

that has embraced their heritage tourism work plan and has implemented worthwhile projects that show impact and results in their community.

Coudersport will be officially recognized during a ceremony on Wednesday evening at the Wilds Sonshine Factory in Kane. The PA Route 6 Alliance will also present awards in the categories of Heritage Partnership, Heritage Tourism, Heritage Leadership, Lifetime Achievement, and the Artisan of the Year Award.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Coudersport on this recognition. Located in the heart of Potter County, Coudersport is often referred to as "God's country." The scenic countryside and nearby Allegheny River create an outdoor paradise with recreation opportunities like fishing, hunting, camping, kayaking, hiking, skiing, snowmobiling, and more.

Coudersport's historical downtown and charming shops make it a small-town community that has it all. Thank you to the PA Route 6 Alliance for its efforts to preserve and promote our treasured communities like Coudersport.

CELEBRATING VIRGIN ISLANDS- PUERTO RICO FRIENDSHIP

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

Ms. PLASKETT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Virgin Islands-Puerto Rico friendship, celebrated throughout the month of October—but I just wanted to get everybody geared up for it now—in which we recognize the bond between our territories, united by history, culture, and shared values.

For generations, our islands have been connected by more than just Caribbean waters. We share a history of oppression and colonialism, linguistic heritage, cultural traditions, and Caribbean resilience. Our families have deep ties, our businesses have collaborated, and we have supported each other through hurricanes and celebrations alike.

From Carnival to culinary traditions, from music to literature, the Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico continue to enrich each other's cultural landscape.

Today, we recommit to strengthening these ties through greater collaboration in education, economic development, and cultural exchange, and we will work together to fully include ourselves in the American experience.

TRUMP CREATES JOBS

(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, President Donald Trump is creating jobs, allowing families to keep more of the money they earn.

Under President Trump, over half a million jobs have been created. Job-de-

stroying regulations are being slashed, eliminating 10 regulations for every new regulation created, led by Administrator LEE ZELDIN and with the appointment of Chairman David Wright to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

The Trump America First trade policy has recruited \$8 trillion in new manufacturing, creating hundreds of thousands of jobs. The Trump tax cuts will benefit families by over \$10,000 a year.

President Trump and Republicans in the House and Senate are committed to cutting taxes, increasing wages, and increasing jobs.

In conclusion, God bless our troops as the global war on terrorism continues. We know that President Trump is standing firm for families, revealing war criminal Putin's lies, insulting Trump and mocking Trump, with increased mass murder of Ukrainian civilians while subverting Belarus, Georgia, and Moldova for a new U.S.S.R.

South Carolina is grateful for the success of our shared community, Charlotte. Sadly, it is clear Mayor Lyles should resign for shamelessly concealing the murder of Iryna Zarutska.

UMASS AMHERST CAMPUS PANTRY

(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, students at the University of Massachusetts Amherst recently joined together to address the terrible problem of food insecurity on their campus. After witnessing—and some even experiencing—difficulty affording nutritious food, these remarkable students worked with Chancellor Reyes and his team, the Amherst Survival Center, and the Food Bank of Western Massachusetts to establish the UMass Amherst Campus Pantry.

Last Friday, I was proud to stand with them to officially open the pantry, which is a welcoming space that will provide anyone in the UMass community with a little extra help when they need it. The shelves are stocked with nutritious food, including food grown locally by the incredible farmers in western Massachusetts.

Mr. Speaker, times are tough. Food costs are high and people are struggling. No community and no college campus in our country are immune from food insecurity.

I am so proud of the students at UMass Amherst and the administration for working toward a food-secure campus. I encourage students across the country to work with their colleges and universities to address campus food insecurity and finally end hunger now.

CONGRATULATING WILLIE ADAMS ON HIS RETIREMENT

(Ms. STRICKLAND asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. STRICKLAND. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Willie Adams, former president of the International Longshore and Warehouse Union, who recently retired. For more than 40 years, Willie focused on supporting working families, workers' rights, and civil rights.

Born in Kansas City, he first came to Tacoma, Washington, as a longshore worker at the port in 1978, and worked his way up, including to secretary-treasurer of the executive board. In 2018, he broke barriers as the first Black international president of the ILWU.

He fought for increased wages and benefits for his longshore brothers and sisters and navigated the safety and supply challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic.

As the former mayor of Tacoma and now a Member of Congress, I have witnessed Willie's leadership firsthand for working people everywhere.

In Tacoma, he highlighted notable Black figures and entrepreneurs with celebrations of Black history, which led to his being the recipient of the City of Tacoma Destiny Award.

I thank Willie for his contributions to the international labor movement, and I congratulate him on his well-earned retirement.

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HONORING GEORGE HARRIS

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

Ms. JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor George Harris, a giant in the Dallas community and someone who dedicated his entire life to fighting for LGBTQ equality.

Last month, George passed away at the age of 92, leaving behind a legacy of courage, service, and sacrifice. After serving in the Army and working at the CIA, he was discharged simply because he was gay. He built a life of love alongside his partner of more than 50 years, Jack Evans.

