

built relationships. He built trust. He built continuity in an institution that is ever changing. As former Buffalo Representative Brian Higgins, who preceded TIM KENNEDY, has said, he became the go-to guy.

Most importantly, as his colleagues know well, Bob did it all with grace, professionalism, and good humor, whether he was explaining floor procedures, helping Members navigate the often complex legislative day, or flipping on the TV to the Buffalo Sabres games.

Mr. Speaker, Bob's departure now is bittersweet for us. We are sad to see him go, but we are deeply grateful for what he contributed and for the legacy he leaves behind. Bob has always sustained not just the function of the House but the spirit of service that undergirds it.

As we honor Bob, let that be a message to all the staff who serve us that we appreciate what they do for the American people and for our democracy. We thank them all.

Bob has made the Cloakroom in this House a better place. He has done it quietly, responsibly, and without fanfare. That kind of service is often invisible, but it is indispensable. Bob has strengthened the very fabric of the House.

Today, as we wish him well, we honor not only his work but the spirit of loyalty and friendship he brought here.

Before I end by congratulating Bob, I acknowledge Congressman TIM KENNEDY for what he did in honor of Bob Fischer's name. He had Densmore Street in Buffalo, New York, named "Bob Fischer Way."

Mr. Speaker, we congratulate Bob. We thank him. We wish him the very best in whatever comes next. We want him to know he will be very missed. I ask him to please not be a stranger to us.

Let us all be grateful for the legacy and the leadership of Bob Fischer.

GUARANTEEING RELIABILITY THROUGH THE INTERCONNECTION OF DISPATCHABLE POWER ACT

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BOST). Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfinished business is the vote on passage of the bill (H.R. 1047) to require the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission to reform the interconnection queue process for the prioritization and approval of certain projects, and for other purposes, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the passage of the bill.

This is a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 216, nays 206, not voting 9, as follows:

Aderholt
Alford
Allen
Amodei (NV)
Arrington
Babin
Bacon
Baird
Balderson
Barr
Barrett
Baumgartner
Bean (FL)
Begich
Bentz
Bergman
Bice
Biggs (AZ)
Biggs (SC)
Bilirakis
Boebert
Bost
Brecht
Bresnahan
Buchanan
Burchett
Burlison
Calvert
Cammack
Carey
Carter (GA)
Carter (TX)
Ciscomani
Cline
Cloud
Clyde
Cole
Collins
Comer
Correa
Crane
Crank
Crawford
Crenshaw
Cuellar
Davidson
Davis (NC)
De La Cruz
DesJarlais
Diaz-Balart
Donalds
Downing
Dunn (FL)
Edwards
Elizy
Emmer
Estes
Evans (CO)
Ezell
Fallon
Fedorchak
Feenstra
Finstad
Fischbach
Fitzgerald
Fleischmann
Flood
Fong
Foxy
Franklin, Scott
Fry
Fulcher

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YEAS—216

Gill (TX)
Gimenez
Golden (ME)
Goldman (TX)
Gonzales, Tony
Gooden
Gosar
Graves
Greene (GA)
Griffith
Grothman
Guest
Guthrie
Hageman
Hamadeh (AZ)
Haridopolos
Harrigan
Harris (MD)
Harris (NC)
Harshbarger
Hern (OK)
Higgins (LA)
Hill (AR)
Hinson
Houchin
Hudson
Huizenga
Hunt
Hurd (CO)
Issa
Jack
Jackson (TX)
James
Johnson (SD)
Jordan
Joyce (OH)
Joyce (PA)
Kean
Kelly (MS)
Kelly (PA)
Kennedy (UT)
Kiggans (VA)
Kiley (CA)
Kim
Knott
Kustoff
LaHood
LaLota
LaMalfa
Langworthy
Latta
Lawler
Lee (FL)
Letlow
Loudermilk
Lucas
Luna
Luttrell
Mace
Mackenzie
Malliotakis
Maloy
Mann
Massie
Mast
McCaull
McClain
McClintock
McCormick
McDowell
McGuire
Messmer

NAYS—206

Case
Casten
Castor (FL)
Castro (TX)
Cherfilus
McCormick
Chu
Cisneros
Clark (MA)
Clarke (NY)
Cleaver
Clyburn
Cohen
Conaway
Costa
Courtney
Craig
Crockett
Crow
Davids (KS)
Davis (IL)
Dean (PA)

