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Stevens	Tokuda	Vindman
Strickland	Tonko	Walkinshaw
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Suozi	Torres (NY)	Schultz
Sykes	Trahan	Waters
Takano	Tran	Watson Coleman
Thanedar	Underwood	Whitesides
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ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). There are 2 minutes remaining.

□ 2107

So the resolution was not agreed to. The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. WOMACK. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent and unable to vote. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 294, YEA on Roll Call No. 295, YEA on Roll Call No. 296, and YEA on Roll Call No. 297.

□ 2110

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

Mrs. LUNA. Mr. Speaker, I have a parliamentary inquiry.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentlewoman will state her parliamentary inquiry.

Mrs. LUNA. Mr. Speaker, I was wondering if the Speaker of the House of Representatives can explain why leadership on both sides, both Democrat and Republican, are cutting back-end deals to cover up public corruption in the House of Representatives for both Republican and Democrat Members of Congress.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentlewoman has not stated a proper parliamentary inquiry.

Mrs. LUNA. Mr. Speaker, thank you very much, but I think the American people know what happened tonight.

MOMENT OF SILENCE HONORING 14 KENTUCKIANS WHO LOST THEIR LIVES AT LOUISVILLE MUHAMMAD ALI INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

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

Mr. MCGARVEY. Mr. Speaker, 2 weeks ago tonight, our community of Louisville, our State of Kentucky, was absolutely rocked when a cargo plane taking off from Louisville Muhammad Ali International Airport bound for Hawaii crashed.

Mr. Speaker, 38,000 gallons of jet fuel exploded in our community in a scene

that can only be described as apocalyptic.

All three crew lost their lives, as well as 11 people on the ground. Mr. Speaker, 14 of our neighbors, 14 of our community, gone.

The first responders were incredibly brave, rushing headfirst into the inferno to save everything they could. Our community, our State, our delegation, we did what Louisvillians and Kentuckians do and lifted each other up as best as possible.

Tonight, we want to express our gratitude for those who went headfirst into that danger, for those who lifted each other up, and we want to offer a moment of silence for the 14 people who lost their lives.

□ 2120

HONORING COMMUNITY OF GRAND BLANC, MICHIGAN

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

Ms. McDONALD RIVET. Mr. Speaker, I am joined today by my colleagues from Michigan as we honor the community of Grand Blanc and the victims and families of the shooting and fire at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

On the morning of Sunday, September 28, families, friends, and neighbors gathered to worship when a gunman crashed his car into the church, set the church on fire, and began shooting into the congregation.

Ultimately, four members of our community were taken from us that morning. Today and for many days to follow, we will mourn for each of them, their families, every congregant of the church, and all of those impacted by this senseless act of violence.

This kind of violence, specifically in a place of worship where we go to pray and reflect in peace, is despicable, and no one should ever have to go through this.

We also extend profound gratitude to the heroic first responders: the law enforcement officers who responded to the scene within seconds; the 911 dispatchers who coordinated an instantaneous response; the firefighters who got people to safety; and the local EMTs, nurses, and doctors who treated the injured. Their bravery and quick action saved lives.

As the community heals from this moment of incredible darkness, they unify and find light under the motto: Grand Blanc, Better Together.

Residents specifically asked me to bring this message to the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives. Today, may the whole Nation learn from their example, and may we always stand better together with Grand Blanc. They remind us that it is our differences that make our country stronger and that it is the way we love one another that will define us.

For them, may we all seek to bring peace, understanding, and love to this

world, and let us never forget their loss.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in a moment of silence.

NATIONAL RURAL HEALTH 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, Thursday marks National Rural Health Day.

Nearly 60 million Americans live in rural areas, and they too often encounter limited access to primary care specialists and health services. These gaps are worsened by transportation barriers, doctor shortages, and hospital closures. These challenges don't just affect individuals; they affect entire families and communities.

Before coming to Congress, I spent nearly 30 years in the nonprofit healthcare field, assisting those with life-changing diseases and disabilities.

Most of my congressional district is rural, and many constituents must drive long distances to get the care that they need. Some do not have broadband access. Some have limited transportation options. Thankfully, telehealth has added tremendous reach and value to communities across the country.

That is why I reintroduced the bipartisan Helping Ensure Access to Local TeleHealth Act, or the HEALTH Act, which cuts red tape and allows community health centers and rural health clinics to provide telehealth services to their patients. Telehealth makes life simpler for rural and underserved communities, especially for our seniors. Telehealth is an essential part of healthcare that expands access to care for all Americans, regardless of location.

REMEMBERING JAMAL KHASHOGGI

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

Mr. VINDMAN. Mr. Speaker, given the President's disturbing and counterfactual defense of Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman today, I feel compelled to speak up on behalf of Mr. Khashoggi and his family and the American people.

During my tenure on Trump's White House National Security Council staff, I reviewed many of Trump's calls with foreign leaders. Of all of the calls I reviewed, two stood out as the most problematic.

The first, we all know. It was between President Trump and President Zelenskyy, which resulted in President Trump's first impeachment. The second was between President Trump and Mohammed bin Salman.

After the murder of journalist Jamal Khashoggi, I reviewed a call between the President and the Saudi Crown

Prince. The American people and the Khashoggi family deserve to know what was said on that call.

If history is any guide, the receipts will be shocking. I call on the President to release that transcript.

Honestly, does anyone believe that the Zelenskyy call was the only problematic conversation Donald Trump had with a foreign leader?

