

courage and conviction. We remember Antoinette Brown Blackwell not just for what she achieved but for the path she paved for generations to follow.

Let us honor her on her 200th birthday and follow in her footsteps as we fight to protect every American's right to vote.

ONE BIG, BEAUTIFUL BILL

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

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I have news for insomniacs. Republicans have scheduled a Rules Committee meeting on their one big, beautiful bill at 1 o'clock in the morning.

This is the bill that will cause millions of Americans to lose their healthcare and nutrition assistance in order the pay for tax breaks for billionaires. Who does that?

Why are they meeting at 1 o'clock in the morning? It turns out their big, beautiful bill is really a big, ugly bill.

Republicans don't want you, the American people, to know what they are doing. Tune in tonight at 1 a.m. Call your Congressperson and tell them to vote "no" on this garbage. Watch as Democrats fight like hell to protect you, the American people.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to direct their comments to the Chair.

NATIONAL MILITARY APPRECIATION MONTH

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

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of National Military Appreciation Month.

This month, we pause to honor the brave men and women of our Armed Forces, past and present, who have worn the uniform of the United States of America.

Our military has stood for freedom throughout our history in times of peace and peril. They do not ask for recognition. They do not serve for applause. They serve because they believe in something bigger than themselves. They serve out of duty, honor, and love of country.

This month is to remember our POWs and MIAs, to support our Gold Star families, to stand with our veterans, and to thank those currently serving.

Mr. Speaker, we stand by our veterans, and we reaffirm our duty to provide our servicemembers with the support they have earned, both in uniform and after.

May God protect our servicemembers and their families this month and every month. We honor and thank them. We will never forget their service and their sacrifice.

RETIREMENT OF MAYOR TYRONE ECHOLS

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

Ms. BUDZINSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mayor Tyrone Echols of Venice, Illinois, and to congratulate him on his retirement after more than 40 years in office.

As a graduate of Madison High School and Southern Illinois University, Mayor Echols is a true son of downstate Illinois. He has dedicated his career to serving our community.

Before he was elected mayor, Mayor Echols worked as a city alderman, a union steward for the International Union of Operating Engineers, and a legislative aide to the State Representative Jim McPike. He also proudly led as president of the Illinois chapter of the National Conference of Black Mayors.

As mayor, he prioritized bringing new business opportunities to Venice and making sure that his door was always open to constituents.

His dedication to public service is truly an inspiration, and I am honored to call him my friend.

I thank Mayor Echols for all he has done for our community and congratulate him on his retirement.

EDESIA NUTRITION

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

Mr. MAGAZINER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today for the 12th time to call on the Trump administration to restore funding for lifesaving food aid for malnourished children across the globe.

Edesia Nutrition in North Kingstown, Rhode Island, manufactures this nutritional paste which has saved millions of lives. When the Trump administration began, funding for this program went away. There are kids literally starving around the world, while thousands of boxes of this lifesaving food aid sit in a warehouse in Rhode Island.

When we abandon our commitment to helping solve malnutrition around the world, we are not just hurting those children who are hungry. We are hurting our own credibility as a country. Our adversaries like China are happy to step into the void we have left to make those countries beholden to them.

Make no mistake. China's help doesn't come for free. It comes with a price. This is not just about doing the right thing for these starving children around the world. It is about maintaining America's position of leadership globally.

Restore the funding. Restore the food aid. I will speak every day until this is done.

COMMEMORATING MILTON F. FITCH, SR.

(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, there was standing room only at Wilson Community College in Wilson, North Carolina. It was so touching. Residents and family came from far and near in support of the Fitch family in renaming the Wilson Post Office in commemoration of Mr. Milton F. Fitch, Sr.

Mr. Fitch was not just one of the first African-American mail carriers. He was an eastern North Carolina icon and a great American.

He served our country honorably in World War II, returning home to raise his family and make a difference in his community. Indeed, he did exactly that.

He and his wife, Cora, embedded a legacy of service into their children, Jerry, Toby, Patricia, Christine, and Ernestine.

We are grateful to the U.S. Postal Service for working with us, the North Carolina delegation, and all of the communities who came out in support.

Eastern North Carolina and America are better because of Milton F. Fitch, Sr. His name, now etched in the Wilson community, will inspire all who enter the post office to realize the endless possibilities that await us in eastern North Carolina.

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. 430

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

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE: Ms. Ansari.

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY: Mr. Green of Texas.

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES: Ms. Lee of Nevada.

COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE, SPACE, AND TECHNOLOGY: Mr. Foster.

