

housing that the legislature has set, even projects that have met all of those things, they said: The California Coastal Commission ‘has resisted, opposed, and delayed the construction of deed-restricted affordable homes that use programs like Density Bonus Law.’ They noted this is true even when all of the zoning approvals have been obtained.

The report documents examples where the California Coastal Commission opposes projects that the legislature encourages as part of California’s efforts to combat climate change. Crosswalks, bicycle lanes, and infill development near projects, the report states, are all goals of recent statewide legislation, yet the California Coastal Commission opposes or delays many of these projects.

Mr. Speaker, the process of rebuilding and recovery in L.A. is going to be a long and difficult one. There are some things that we know we need to do right off the bat. Perhaps the easiest thing, the most obvious thing is to assure that the California Coastal Commission does not stand in the way.

That is why I urge my colleagues on both sides of the aisle and both Houses of Congress to move on this legislation as quickly as possible. This will be an important first step towards rebuilding Los Angeles and towards restoring some common sense in California.

CONGRATULATING BLUE ORIGIN ON SUCCESSFUL ORBIT OF NEW GLENN ROCKET

Mr. KILEY of California. Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate Blue Origin on successfully reaching orbit in the first flight of its New Glenn rocket.

New Glenn is a 320-foot rocket that is taller than the Statue of Liberty. It has 7 engines, and it can carry 45 metric tons to low Earth orbit.

According to a report from Blue Origin, in the flight that left at, I believe, 2:03 a.m. this morning, the first stage burned for more than 3 minutes before the second stage separated at an altitude of 70 kilometers. Then the report states the upper stage’s two engines appeared to perform flawlessly, pushing what is called the Blue Ring Pathfinder payload toward orbit.

This is an apparatus that is going to allow for the adjustment of other payloads that are in orbit and bring them into different orbits, adjusted orbits, from using that device. Apparently, it is now working properly and is registering data. So far so good is the report.

It goes on to state that the engines burned for nearly 10 minutes before shutting down, having reached an orbital velocity of 28,800 kilometers per hour.

As a spokesperson for Blue Origin states: ‘The vehicle underpins our efforts to establish sustained human presence on the Moon, harness in-space resources, provide multi-mission, multi-orbit mobility through Blue Ring, and establish destinations in low Earth orbit. Future New Glenn missions will carry the Blue Moon Mark 1

cargo lander and the Mark 2 crewed lander to the Moon as part of NASA’s Artemis program.’

We also have another launch scheduled in just a few hours. I believe this is flight seven for SpaceX’s Starship which is the largest rocket ever built, the largest space vehicle ever built. I happened to have the chance to watch launch six which was truly an awe-inspiring experience. I wish them the best of luck today for flight seven.

Both of these developments serve to underscore that we are living in a very exciting time where for decades we didn’t see much progress when it came to space exploration. We now have a commercial space industry which has picked up the baton and pushed us towards new frontiers.

In order to enable that, I have introduced the New Space Age Act which is designed to encourage and catalyze the growing commercial space industry by streamlining the process for getting launch approvals and getting the FAA out of the picture because they have tried to unnecessarily hold back progress.

I think this will be a great piece of legislation to enhance America’s competitive advantage. We are far outpacing the rest of the world right now when it comes to space and will facilitate many, many more flights in the future which have the capacity to not only enhance our national security and bring about further innovations but also to capture the imagination of Americans as well.

HONORING THE LIFE OF DON BREWSTER

Mr. KILEY of California. Mr. Speaker, today I honor the life and legacy of Don Brewster, the cofounder of Agape International Missions, who sadly is no longer with us.

As we reflect on the life that Don led, we also celebrate the inspiring 20-year legacy he built. After many years of service as an executive pastor at Adventure Christian Church in Roseville, California, Don and his wife, Bridget, visited Cambodia on a mission trip.

When they returned home, they learned about the horrors of child sex trafficking in the country they had just visited. This led Don and Bridget Brewster to establish Agape International Missions, also known as AIM, to combat child sex trafficking.

Don’s heart wasn’t just for girls to be rescued but to help them find true healing and to live in freedom. During Don’s 20 years of leadership, AIM developed a holistic model to rescue, heal, and empower survivors of sex trafficking in Cambodia and beyond.

With the help of dedicated partners and their mission, Don began a SWAT team to partner with local authorities in shutting down brothels and prosecuting traffickers.

Beyond rescue, survivors received refuge and trauma-informed counseling at AIM’s restorative homes, as well as access to education and vocational training through their employment center in Cambodia.