NATIONAL RURAL HEALTH DAY

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

Mr. BERGMAN. Mr. Speaker, in small towns and communities across America, rural hospitals are critical lifelines. They provide emergency care, support seniors and veterans, deliver behavioral health services, assist mothers who are giving birth, supply pharmacy services, and serve as major local employers.

Yet, many rural hospitals are under serious strain. Nearly half are operating at negative margins. Since 2010, more than 150 rural hospitals have cut inpatient services or closed their doors permanently, including some in northern Michigan and the Upper Peninsula.

These closures aren't happening because communities don't need care but because the financial reality of providing it in rural America keeps getting tougher.

When a rural hospital closes, families face hours-long drives in emergency situations, expectant mothers lose access to obstetric care, and seniors suffering from a heart attack or a stroke may arrive too late.

As we mark National Rural Health Day this week, we must renew and strengthen our commitment to rural hospitals by ensuring fair reimbursement, strengthening telehealth and infrastructure, and preserving access to critical resources like the 340B drug program, a key revenue stream for rural hospitals.

Rural hospitals must not only survive but thrive. We need to keep that because it is not about ZIP Codes.

CALLING FOR QUICK ACTION

(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, I rise tonight to bring attention to the Senate's despicable decision last week to sneak in a self-serving provision into the bill that was used to reopen the government.

While 42 million Americans on SNAP were denied their benefits, Senate leadership added a payout provision to eight Senate Republicans whose phone records were subpoenaed in the January 6 Capitol riot investigation by the Department of Justice.

While American air traffic controllers worked without pay, Senators gave

themselves the ability to sue for at least \$500,000 if their electronic records were seized.

American taxpayers should not be footing the bill for this Republican windfall provision. I am proud of my House colleagues for acting quickly to address this dishonest and embarrassing display.

I will be voting to repeal this provision when it comes in before the House this week because these eight Senators should not be putting themselves ahead of the American people.

I call on the Senate to take up this legislation as soon as it is received from the House and to right this wrong immediately.

□ 2130

RECOGNIZING MAYOR KEVIN COTTON

(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 recognize and commend Mayor Kevin Cotton of Madisonville, Kentucky, who was recently honored as the 2025 Elected City Official of the Year by the Kentucky League of Cities.

Mayor Cotton's exemplary leadership, dedication, and service to his community have left an indelible mark on the city of Madisonville and the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

Selected from nominations all across the State, Mayor Cotton stood out for his innovative, hands-on approach and tireless commitment to making a positive difference. He received a record 12 nominations, many from city staff, who praised his unwavering dedication and lifelong commitment to the city.

His peers and colleagues see him as a humble leader whose focus on Madisonville's growth and success goes far beyond the expectations of his role.

In addition to this remarkable honor, Mayor Cotton was recognized for his 4 years of dedicated service as a member of the Kentucky League of Cities Executive Board and was presented with a copy of the Athenian Oath in recognition of his commitment.

On behalf of Kentucky's First Congressional District, I join with Mayor Cotton's family, friends, and citizens of Madisonville in celebrating his outstanding leadership and dedication.

NATIONAL RURAL HEALTHCARE WEEK

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

Mr. BISHOP. Mr. Speaker, rural Georgians and rural Americans are older, sicker, and less likely to have health insurance than those in our cities. In fact, compared to urban areas, rural Georgians are nearly five times more likely to die early from cancer.

However, access to care is collapsing. Over 20 percent of rural counties in Georgia have no doctor or only one doctor, and 200 counties across America have no doctor at all.

When rural hospitals close, the community loses not only healthcare but jobs, restaurants, banks, and hope. When Southwest Georgia Regional Hospital closed, the nearest ER became 40 miles away, a life or death distance.

Rural healthcare is not just about hospitals and doctors. Clean drinking water, wastewater upgrades, and broadband are necessary for health and survival. Rural areas simply don't have the tax base to modernize these systems alone, so Congress must invest funding in rural development, energy, and healthcare to ensure they can thrive.

Mr. Speaker, rural health is not partisan. We must work together to make access to care a reality for rural Americans everywhere.

BRING THE SENSELESS REDISTRICTING WAR TO AN END

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

Mr. KILEY of California. Mr. Speaker, this is the moment to bring the senseless redistricting war to an end.

Today, a Federal District Court tossed out the gerrymandered map in Texas with an appeal headed straight to the Supreme Court. California's gerrymandered map is facing a similar legal challenge. We don't know how these cases will turn out, so there is uncertainty at this moment whether the whole redistricting war is going to end as a wash or with a modest advantage for one party or the other.

Now, it really shouldn't matter. I am against gerrymandering wherever it occurs no matter which party stands to benefit, but this present uncertainty has created a window of opportunity for a bipartisan agreement to bring this madness to an end.

Mr. Speaker, I have introduced H.R. 4889 to ban mid-decade redistricting in every State in the country. I am calling on House leadership to do the right thing and bring this bill to the floor for a vote. Not only is it supported widely by Members in this body but a poll showed that the American people support this proposal by a 3 to 1 margin. Let's pass this legislation and restore a dose of sanity to politics in this country.

RIISING HEALTHCARE COSTS

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

Ms. KAPTUR. Mr. Speaker, in recognition of National Health Month, let me put some quotes out there from individuals that I represent.

Just in Ohio, we know health insurance will become unaffordable for tens