

our State as he tours internationally in Japan, Hong Kong, China, and South Korea.

Tarquin's journey began at the age of 5 when his mother, who taught herself to play the violin at age 34, inspired him to pursue music. Since then, his passion has taken him to venues like the Montana Senate Chamber where he performed a piece from Mozart's Violin Concerto No. 4 during his time as a page.

Mr. Speaker, Tarquin's remarkable talent and dedication are an inspiration to his peers and to his State. I congratulate him on this incredible accomplishment and wish him the best of luck in his bright future. I know this is just the beginning.

#### AMERICA FACES A HOUSING CRISIS

(Mr. LICCARDO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. LICCARDO. Mr. Speaker, America faces a housing crisis. One part of the solution to that crisis, though, lies right in our backyards. The solution has many names: granny flats, backyard cottages, or accessory dwelling units, but all expand our affordable housing supply.

When I was mayor of San Jose, we made building backyard apartments easier by enabling thousands of homeowners to be able to get their permits online in a single day. The problem, though, is that many homeowners of modest means could never get a shovel in the ground because they couldn't get financing.

We talked to the banks and the banks said they would lend if homeowners could get FHA insurance, or if Fannie or Freddie would backstop the loans.

Today, along with my Republican colleague ANDREW GARBARINO, I have introduced a bill to do just that. The bipartisan SUPPLY Act will empower homeowners to become home providers.

Mr. Speaker, together we can make affordable housing a reality for thousands more Americans.

ADJOURNMENT FROM FRIDAY, JULY 18, 2025, TO MONDAY, JULY 21, 2025

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at noon on Monday next for morning-hour debate and 2 p.m. for legislative business.

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

There was no objection.

#### SUSAN MASON: SAVANNAH'S STYLE AND SERVICE ICON

(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 recognize Ms. Susan Mason, a resident of Savannah, Georgia, who has dedicated 40 years of her life to bringing elegance, excellence, and warmth to thousands of life's most meaningful celebrations.

When Susan Mason founded her catering company in 1985, she was recently divorced, living rent-free in a friend's home, and inspired by a then-up-and-coming Martha Stewart.

What she lacked in resources, she made up for with resolve, talent, and a sparkling sense of humor. Over the next four decades, Susan Mason Catering became synonymous with silver service, culinary perfection, and timeless Southern style. Whether planning wrap parties for A-list celebrities or elegant weddings for local families, she made sure every detail was flawless.

She is now 85 years young and still very much at the center of the party. With her signature wit and stylish presence, she has become both a cultural fixture and a business force in Savannah.

Mr. Speaker, Susan Mason represents the very best of resilience, charm, and entrepreneurial spirit. It is an honor to recognize her today for 40 years of extraordinary service.

#### EDESIA PRODUCT STILL IN WAREHOUSE

(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 30th time to call on the Trump administration to restore life-saving food aid for starving children.

When children are starving, their organs shut down. At a certain point, they are not able to eat traditional food anymore. Ready-to-use therapeutic food is the only chance they have to survive and to get back to health.

Right now in Rhode Island, there are 87,000 boxes of ready-to-use therapeutic foods, already bought and paid for, but sitting in a warehouse because the Trump administration has frozen this aid.

It is time for the administration to honor the will of Congress, to honor its own commitment, and to do the right thing and get this food to the kids around the world who need it. I will keep speaking out every day until they do.

#### NO MORE MILITARY AID TO ISRAEL

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

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, tonight, I voted against sending more military aid to Israel. I voted against

it because I saw it as I currently see it, as a vote against collective punishment, a vote against ethnic cleansing, and a vote against genocide appearing before my very eyes.

I refuse to have my fingerprints, my imprimatur on the killing of innocent people, including children. I voted "no." I will not become a "yes" because Mr. Netanyahu doesn't want peace. He wants all of Palestine. My imprimatur will not be on it.

#### SAIF MUSALLET KILLING

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

Mr. TAKANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise to express my shock and outrage over the killing of Saif Musallet, a 20-year-old Palestinian American from Florida who was visiting his family in the West Bank.

He was beaten on his own family's land by settlers. We have grown too used to this kind of violence. We have grown weary of news reports detailing the onslaught of deaths, but we should never accept the killing of innocence, let alone the killing of an innocent American citizen.

