Black community.

His passing is a deep loss for us all, but his legacy lives on in the countless lives he has touched and the institutions he helped build.