Meuser
Miller (OH)
Miller (WV)
Miller-Meeks
Mills
Moolenaar
Moore (AL)
Moore (NC)
Moore (UT)
Moore (WV)
Moran
Murphy
Nehls
Newhouse
Norman
Nunn (IA)
Oberholte
Ogles
Onder
Owens
Palmer
Patronis
Perez
Perry
Reschenthaler
Rogers (AL)
Rogers (KY)
Rose
Rouzer
Roy
Rulli
Salazar
Scalise
Schmidt
Schweikert
Scott, Austin
Self
Sessions
Shreve
Simpson
Smith (MO)
Smith (NE)
Smith (NJ)
Smucker
Spartz
Staubert
Stefanik
Steil
Steube
Strong
Stutzman
Taylor
Tenney
Thompson (PA)
Tiffany
Timmons
Valadao
Van Drew
Van Dwyne
Van Orden
Wagner
Walberg
Weber (TX)
Webster (FL)
Westerman
Wied
Williams (TX)
Wilson (SC)
Wittman
Womack
Yakym
Zinke

Garcia (CA)
Garcia (IL)
Garcia (TX)
Gillen
Goldman (NY)
Gomez
Gonzalez, V.
Goodlander
Gottheimer
Green, Al (TX)
Harder (CA)
Hayes
Himes
Horsford
Houlahan
Hoyer
Hoyle (OR)
Huffman
Ivey
Jackson (IL)
Jacobs
Jayapal
Jeffries
Johnson (GA)
Johnson (TX)
Kamlager-Dove
Kaptur
Keating
Kelly (IL)
Kennedy (NY)
Khanna
Krishnamoorthi
Landsman
Larsen (WA)
Larson (CT)
Latimer
Lee (NV)
Lee (PA)
Leger Fernandez
Levin
Liccardo
Lieu
Lofgren
Lynch
Magaziner
Mannion
Matsui
McBath

McBride
McClain Delaney
McClellan
McCollum
McDonald Rivet
McGarvey
McGovern
McIver
Meeks
Menendez
Meng
Mfume
Min
Moore (WI)
Morelle
Morrison
Moskowitz
Moulton
Mrvan
Mullin
Nadler
Neal
Neguse
Norcross
Ocasio-Cortez
Olszewski
Omar
Pallone
Panetta
Pappas
Pelosi
Peters
Petterson
Pingree
Pocan
Pou
Pressley
Quigley
Ramirez
Randall
Raskin
Riley (NY)
Rivas
Ross
Ruiz
Ryan
Salinas
Sanchez

Scanlon
Schakowsky
Schneider
Scholten
Schrier
Scott (VA)
Scott, David
Sewell
Sherman
Simon
Smith (WA)
Sorensen
Soto
Stansbury
Stanton
Stevens
Strickland
Subramanyam
Suozi
Swalwell
Sykes
Takano
Thanedar
Thompson (CA)
Thompson (MS)
Titus
Tlaib
Tokuda
Tonko
Torres (CA)
Torres (NY)
Tran
Underwood
Vargas
Vasquez
Veasey
Velazquez
Vindman
Walkinshaw
Wasserman
Schultz
Waters
Watson Coleman
Whitesides
Williams (GA)
Wilson (FL)

NOT VOTING—9

Fine
Garbarino
Gray

Miller (IL)
Pfluger
Rutherford

Sherrill
Trahan
Turner (OH)

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So the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mrs. TRAHAN. Mr. Speaker, I was not present for votes today. Had I been present, I would have voted NAY on Roll Call No. 277, H.R. 3062; NAY on Roll Call No. 278, H.R. 3015; and NAY on Roll Call No. 279, H.R. 1047.

NATIONAL TEACH AG DAY

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

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize National Teach Ag Day.

National Teach Ag Day celebrates school-based agricultural education. Today we share the importance and effectiveness of ag education in the United States and encourage students to consider careers as agricultural educators.

Mr. Speaker, our ag educators are responsible for cultivating and inspiring the next generation of agricultural leaders. They prepare students to be problem solvers, leaders, entrepreneurs, and more. This happens in

the classroom with extension programs or with groups like FFA or 4-H.

By recognizing our agricultural educators, we can ensure our students have knowledge and exposure to all the opportunities the agriculture sector has to offer.

Mr. Speaker, I thank all the teachers and volunteers across the country who help propel students into meaningful careers that support our Nation's farmers, ranchers, foresters, and producers.

FAREWELL ALLISON BLANKENSHIP

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

Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts. Mr. Speaker, I rise to bid farewell to my senior floor adviser and alumna of Teams JAYAPAL, MCBATH, and PELOSI, the one and only, the incomparable, Allison Blankenship.

The last few years have been some of the most unpredictable in the history of this Chamber, and throughout all of it, Allison has been a constant and joyful guiding light.