In an unusual and forceful statement, Ambassador Huckabee called the killing a "criminal and terrorist act" and urged Israeli authorities to conduct a full investigation and bring those responsible to justice.

I echo the call of the ambassador for an investigation and ask my colleagues to do the same. The United States Congress cannot allow silence to reign and complicity to creep in. Instead, we must demand justice.

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#### DON'T GIVE AWAY CHARITY TOO EASILY

(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, as we leave the Capitol for the weekend, I want to leave the body here with a little bit of thought. I am going to quote from a book called "The Tragedy of American Compassion," by Marvin Olasky. It is now a 30-year-old book.

It is an interesting book in that it deals with what we have today called welfare. At the time that was all privatized. I am going to quote from the Society for the Prevention of Pauperism of the City of New York on what they felt was the cause of pauperism at the time and what had to be done to end it.

It listed 10 causes of pauperism. People in the 1820s were brighter than the people today. They listed ignorance, idleness, intemperance, which I take to mean drunkenness, want of economy, imprudent and hasty marriages—you don't hear that one anymore, but they

thought it was one of the top 10—lotteries, pawnbrokers, brothels, gambling houses, and the most interesting one, the vice of charities that gave away money too freely.

When we return next week, let's remember the wisdom from the Society for the Prevention of Pauperism and not give away charity too easily.

#### AFL-CIO SCORING CRYPTO BILLS

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

Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Speaker, today is the so-called culmination of crypto week.

The AFL-CIO has sent a letter to every Member, saying that these bills are an attack on working families and that they will score your vote on these issues, and to vote "no" on both bills.

Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to include in the RECORD the AFL-CIO correspondence.

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

There was no objection.

#### AFL-CIO SCORING CRYPTO BILLS

DEAR LEGISLATIVE DIRECTORS: I've received several queries about whether the AFL-CIO is scoring the votes on the GENIUS Act and CLARITY Act, which we oppose (see the attached Legislative Alert). The answer is yes, we are scoring these votes. When we send a House-wide or Senate-wide Legislative Alert urging a particular vote is scored.

To reiterate, our concern about these bills is that they shield crypto from proper oversight and regulation. We know from experience that a failure to oversee or properly regulate financial instruments or securities puts workers' and retirees' pensions and 401k plans at risk and can destabilize the economy and threaten jobs. These bills are flashing red danger lights. We urge Members to vote no on these bills. Thank you!

JODY CALEMINE,

*Director of Advocacy, AFL-CIO*

#### AFL-CIO, LEGISLATIVE ALERT,

July 16, 2025.

DEAR REPRESENTATIVE: On behalf of the AFL-CIO, I am writing to urge you to oppose two bills on crypto currency that may soon be up on the House floor for a vote this week. The GENIUS Act, (S. 1582) and the CLARITY Act (HR 3633) pose risks to both retirement funds and to the overall financial stability of the U.S. economy. Instead of regulating crypto currency, these bills will enable the crypto industry to operate without effective oversight, and this will endanger the financial health of working people.

#### POORLY REGULATED CRYPTO ASSETS ARE DANGEROUS TO PENSIONS

Unions strongly support workers having retirement benefits and regularly negotiate for pension plans in employment contracts. But retirement plans are only solvent if their assets are protected from fraud and unethical practices. Neither of these bills provide a regulatory structure for crypto assets or stablecoin that is similar to that of other assets in pensions. While currently most pensions do not carry crypto assets because of the risks associated with them, the bills provide the facade of regulation that may make these assets more mainstream in portfolios.

Passing this legislation will allow the proliferation of assets that investors will wrongly perceive as safe.

But the problem with these bills is more significant than they do not provide strong regulations for pensions; if they are passed they will reduce the safety of many assets and create problems across retirement investments. We are particularly concerned that a loophole in the CLARITY Act (HR 3633) would allow non-crypto companies to put their stock on the blockchain and evade the entire securities regulatory framework that currently exists. This would reduce reporting requirements, disclosures and other obligations. These changes would put pensions and 401k plans in jeopardy of having unsafe assets even if they were invested in traditional securities.