Seeing the need to target the issue at the source, Don went on to establish prevention programs that have transformed communities and continue to protect future generations from ever knowing the horrors of sex trafficking.

Don Brewster worked tirelessly to spread love and compassion wherever he went. We thank Don for the legacy he built and his devotion to the global fight against sex trafficking.

As AIM moves into its 20-year anniversary, Agape International Missions will continue to spread Don’s legacy and his transformative work. He had a heart for service that seemed to fill the world. Don Brewster will be deeply missed.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 1 o’clock and 24 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. HARRIGAN) at 2 o’clock and 55 minutes p.m.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, January 16, 2025.

Hon. MIKE JOHNSON,
The Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on January 16, 2025, at 2:30 p.m.:

Appointments: Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki Commission).

With best wishes, I am,
Sincerely,

KEVIN F. MCCUMBER.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO PERMANENT SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces the Speaker’s appointment, pursuant to clause 11 of rule X, clause 11 of rule I, and the order of the House of January 3, 2025, of the following Members of the House to the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:

Mr. CRAWFORD, Arkansas, Chairman
Mr. KELLY, Mississippi

Mr. LAHOOD, Illinois
 Mr. FITZPATRICK, Pennsylvania
 Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT, Georgia
 Mr. HILL, Arkansas
 Mr. CRENSHAW, Texas
 Mr. JACKSON, Texas
 Mr. PERRY, Pennsylvania
 Mrs. WAGNER, Missouri
 Mr. CLINE, Virginia
 Mr. STEUBE, Florida
 Ms. TENNEY, New York
 Mr. FALLON, Texas

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. NEWHOUSE. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 2 o'clock and 56 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Monday, January 20, 2025, at 10 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

EC-36. A letter from the Administrator, Federal Grain Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting the Department's final rule — Formulas for Calculating Hourly and Unit Fees for FGIS Services [Doc. No.: AMS-FGIS-24-0027] (RIN: 0581-AE31) received January 14, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Agriculture.

EC-37. A letter from the Senior Congressional Liaison, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, transmitting the Bureau's final rule — Residential Property Assessed Clean Energy Financing (Regulation Z) [Docket No.: CFPB-2023-0029] (RIN: 3170-AA84) received January 8, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Financial Services.

EC-38. A letter from the Senior Congressional Liaison, Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, transmitting the Bureau's final rule — Prohibition on Creditors and Consumer Reporting Agencies Concerning Medical Information (Regulation V) [Docket No.: CFPB-2024-0023] (RIN: 3170-AA54) received January 8, 2025, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Financial Services.

EC-39. A letter from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's final rule — Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act; HHS Notice of Benefit and Payment Parameters for 2026; and Basic Health Program [CMS-9888-F] (RIN: 0938-AV41) received January 14, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-40. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to the situation in and in relation to Burma that was declared in Executive Order 14014 of February 10, 2021, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1641(c); Public Law 94-412, Sec. 401(c); (90 Stat. 1257) and 50 U.S.C. 1703(c); Public Law 95-223, Sec 204(c); (91 Stat. 1627); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-41. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting a six-

month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to the widespread humanitarian crisis in Afghanistan and the potential for a deepening economic collapse in Afghanistan that was declared in Executive Order 14064 of February 11, 2022, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1641(c); Public Law 94-412, Sec. 401(c); (90 Stat. 1257) and 50 U.S.C. 1703(c); Public Law 95-223, Sec 204(c); (91 Stat. 1627); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-42. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to hostage-taking and the wrongful detention of United States nationals abroad that was declared in Executive Order 14078 of July 19, 2022, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1641(c); Public Law 94-412, Sec. 401(c); (90 Stat. 1257) and 50 U.S.C. 1703(c); Public Law 95-223, Sec 204(c); (91 Stat. 1627); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-43. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Hong Kong that was declared in Executive Order 13936 of July 14, 2020, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1641(c); Public Law 94-412, Sec. 401(c); (90 Stat. 1257) and 50 U.S.C. 1703(c); Public Law 95-223, Sec 204(c); (91 Stat. 1627); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-44. A letter from the General Counsel, Office of General Counsel, Federal Housing Finance Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Rules of Practice and Procedure; Civil Money Penalty Inflation Adjustment (RIN: 2590-AB45) received January 14, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on the Judiciary.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions of the following titles were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. RUTHERFORD (for himself, Mr. SOTO, Mr. BEAN of Florida, Mr. CARTER of Georgia, Ms. MACE, Mr. WEBSTER of Florida, Mr. BILIRAKIS, Mr. DONALDS, Mr. SCOTT FRANKLIN of Florida, Ms. SALAZAR, Mr. DUNN of Florida, Ms. LEE of Florida, Mr. MAST, Mr. GIMENEZ, Mr. FRY, Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia, and Mrs. LUNA):