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.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF S.J. RES. 13, PROVIDING FOR CONGRESSIONAL DISAPPROVAL OF THE RULE SUBMITTED BY THE OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER OF THE CURRENCY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY RELATING TO THE REVIEW OF APPLICATIONS UNDER THE BANK MERGER ACT; PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF S.J. RES. 31, PROVIDING FOR CONGRESSIONAL DISAPPROVAL OF THE RULE SUBMITTED BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY RELATING TO "REVIEW OF FINAL RULE RECLASSIFICATION OF MAJOR SOURCES AS AREA SOURCES UNDER SECTION 112 OF THE CLEAN AIR ACT"; AND WAIVING A REQUIREMENT OF CLAUSE 6(A) OF RULE XIII WITH RESPECT TO CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN RESOLUTIONS REPORTED FROM THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Mr. LANGWORTHY. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 426 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 426

Resolved, That upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to consider in the House the joint resolution (S.J. Res. 13) providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency of the Department of the Treasury relating to the review of applications under the Bank Merger Act. 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 Financial Services or their respective designees; and (2) one motion to commit.

SEC. 2. Upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to consider in the House the joint resolution (S.J. Res. 31) providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the Environmental Protection Agency relating to "Review of Final Rule Reclassification of Major Sources as Area Sources Under Section 112 of the Clean Air Act". 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 Energy and Commerce or their respective designees; and (2) one motion to commit.

SEC. 3. The requirement of clause 6(a) of rule XIII for a two-thirds vote to consider a report from the Committee on Rules on the same day it is presented to the House is waived with respect to any resolution reported through the legislative day of May 23,

2025, relating to a measure providing for reconciliation pursuant to title II of H. Con. Res. 14.

The gentleman from New York is recognized for 1 hour.

Mr. LANGWORTHY. Mr. Speaker, for the purpose of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the distinguished 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

Mr. LANGWORTHY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. LANGWORTHY. Mr. Speaker, House Resolution 426 provides for consideration of S.J. Res. 13 under a closed rule, with 1 hour of debate each, equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Financial Services, or their designees, and provides for one motion to recommit.

Additionally, the rule provides for consideration of S.J. Res. 31 under a closed rule, with 1 hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce, or their designees. It provides for one motion to commit.

Finally, the rule provides for the flexibility to consider a rule related to reconciliation on the same day it is reported from the Rules Committee in order to expeditiously enact President Trump's agenda.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of this rule and in support of the underlying legislation.

The rule before us presents an important opportunity for Congress to continue its work to reverse the last-minute attempts at regulatory overreach by the former Biden-Harris administration.

The rule includes consideration of S.J. 13, to provide for congressional disapproval of a Biden-era Office of the Comptroller of the Currency regulation titled "Business Combinations Under the Bank Merger Act."

In September of 2024, the OCC and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, FDIC, revised their approach to evaluating bank merger applications. The updated rule restricts a bank's ability to scale, manage risk effectively, and broaden product offerings, ultimately discouraging mergers altogether.

By dismantling a longstanding standard, and eliminating automatic approval for certain applications, the Biden administration's actions risk stifling competition and innovation in the financial sector. These changes will

delay strategic decisionmaking among financial institutions and limit access to innovative financial services for everyday Americans.

For small- and mid-sized banks in particular, the rule imposes additional red tape and bureaucratic hurdles that hinder their ability to merge and compete with larger financial institutions. Despite what my colleagues on the other side of the aisle may claim, the Biden administration's rule strengthens the dominance of the largest market players while undermining smaller, community-focused institutions, limiting consumer choice and consumer access.

We should strive for a regulatory environment that is streamlined, balanced, and rooted in practical oversight, one that protects consumers without obstructing innovation and competition. What we don't need are more Biden-era regulations that distort the market and smother opportunity with overreach.

S.J. Res. 13 will ensure that future bank regulators cannot repeat this ill-conceived rulemaking, and that financial institutions can continue to make strategic, innovative decisions that will ultimately benefit American consumers.

Also, the rule provides for consideration of S.J. Res. 31, providing for congressional disapproval of the rule submitted by the Biden EPA relating to review of final rule classification of major sources as area sources under the Clean Air Act.

Section 112 of the Clean Air Act lays out stringent compliance standards for facilities emitting over 10 tons of a single hazardous air pollutant, or 25 tons of an aggregate. Facilities below those thresholds are classified as area sources and subject to more flexible requirements.

In 2020, under President Trump, the EPA adopted a more rational approach allowing facilities that significantly reduced their emissions to be reclassified as area sources. This commonsense change rewarded emissions improvements and reduced unnecessary regulatory burdens on American manufacturers and energy producers.

To no one's surprise, the Biden administration reversed course by reimposing the outdated and rigid "once in, always in" policy. This framework permanently locks facilities into strict major-source status, even if they make substantial efforts to reduce harmful emissions. That is not only unfair, it discourages environmental progress.

Whom did the Biden administration hurt?

They hurt the chemical manufacturing sector, which includes thousands of mid-sized companies representing hundreds of thousands of jobs. These companies have invested millions in cleaner technologies and equipment upgrades. Under this Biden-era EPA rule, their investments will not be rewarded with a lighter regulatory touch. In fact, despite upgrades