

FireAid concert that took place in the aftermath of the devastating Los Angeles fires.

What we have learned has happened is absolutely beyond belief. In the aftermath of these fires, which destroyed 18,000 homes and tragically killed 30 people, there was a FireAid concert in which a number of high-profile musicians generously agreed to perform and people responded in an amazing way. Tens of thousands of people donated, raising \$100 million for what they were told was direct relief for the victims. Now we have learned that this money didn't go to the victims at all. Instead, it went to non-profits, some of which have nothing to do with fire relief, where they promote things like voting and civic engagement and multigenerational power building. Some of them aren't even located in L.A.

I have asked the Attorney General to open an investigation in order to restore the intent of the donors, make the victims whole, and to bring accountability.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF BOB STEIN

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

Ms. GARCIA of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Bob Stein: a friend, a teacher, and a brilliant mind, who passed away last week after living an equally brilliant life.

I had the privilege of knowing Bob throughout my entire public service career. When he wasn't cycling, Bob was a professor at Rice University, where he spent 46 years being a leading voice on elections, disaster response, and local government, but to call Bob just a professor wouldn't capture who he truly was.

His classroom extended far beyond Rice. He had a remarkable habit of turning local officials into students, and I was proud to be one of them.

Bob Stein spent his whole life helping this Nation live up to its promise. To his wife, Marty, and his children, I thank them for sharing him with us. Mr. Speaker, you know that if you planned to run for office in Houston, you had to sit down and talk to Bob Stein.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of a grateful city and a grateful nation, I thank Bob. May he enjoy his cycling in Heaven. God bless.

#### HONORING THE 100th ANNIVERSARY OF INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA

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

Mr. HARIDOPOLOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 100th anniversary of Indian River County, Florida, founded on June 29, 1925.

For a century, this community has stood as a jewel on the Treasure Coast, a place where history, culture, and natural beauty come together in extraordinary ways.

It has grown from humble roots to a thriving community, celebrating a strong economy, welcoming neighborhoods, and stunning environment. From the pristine shores of Vero Beach to the citrus groves of Fellsmere, Indian River County embodies the very best of Florida living.

Mr. Speaker, today, we recognize and celebrate a century in paradise. I congratulate the people of Indian River County on their 100th anniversary and 100 remarkable years.

#### MEANWHILE

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

Mr. LATIMER. Mr. Speaker, the news is louder than a toddler with a kazoo at a Metallic concert. While the headlines scream, the internet screams even louder with a monologue known as meanwhile.

Meanwhile, Paramount settles a lawsuit with President Trump over a dispute that could have been easily dismissed, which is defended as freedom of the press, or not.

Meanwhile, Paramount CBS is seeking a multimillion-dollar merger with Skydance Media that requires the approval of the very same Trump administration. Coincidence? Surely not.

Meanwhile, the Trump administration calls for media fairness, the kind perhaps shown by FOX, OAN, and Newsmax. Maybe.

Meanwhile, Stephen Colbert, host of the show "Late Night," number one amongst hosts in his slot and a Trump critic, has his show canceled by CBS, a financial decision it is said. Oh, yeah.

Meanwhile, CBS' great news leader, Edward R. Murrow, rolls over in his grave.

#### ONGOING MASSACRE IN GAZA

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

Ms. DEXTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today as a mother, a physician, and a Member of Congress horrified by the ongoing massacre in Gaza.

This is not a humanitarian crisis in abstract. It is the result of choices, choices leading to preventable famine.

While bombs are leveling entire cities, the only so-called aid group allowed in, the Gaza Humanitarian Foundation, is annihilating the very principles of neutrality and humanitarian relief.

Now, we are hearing reports that aid will be contingent on a cease-fire.

Let me be clear: That is morally bankrupt.

You do not negotiate over food. You do not bargain with medicine. You do not turn aid sites into deathtraps.

Palestinians in Gaza deserve safety, dignity, and the right to self-determination, not starvation.

Oregonians have been clear: The United States has a moral obligation to use its power to end this tragedy. A critical step is demanding the U.N. Relief and Works Agency is immediately reinstated in Gaza for large-scale aid delivery.