H.R. 470. A bill to provide that the Secretary of Commerce shall not issue an interim or final rule or Secretarial Amendment that includes an area or bottom closure in the South Atlantic for species managed under the Fishery Management Plan for the Snapper-Grouper Fishery of the South Atlantic Region until the South Atlantic Great Red Snapper Count study is complete and the data related to that study is integrated into the stock assessment; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. WESTERMAN (for himself, Mr. PETERS, Mr. TIFFANY, Mr. PANETTA, Mr. STAUBER, Mr. WHITESIDES, Mr. COLLINS, Mr. VASQUEZ, Mrs. KIM, Mr. COSTA, Mr. ZINKE, Mr. HARDER of California, Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, Mr. BERA, Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia, Mr. GARAMENDI, Ms. MALOY, Mr. THOMPSON of California, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. CORREA, Mr. CRANK, Mr. GOLDEN of Maine, Mr. EZELL, Mr. MULLIN, Mr. HURD of Colorado, Ms. LEE of Nevada, Mr. VALADAO, Mr. GRAY, Mr. BARR, Mr. HOYER, Mr. CARTER of Georgia, Ms. PETTERSEN, Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania, Mr. OBERNOLTE, Mr. WALBERG, Mr.

LAMALFA, Mr. GOSAR, Ms. BOEBERT, Mr. MCCLINTOCK, Mr. ISSA, Mr. FONG, Ms. HAGEMAN, Mr. FRY, and Mr. AMODEI of Nevada):

H.R. 471. A bill to expedite under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 and improve forest management activities on National Forest System lands, on public lands under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management, and on Tribal lands to return resilience to overgrown, fire-prone forested lands, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committees on Agriculture, and Science, Space, and Technology, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. BOST (for himself, Mr. ROUZER, Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia, Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS, Mr. OBERNOLTE, Mr. ISSA, Mr. RUTHERFORD, Mr. NEWHOUSE, Mr. CISCOMANI, Mr. VAN ORDEN, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. SELF, Mr. CARTER of Georgia, Mrs. RADEWAGEN, Mr. WEBSTER of Florida, Mr. CLINE, Mr. BERGMAN, Mr. LOUDERMILK, Mrs. HARSHBARGER, Mrs. CAMMACK, Mrs. KING-HINDS, Ms. MACE, Mr. HAMADEH of Arizona, Mr. BARRETT, and Mr. LUTTRELL):

H.R. 472. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to modify personnel action procedures with respect to employees of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. COMER (for himself, Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana, Mr. TIMMONS, Mr. BIGGS of Arizona, Mr. CLOUD, Ms. FOXX, Mr. LANGWORTHY, Mr. CRANE, Mr. PALMER, Mr. MCGUIRE, Mr. GROTHMAN, Mr. FALLON, Mr. BURLISON, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. JACK, Mr. BURCHETT, Ms. BOEBERT, Mr. PERRY, and Ms. GREENE of Georgia):

H.R. 473. A bill to restore in-person work at Federal agencies to not less than pre-pandemic levels, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Mr. ROUZER (for himself, Mr. HARRIS of North Carolina, Mr. HUDSON, Mrs. FOUSHEE, Mr. MURPHY, Ms. ROSS, Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina, Mr. McDOWELL, and Mr. MOORE of North Carolina):

H.R. 474. A bill to amend the Lumbee Act of 1956; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. MEEKS (for himself, Mr. KEATING, Mr. CASTRO of Texas, Mr. CONNOLLY, Mr. COSTA, Ms. TITUS, Mr. COHEN, Mr. AMO, Mr. FOSTER, Mr. VEASEY, Mr. BERA, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY, Mr. QUIGLEY, and Mr. BOYLE of Pennsylvania):

H.R. 475. A bill to authorize the imposition of sanctions with respect to any foreign person endangering the integrity or safety of the Zaporzhzhia nuclear power plant; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. MEEKS (for himself, Mr. CONNOLLY, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mr. AMO, Mr. KEATING, and Mr. GOTTHEIMER):

H.R. 476. A bill to require the imposition of sanctions with respect to any foreign person that knowingly participates in the construction, maintenance, or repair of a tunnel or bridge that connects the Russian mainland with the Crimean peninsula; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to