From the longest speech in House history to the longest vote, Allison has skillfully navigated the unprecedented.

She has powered through all-nighters with a smile, with pride, and always with helpful information, because above all, she is driven by a love of country, a love of justice, and a love of this institution and its people.

We thank Allison for her hard work, and we wish her all the best on her next chapter.

We will not forget Allison, and we hope she will not forget us.

CELEBRATING GIRLS' FLAG FOOTBALL

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

Mr. WIED. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate a movement that is transforming the landscape of youth sports across America: girls' flag football.

Recently, Chloe Cronin, a student at Appleton North High School, reached out to my office to share a petition she started, calling on the Wisconsin Interscholastic Athletic Association to recognize girls' flag football as a sanctioned sport.

At Appleton North High School and across the Fox cities, girls are suiting up for flag football, not just for the love of the game, but to claim their rightful place on the field.

Though currently recognized only as a club sport, these athletes are showing grit, leadership, and talent. Today, over 17 States have sanctioned girls' flag football as a varsity sport, and countless others are piloting programs that give young women the chance to compete, lead, and thrive on the field.

With support growing nationwide, from college scholarships to NFL partnerships, States like Florida and Georgia have already made girls' flag football a varsity sport. Wisconsin should be next.

These young women deserve the same opportunities, resources, and recognition as their peers.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this momentum and ensure every girl has the chance to chase greatness one flag at a time.

EDUCATION FIRST

(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 16th District of New York is lucky to have an Education First facility located in Tarrytown.

During the August work period, I had the opportunity to tour their international language campus and speak with young people from over 60 countries who are in Tarrytown to learn English.

This location in our district is one of several dozen Education First campuses around the world. They have collaborated with the U.N. to create a joint global summer school program. In addition to physical schools, they also have the world's largest online language school.

These programs are designed to help English language learners pick up the language quickly for attending school or starting a new job.

It can be hard to be in a new place, learning a new language. I applaud the courage and openness of these students in coming to the United States and meeting students from different countries. Our world is stronger because of cultural exchanges like this one, and it does a heck of a lot for the local economy in Tarrytown.

HIGHLIGHTING THE WORK OF JEFF MITTMAN

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

Mr. STUTZMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to highlight the work of Mr. Jeff Mittman and congratulate him on his appointment by President Trump to serve as a member of the U.S. AbilityOne Commission.

Mr. Mittman served 22 years in the U.S. Army until an IED ended his service and caused him to lose his vision. Despite this sacrifice, Mr. Mittman made it a mission to move forward and overcome the challenges his life presented.

As one of many accomplishments, in 2019, Mr. Mittman became the first legally blind president and CEO of Bosma Enterprises, the largest employer for people who are blind in Indiana.

Beyond that, Mr. Mittman also serves as the president of the National

Association for the Employment of People Who Are Blind.

Even after losing so much, Mr. Mittman considers himself the luckiest man alive. His responses to adversity serves as an inspiring lesson to all of us.

Indiana is fortunate to have benefited from his unwavering sense of hope and leadership in our community. No one is more deserving than Mr. Mittman for this appointment, and I am truly excited to see such an inspiring Hoosier serve on the AbilityOne Commission.

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HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY TO DOROTHY SCHARF FRANKEL

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

Ms. LOIS FRANKEL of Florida. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise with joy to celebrate a very special milestone. On August 24, 1925, in Brooklyn, New York, my mother, Dorothy Scharf Frankel, came into the world, and this summer marked her 100th birthday.

She is still healthy, sharp, and still the life of the party. Really, to this day she is my best supporter, my best friend, and always on my side.

At 100, she plays a fierce game of bridge, Rummikub, and bingo, always with a quick wit and competitive spirit intact. She still turns on the news every day, and she worries about her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She reminds us that age is not a limit, but a badge of wisdom, resilience, and spirit.

Today, I honor my mother, not just for reaching a century of life but fulfilling every one of those years with strength, laughter, and unwavering love for her family. She is my inspiration, and I am so proud to celebrate her extraordinary journey.

DAMAGE BY THE GRAY WOLF

(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, the gray wolf has made a full recovery in the United States and has been for some time. Yet, with the introduction of more and more wolves into the rural areas, you get results like this, with cattle losses as well as the wildlife in the area being devastated.

Yet, activist lawsuits have kept wolves on the list long past the point of recovery. The result is indeed devastating for rural America.

In the Great Lakes and Rocky Mountain regions, wolf populations are in the tens of thousands. These predators kill livestock and pets, costing ranchers their livelihoods.

Some years, the USDA reports loss of nearly 5,000 cattle and sheep. They are