□ 1220

#### CONGRATULATING AMPHENOL AEROSPACE

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

Mr. RILEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, in upstate New York, we make things. This past weekend, we made history when Amphenol Aerospace celebrated its 100th anniversary in Sidney.

Amphenol's is a century-old story of resilience, a community that rebuilt after floods, coming back stronger than before.

It is a century-old story of American innovation, with the world's most cutting-edge technologies rolling off our factory floor.

It is a decades-old story of the power of labor, a true partnership between Amphenol and the Machinists Union, with good jobs, good wages, and a strong middle class.

It is a century-old story of American strength. Amphenol's work defends our homeland.

Above all, though, we are celebrating 100 years of a close-knit manufacturing town of less than 5,000 people where the thing that matters most is not whether you have got an R or a D next to your name, but whether you show up for your shift, do your job with pride, treat each other right, take care of your family, and love this country.

My family and I were honored to celebrate 100 years with everyone at Amphenol this weekend, and we are all in for the next 100.

#### COMMUNICATION FROM THE DEMOCRATIC LEADER

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. GILL of Texas) laid before the House the following communication from the Honorable HAKEEM JEFFRIES, Democratic Leader:

JULY 23, 2025.

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

DEAR SPEAKER JOHNSON: Pursuant to Section 2(b)(4) of P.L. 118-144, the Commission to Study the Potential Transfer of the Weitzman National Museum of American Jewish History to the Smithsonian Institution Act, I am pleased to appoint the following individual to the Commission to Study the Potential Transfer of the Weitzman National Museum of American Jewish History to the Smithsonian Institution.

The Honorable Kathy Manning of Greensboro, North Carolina.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

HAKEEM JEFFRIES,  
*Democratic Leader.*

### 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 12 o'clock and 21 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 1400

### AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mrs. MILLER of West Virginia) at 2 p.m.

### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or votes objected to under clause 6 of rule XX.

The House will resume proceedings on postponed questions at a later time.

□ 1400

### COAST GUARD AUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2025

Mr. GRAVES. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 4275) to authorize appropriations for the Coast Guard, to establish the Secretary of the Coast Guard, and for other purposes, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 4275

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

#### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the “Coast Guard Authorization Act of 2025”.

(b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents for this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.

Sec. 2. Commandant defined.

#### TITLE I—COAST GUARD

##### Subtitle A—Authorization of Appropriations

Sec. 101. Authorization of appropriations.

Sec. 102. Authorized levels of military strength and training.

##### Subtitle B—Accountability

Sec. 111. Annual report on progress of certain homeporting projects.

Sec. 112. Major acquisitions.

Sec. 113. Quarterly acquisition brief requirements.

Sec. 114. Overdue reports.

Sec. 115. Requirement for Coast Guard to provide analysis of alternatives for aircraft.

Sec. 116. Oversight of funds provided pursuant to Public Law 119–21.

Sec. 117. Regular polar security cutter updates.

Sec. 118. Annual plan for Coast Guard operations in the Pacific.

#### TITLE II—ORGANIZATION, AUTHORITIES, ACQUISITION, AND PERSONNEL OF THE COAST GUARD

##### Subtitle A—Organization

Sec. 201. Secretary of the Coast Guard.

Sec. 202. Reappointment of Commandant.

Sec. 203. Special Advisor to Commandant for Tribal and Native Hawaiian Affairs.

Sec. 204. Reinstatement of training course on workings of Congress.

Sec. 205. Services and use of funds for, and leasing of, the National Coast Guard Museum.

##### Subtitle B—Authorities

Sec. 211. Public availability of information.

Sec. 212. Cyber coordination and support in foreign territories.

Sec. 213. Modification of treatment of minor construction and improvement project management.

Sec. 214. Preparedness plans for Coast Guard properties located in tsunami inundation zones.

Sec. 215. Additional Pribilof Island transition completion actions.

Sec. 216. Scientific mission for USCGC Storis.

Sec. 217. Coast Guard access to Department of the Treasury fund.

##### Subtitle C—Acquisition

Sec. 231. Modification of prohibition on use of lead systems integrators.

Sec. 232. Acquisition improvements.

