

So to, in this arena, where the teams are formed up, the positions taken, and the hours of preparation and debate have led these legislators to a far more crucial competition, we pray Your watch over their efforts and Your protection over each one as they strive to serve their constituents and preserve our Constitution.

Like players who united their efforts to benefit the future of D.C.'s youth, may each here play their positions with integrity and to the best of the abilities with which You have graced them. May they work together to find common ground in their pursuit of the common good for the people of this country.

We offer our prayers and ourselves to the glory of Your grace plan.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House the approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1 of rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. WILSON) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to 15 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

TO PROCLAIM AMERICA'S COLLEGE

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

Mr. COMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to announce that America has a new baseball team, and that baseball team is the Murray State Racers located in Murray, Kentucky.

Murray State is a real-life Cinderella story. Murray State was the number four seed after winning the Missouri Valley Conference. They played in the Oxford Regional where, of course, Ole Miss is, and they beat Ole Miss twice and Georgia Tech once to advance to the Super Regional. Then Murray State did what every blue-blooded Kentucky Wildcat fan could only dream of, they beat Duke. They didn't just beat Duke on their home field once, they beat Duke twice to advance to Omaha to the College World Series.

This is a historic achievement for a small school. Murray State defied the odds in the era of NIL and big contracts and players getting paid. This is a group of baseball players that want to play ball. They play hard every game. They weren't highly recruited, and they win.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Coach Skirka and the Murray State Racers and the entire Murray, Kentucky, community.

TROOPS IN LOS ANGELES

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

Mr. SWALWELL. The President has our troops sleeping in squalor, not on the battlefields of Afghanistan or Iraq, but in Los Angeles. I guess this is what you would expect from somebody who has described our brave war dead as suckers and losers.

We were promised that the immigration policy would deport the most violent criminals. That is something I support. That is something everyone here supports. Instead, it has deported a 4-year-old American citizen battling cancer. It detained a U.S. marshal over the weekend. Nobody is asking for this. Our troops deserve much better.

The cost of this is \$134 million of your hard-earned tax dollars, \$134 million.

Mr. President, take the troops out of Los Angeles and get back to a sane immigration policy that only deports the most violent in our community and addresses the real workforce crisis in agriculture, hospitality, childcare. We can do better.

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

CHINESE GENOCIDE OF UYGHUR MUSLIMS

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

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, the Chinese Communist Party is committing genocide against the Uyghur Muslim population.

Four years ago, I was grateful to join with Congressman JIM BANKS, now Senator, as the first Members of Congress to declare Chinese Communist Party crimes against the Uyghur population as genocide. Only a week later, President Trump carefully declared these crimes a genocide.

The Chinese Communist Party is eliminating the Uyghur population through slave labor, forced sterilization, and mass detention.

Today, Uyghur retired doctor Gulshan Abbas will spend her 63rd birthday unjustly imprisoned by the Chinese Communist Party in retaliation for her family's courageous advocacy in America. It is important that

Radio Free Asia Uyghur Service be able to confirm that Congress stands for the immediate release of Dr. Abbas.

In conclusion, God bless our troops as the global war on terrorism continues. Trump is reinstituting existing laws to protect American families with peace through strength, revealing war criminal Putin lies, insulting Trump, mocking Trump with murderous drone attacks intended for hospitals in Ukraine.

HONORING DR. RICHARD EAKIN

(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 with a heavy heart to honor the remarkable life and legacy of Dr. Richard Eakin, who dedicated 14 years of his life as Chancellor of East Carolina University.

Dr. Eakin was my mentor, my instructor, and my dear friend. He inspired me to pursue a doctoral degree in education, and I will always be grateful for that.

Dr. Eakin was one of the most compassionate and insightful leaders I have ever known.

He earned his B.A. in math from Geneva College and his M.A. and Ph.D. in math from Washington State University.

Before his time at East Carolina University, he held several administrative positions at Bowling Green State University.

He did all of this while always wearing an infectious smile. His gentle, yet impactful approach, left a mark on Pirate Nation and everyone who learned from him.

My heartfelt prayers are with his wonderful wife, Jo, and their family.

HONORING FIREFIGHTER JAKE BRIDGES

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

Mr. MOORE of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, today is a sad occasion as I rise to honor the life of Firefighter Jake Bridges, who was a firefighter with the Hickory Fire Department in North Carolina and from Cleveland County, my home county, who tragically passed away in the line of duty at just 20 years old.

Jake graduated from Gaston College Fire Academy and joined the Hickory Fire Department in 2023 as a Certified Level II Firefighter and an EMT. In that short time, he earned the respect of all who served alongside him.

In the early morning hours of June 5, after battling a fire and returning to the station, Jake suffered a sudden medical emergency while preparing the truck for service.

Jake's courage and commitment to serving others reflect the best of North

Carolina. He gave his life protecting and serving his community. His name will never be forgotten, nor his sacrifice or the example he set.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues and the Nation to remember his family in your thoughts and prayers.

CO₂ IN THE ATMOSPHERE

(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 the futile chase to try to reduce the amount of CO₂, carbon dioxide, in our atmosphere, many trillions of dollars around the U.S. and other western countries, the enlightened countries, are going to be wasted chasing this endeavor.

When I ask the average person how much CO₂ do they believe there is in the atmosphere, with all the hype, with all the fear that has been put on for the last couple of decades by the left, by the environmental groups, I get numbers like 20 percent, 50 percent, 70 percent. Even people I ask in committee that are supposed to know, that are supposed to be experts, give me numbers that are way out of line with the actual number.