In 2015, George and Jack made history as the first same-sex couple legally married in Dallas County, a moment that inspired Americans from across the country.

George helped create institutions that still serve our community, like the Resource Center; the LGBTQ Chamber of Commerce; and The Dallas Way, one of our Nation's largest LGBTQ archives.

Preserving our history was one of George's last labors of love, ensuring future generations know the struggles and triumphs of those who came before him.

Dallas and our Nation are better because of George Harris.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of this entire House and our Dallas community, I extend my deepest condolences to his family, friends, and neighbors. May we honor his legacy by continuing his fight for equality and dignity for all.

TOXIC EXPOSURE AT CAMP LEJEUNE

(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 to address a pressing issue that has affected countless families in our Nation, an issue that hits close to home. It is the heartbreaking reality faced by those who lived at Camp Lejeune, where, for decades, servicemembers and their families suffered exposure to toxic chemicals in their drinking water.

From the 1950s to the mid-1980s, the water at Camp Lejeune was contaminated with harmful substances. This we know.

For many of the brave men and women who served our country, this was a home, a place where they were supposed to feel safe and protected. Instead, they served our Nation while unknowingly putting their health and the health of their loved ones at risk.

Families have suffered in silence for far too long, often for years, as they have battled illnesses without understanding the root cause. Many have died.

It is time to raise our voices for these families, these veterans, these spouses, these children who have endured far too much for far too long.

Congress must act to assist those affected by the water contamination at Camp Lejeune. Morally, it is the right thing to do.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 3838, STREAMLINING PROCUREMENT FOR EFFECTIVE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY AND NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZA- TION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026; AND PROVIDING FOR CONSIDER- ATION OF H.R. 3486, STOP ILLE- GAL ENTRY ACT OF 2025

Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 682 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 682

Resolved, That at any time after adoption of this resolution the Speaker may, pursuant to clause 2(b) of rule XVIII, declare the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for consideration of the bill (H.R. 3838) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2026 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for

such fiscal year, and for other purposes. The first reading of the bill shall be dispensed with. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived. General debate shall be confined to the bill and amendments specified in this section and shall not exceed one hour equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Armed Services or their respective designees. After general debate the bill shall be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule. In lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Armed Services now printed in the bill, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 119-8 shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole. The bill, as amended, shall be considered as the original bill for the purpose of further amendment under the five-minute rule and shall be considered as read. All points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended, are waived.

SEC. 2. (a) No further amendment to H.R. 3838, as amended, shall be in order except those printed in part A of the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution and amendments en bloc described in section 3 of this resolution.

(b) Each further amendment printed in part A of the report of the Committee on Rules shall be considered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole.

(c) All points of order against further amendments printed in part A of the report of the Committee on Rules or against amendments en bloc described in section 3 of this resolution are waived.

SEC. 3. It shall be in order at any time for the chair of the Committee on Armed Services or his designee to offer amendments en bloc consisting of further amendments printed in part A of the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution not earlier disposed of. Amendments en bloc offered pursuant to this section shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for 40 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Armed Services or their respective designees, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole.

SEC. 4. At the conclusion of consideration of H.R. 3838 for amendment the Committee shall rise and report the bill, as amended, to the House with such further amendments as may have been adopted. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill, as amended, and on any further amendment thereto to final passage without intervening motion except one motion to recommit.

SEC. 5. Upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to consider in the House the bill (H.R. 3486) to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to increase penalties for individuals who illegally enter and reenter the United States after being removed, and for other purposes. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived. The amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the bill, modified by the amendment printed in part B of the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution, shall be considered as adopted.

The bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. All points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended, are waived. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill, as amended, and on any further 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 the Judiciary or their respective designees; and (2) one motion to recommit.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from Georgia is recognized for 1 hour.

Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, for the purpose of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the gentlewoman from Pennsylvania (Ms. SCANLON), 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.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, this morning, the Rules Committee met and reported a rule, House Resolution 682, providing for consideration of two measures.

The first measure is H.R. 3838, the Streamlining Procurement for Effective Execution and Delivery and National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2026, under a structured rule.

The rule provides 1 hour of debate, equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking member of the Committee on Armed Services or their respective designees, provides for one motion to recommit, and made 298 amendments in order.

Additionally, the rule provides for consideration of H.R. 3486, the Stop Illegal Entry Act of 2025, under a closed rule.

The rule provides 1 hour of debate, equally divided and controlled by the chair and the ranking member of the Committee on the Judiciary or their respective designees, and provides for one motion to recommit.

Mr. Speaker, we are here today to debate a rule on two pieces of legislation. First, H.R. 3838, the Streamlining Procurement for Effective Execution and Delivery and National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2026.

Mr. Speaker, under the leadership of Chairman MIKE ROGERS and Ranking Member ADAM SMITH, one of the top priorities of the bipartisan fiscal year 2026 National Defense Authorization Act was to reform the defense acquisition system and equip our armed services with the technology they need to deter national security threats.