Sec. 233. Restriction on acquisition, procurement, or construction of vessels in foreign shipyards.

Sec. 234. Great Lakes icebreaking.

Sec. 235. Entity other than the Coast Guard.

##### Subtitle D—Personnel

Sec. 241. Family leave policies for Coast Guard.

Sec. 242. Modifications to career flexibility program.

Sec. 243. Direct hire authority for certain personnel.

Sec. 244. Command sponsorship for dependents of members of Coast Guard assigned to Unalaska, Alaska.

Sec. 245. Authorization for maternity uniform allowance for officers.

Sec. 246. Consolidation of authorities for college student precommissioning initiative.

Sec. 247. Additional available guidance and considerations for reserve selection boards.

Sec. 248. Behavioral health.

Sec. 249. Travel allowance for members of Coast Guard assigned to Alaska.

Sec. 250. Tuition Assistance and Advanced Education Assistance Pilot Program.

Sec. 251. Recruitment, relocation, and retention incentive program for civilian firefighters employed by Coast Guard in remote locations.

Sec. 252. Notification.

##### Subtitle E—Coast Guard Academy

Sec. 261. Modification of Board of Visitors.

Sec. 262. Study on Coast Guard Academy oversight.

Sec. 263. Electronic locking mechanisms to ensure Coast Guard Academy cadet room security.

Sec. 264. Report on existing behavioral health and wellness support services facilities at Coast Guard Academy.

Sec. 265. Required posting of information.

Sec. 266. Installation of multipurpose medical privacy rooms.

Sec. 267. Coast Guard Academy room reassignment.

Sec. 268. Authorization for use of Coast Guard Academy facilities and equipment by covered foundations.

Sec. 269. Concurrent jurisdiction at Coast Guard Academy.

##### Subtitle F—Reports and Policies

Sec. 271. Policy and briefing on availability of naloxone to treat opioid, including fentanyl, overdoses.

Sec. 272. Policy on methods to reduce incentives for illicit maritime drug trafficking.

Sec. 273. Report on condition of aids to navigation.

Sec. 274. Feasibility study on supporting additional port visits and deployments in support of Operation Blue Pacific.

Sec. 275. Study and gap analysis with respect to Coast Guard Air Station Corpus Christi aviation hangar.

Sec. 276. Report on impacts of joint travel regulations on members of Coast Guard who rely on ferry systems.

Sec. 277. Report on Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps program.

Sec. 278. Report and briefings on implementing section 564 of title 14.

Sec. 279. Report on role of Coast Guard.

Sec. 280. Report on Coast Guard personnel skills.

Sec. 281. Report on Coast Guard search and rescue operations.

Sec. 282. Report on alternative sites for the location of Station St. Thomas.

Sec. 283. Report on East Rockaway inlet navigation.

#### TITLE III—SHIPPING AND NAVIGATION

##### Subtitle A—Merchant Mariner Credentials

Sec. 301. Merchant mariner credentialing.

Sec. 302. Nonoperating individual.

##### Subtitle B—Vessel Safety

Sec. 311. Grossly negligent operations of a vessel.

Sec. 312. Performance driven examination schedule.

Sec. 313. Fishing vessel and fisherman training safety.

Sec. 314. Designating pilotage waters for the Straits of Mackinac.

Sec. 315. Study of amphibious vessels.

Sec. 316. St. Lucie River railroad bridge.

Sec. 317. Large recreational vessel regulations.

##### Subtitle C—Ports

Sec. 321. Ports and waterways safety.

Sec. 322. Study on Bering Strait vessel traffic projections and emergency response posture at ports of the United States.

Sec. 323. Improving Vessel Traffic Service monitoring.

Sec. 324. Controlled substance onboard vessels.

Sec. 325. Cyber-incident training.

Sec. 326. Navigational protocols.

Sec. 327. Anchorages.

##### Subtitle D—Matters Involving Autonomous Systems

Sec. 331. Establishment of National Advisory Committee on Autonomous Maritime Systems.

Sec. 332. Pilot program for governance and oversight of small uncrewed maritime systems.

Sec. 333. Coast Guard training course.

Sec. 334. NOAA membership on Autonomous Vessel Policy Council.