My graph right here shows what really is in the atmosphere: Nitrogen, 78 percent; oxygen, 21 percent. It doesn't leave a whole lot left for the CO₂ threat to mankind, does it? You actually find that skinny one right there, 0.04 percent. We are going to ruin our economy in order to sequester carbon, to spend all of this money and not run power plants, like in California, for example, because they have to have permission to operate only if they capture CO₂ out of the atmosphere or out of their exhaust and shove it underground and store it for who knows how long and to what effect.

The CO₂ thing is a scam. This climate change talk is harmful to our country and other Western countries that have bought into it.

Meanwhile, the rest of the world is going to develop and use more oil and gas than ever. The trends are going to skyrocket up in developing countries. China builds more coal-fired power plants than you can shake a stick at. Only the U.S. is going to be the ones suffering from chasing the CO₂ thing, to reduce it from 0.04 percent to 0.035 percent.

RECESS

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

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 12 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. DESJARLAIS) at 1 o'clock and 31 minutes p.m.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Ms. Lasky, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed a bill of the following title in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 1136. An act to authorize sentencing enhancements for certain criminal offenses directed by or coordinated with foreign governments.

HALT ALL LETHAL TRAFFICKING OF FENTANYL ACT

Mr. GRIFFITH. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to House Resolution 489, I call up the bill (S. 331) to amend the Controlled Substances Act with respect to the scheduling of fentanyl-related substances, and for other purposes, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 489, the bill is considered read.

The text of the bill is as follows:

S. 331

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Halt All Lethal Trafficking of Fentanyl Act" or the "HALT Fentanyl Act".

SEC. 2. CLASS SCHEDULING OF FENTANYL-RELATED SUBSTANCES.

Section 202(c) of the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 812(c)) is amended by adding at the end of schedule I the following:

"(e)(1) Unless specifically exempted or unless listed in another schedule, any material, compound, mixture, or preparation which contains any quantity of a fentanyl-related substance, or which contains the salts, isomers, and salts of isomers of a fentanyl-related substance whenever the existence of such salts, isomers, and salts of isomers is possible within the specific chemical designation.

"(2) For purposes of paragraph (1), except as provided in paragraph (3), the term 'fentanyl-related substance' means any substance that is structurally related to fentanyl by 1 or more of the following modifications:

"(A) By replacement of the phenyl portion of the phenethyl group by any monocycle, whether or not further substituted in or on the monocycle.

"(B) By substitution in or on the phenethyl group with alkyl, alkenyl, alkoxy, hydroxyl, halo, haloalkyl, amino, or nitro groups.

"(C) By substitution in or on the piperidine ring with alkyl, alkenyl, alkoxy, ester, ether, hydroxyl, halo, haloalkyl, amino, or nitro groups.

"(D) By replacement of the aniline ring with any aromatic monocycle whether or not further substituted in or on the aromatic monocycle.

"(E) By replacement of the N-propionyl group with another acyl group.

"(3) A substance that satisfies the definition of the term 'fentanyl-related substance' in paragraph (2) shall nonetheless not be treated as a fentanyl-related substance subject to this schedule if the substance—

"(A) is controlled by action of the Attorney General under section 201; or

"(B) is otherwise expressly listed in a schedule other than this schedule.

"(4)(A) The Attorney General may by order publish in the Federal Register a list of substances that satisfy the definition of the term 'fentanyl-related substance' in paragraph (2).

"(B) The absence of a substance from a list published under subparagraph (A) does not negate the control status of the substance under this schedule if the substance satisfies the definition of the term 'fentanyl-related substance' in paragraph (2)."

SEC. 3. REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS RELATED TO RESEARCH.

(a) ALTERNATIVE REGISTRATION PROCESS FOR SCHEDULE I RESEARCH.—Section 303 of the Controlled Substances Act (21 U.S.C. 823) is amended—

(1) by redesignating the second subsection (1) (relating to required training for prescribers) as subsection (m); and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

"(n) SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR PRACTITIONERS CONDUCTING CERTAIN RESEARCH WITH SCHEDULE I CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding subsection (g), a practitioner may conduct research described in paragraph (2) of this subsection with 1 or more schedule I substances in accordance with subparagraph (A) or (B) of paragraph (3) of this subsection.

"(2) RESEARCH SUBJECT TO EXPEDITED PROCEDURES.—Research described in this paragraph is research that—

"(A) is with respect to a drug that is the subject of an investigational use exemption under section 505(i) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 355(i)); or

"(B) is—

"(i) conducted by the Department of Health and Human Services, the Department of Defense, or the Department of Veterans Affairs; or

"(ii) funded partly or entirely by a grant, contract, cooperative agreement, or other transaction from the Department of Health and Human Services, the Department of Defense, or the Department of Veterans Affairs.

"(3) EXPEDITED PROCEDURES.—

"(A) RESEARCHER WITH A CURRENT SCHEDULE I OR II RESEARCH REGISTRATION.—

"(i) IN GENERAL.—If a practitioner is registered to conduct research with a controlled substance in schedule I or II, the practitioner may conduct research under this subsection on and after the date that is 30 days after the date on which the practitioner sends a notice to the Attorney General containing the following information, with respect to each substance with which the practitioner will conduct the research:

"(I) The chemical name of the substance.

"(II) The quantity of the substance to be used in the research.

"(III) Demonstration that the research is in the category described in paragraph (2), which demonstration may be satisfied—

"(aa) in the case of a grant, contract, cooperative agreement, or other transaction, or intramural research project, by identifying the sponsoring agency and supplying the number of the grant, contract, cooperative agreement, other transaction, or project; or

"(bb) in the case of an application under section 505(i) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 355(i)), by supplying the application number and the sponsor of record on the application.

"(IV) Demonstration that the researcher is authorized to conduct research with respect