Because we believe in strong, safe pensions that are there for workers in their retirement, we oppose these bills and ask that you do the same.

#### FINANCIAL INSTABILITY WOULD INCREASE

The AFL-CIO has always supported measures that properly regulate financial markets so that working people are not cheated of their hard earned wages. In the aftermath of the 2008 financial crisis which had its genesis in unregulated derivatives markets and widespread fraudulent banking activities, we supported legislation that created the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB) and strengthened financial regulations through the Dodd-Frank Act.

The GENIUS and CLARITY Acts do not protect consumers, workers or the financial system and instead they expose all to more risk. The GENIUS Act would allow tech companies to become de facto banks or issuers of a corporate currency, without requiring them to adhere to equivalent bank regulatory oversight. Stablecoins are not inherently stable and the assets that are permitted to back the value of stablecoins in the bill are not sufficiently strong. Thus, a situation similar to the failure of Silicon Valley Bank (SVB), which was brought about by the failure of the stablecoin peg, looms large. The bills also do little to curb the fraud, illegal activity and corruption that continues to be prevalent in anonymous crypto markets. As such, these bills provide the perfect environment for the next financial crisis to germinate.

#### OPPOSE THESE BILLS

For all the reasons above and more, the AFL-CIO strongly urges you to vote no on the GENIUS Act, (S. 1582) and no on the CLARITY Act (HR 3633). Working people need policies that effectively regulate financial markets and ensure that hard earned retirement benefits are not endangered by risky assets. We need to make sure that the financial system is stable instead of creating a casino for crypto billionaires to make more profits.

Sincerely,

JODY CALEMINE,

*Director, Government Affairs.*

Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Speaker, this shows what Trump had to say about crypto before he learned he could make money from it.

The bills we have allow the President and the Vice President to sponsor crypto. It means they can print their electronic monopoly money. China is buying \$300 million, and Abu Dhabi has agreed to buy \$2 billion of Trump coin or Trump stablecoin.

It allows for bailouts by the Fed. Jerome Powell won't bail out Trump coin, but the next Fed Chair will.

It allows for the purchase with your U.S. tax dollars of Bitcoin or Trump coin.

The third bill says that innovation is wonderful except if the U.S. Government does it.

Vote "no" on all three bills.

#### ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Kevin F. McCumber, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly an enrolled bill of the House of the following title, which was thereupon signed by the Speaker on Thursday, July 17, 2025:

H.R. 1815. An Act to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to take certain actions in the case of a default on a home loan guaranteed by the Secretary, and for other purposes.

Kevin F. McCumber, Clerk of the House, further reported and found truly an enrolled bill of the House of the following title, which was thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 4. An Act to rescind certain budget authority proposed to be rescinded in special messages transmitted to the Congress by the President on June 3, 2025, in accordance with section 1012(a) of the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974.

#### SENATE ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

The Speaker, on Thursday, July 17, 2025, announced his signature to enrolled bills of the Senate of the following titles:

S. 1582—An act to provide for the regulation of payment stablecoins, and for other purposes.

S. 1596—An act to rename the Anahauc National Wildlife Refuge located in the State of Texas as the "Jocelyn Nungaray National Wildlife Refuge".

#### BILLS PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT

Kevin F. McCumber, Clerk of the House, reported that on July 3, 2025, the following bills were presented to the President of the United States for approval:

H.R. 1. To provide for reconciliation pursuant to title II of H. Con. Res. 14.

H.R. 2215. To redesignate the Salem Maritime National Historic Site as the "Salem Maritime National Historical Park", and for other purposes.

H.R. 618. To amend the Apex Project, Nevada Land Transfer and Authorization Act of 1989 to include the City of North Las Vegas and the Apex Industrial Park Owners Association, and for other purposes.

H.R. 43. To amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act to provide that Village Corporations shall not be required to convey land in trust to the State of Alaska for the establishment of Municipal Corporations, and for other purposes.

H.R. 42. To amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act to exclude certain payments to aged, blind, or disabled Alaska Natives or descendants of Alaska Natives from being used to determine eligibility for certain programs, and for other purposes.

Kevin F. McCumber, Clerk of the House, further reported that on July 17, 2025, the following bill was presented to the President of the United States for approval: