

branch of the Botetourt-Rockbridge Regional Library in the Highland Masonic Building. By 1981, rising costs and a desire for independence led the library to become an independent institution. Community members were determined to give the library a permanent home.

In 1982, the Mountain View Extension Homemakers Club contributed \$500, sparking a successful fundraising campaign that raised \$65,000 by 1986. In 1987, the community's dream became a reality with the opening of a new library building. For decades, the library has been a cornerstone of the community.

Much of the library's success is thanks to former member and volunteer Margaret "Peggy" Bird, who has been a guiding force for nearly its entire history and remains a supporter to this day. The library has been led by just three directors: Mary Richardson, Pat Shield, and current director, Tomi Herold, who has led the library for the past 25 years.

I congratulate the Highland County Public Library for its 50 years of service and wish them many more.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE PHILADELPHIA EAGLES

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

Mr. BOYLE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, this is perhaps the happiest speech I have ever given on the House floor. It is to honor this year's Super Bowl champions, the Philadelphia Eagles.

As a long-suffering and scarred Philadelphia sports fan and one born and raised in Philadelphia, I think I speak for many of my neighbors and fellow fans when I say some of us thought we might never see the day we see an Eagles Super Bowl. Now, we have actually seen two in the last 7 years.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to introduce H. Res. 123, along with my colleagues DON NORCROSS of New Jersey, as well as Representatives EVANS, SCANLON, DEAN, FITZPATRICK, and HOULAHAN of Pennsylvania. I am proud to say it is bipartisan.

Fly, Eagles, fly. Go Birds. I congratulate the Super Bowl champion Philadelphia Eagles.

PUTTING AMERICAN LIVES IN JEOPARDY WILL NOT BE TOLERATED

(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, this week, we have a chance to send a clear message: Break the law, put Americans in danger, and there will be consequences.

Congressman CISCOMANI's Agent Raul Gonzalez Officer Safety Act holds traf-

fickers and illegal immigrants accountable for reckless actions, especially those who flee from Border Patrol agents and create deadly high-speed chase incidents.

This bill makes evading law enforcement within 100 miles of the southern border a serious crime, with heavy jail time and a lifetime ban on ever gaining legal status in the U.S.

If you put American lives at risk, you will face the full force of the law.

It is time to pass this bill and show that putting Americans lives in jeopardy will not be tolerated, and you will be held fully accountable.

This is the type of leadership that we have had under President Trump and we need to continue to have here in this House to keep our borders secure and not unnecessarily subject our citizens to this needless risk of deadly tragedies.

REUNITING KOREAN-AMERICAN FAMILIES

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

Mr. SUBRAMANYAM. Mr. Speaker, family separation is devastating and traumatic for any community, but that is especially true for the 70,000 Korean Americans in Virginia and the millions across the country.

The Korean war led to the displacement and separation of countless families, and many remained separated for decades.

These second- and third-generation Korean Americans were raised on the heartbreaking stories of family members cruelly divided. Now, in the twilight of their lives, they seek to reconnect.

That is why I have introduced the bipartisan Korean American Divided Families National Registry Act with my colleague Congresswoman YOUNG KIM. This bill creates a registry to help accelerate the progress for Korean Americans who wish to reunite with lost loved ones.

Since 1985, there have been 21 family reunions for citizens of South and North Korea organized by their governments, bringing together 4,000 families.

The Korean families here in the U.S. deserve to have that opportunity. Congress must work across the aisle to bring families together, not tear them apart. I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF JOEY HANDLON

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

Mr. SHREVE. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to honor the memory of a fellow Hoosier, Joey Handlon of Greenwood. He lost his life to fentanyl in 2022.

Joey was deeply loved by his parents, Kathy and Jamison Carrier. They have

turned their grief into action, sharing Joey's story to help prevent other families from experiencing similar heartbreak.

Last week, on this House floor, I voted for the HALT Fentanyl Act. It represents a crucial step to providing law enforcement with the necessary tools to keep these deadly drugs off of our streets and to save countless lives.

We must come together to confront this crisis by securing our borders, by holding traffickers accountable, and supporting those impacted. Together, we can save lives, and, in doing so, honor the legacy of Joey Handlon.

ASSAULT ON REPRODUCTIVE FREEDOM

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

Ms. GILLEN. Mr. Speaker, in the 2 years since the Dobbs decision, we have seen nothing short of an all-out assault on our reproductive rights and our reproductive freedoms, including a steady march to pass a national abortion ban coupled with efforts to roll back access to contraception and IVF.

It is truly shocking that in 2025, we have to defend Americans' access to birth control and ability to decide when they start a family, but the attacks on reproductive freedom keep coming. Four out of five people in this country oppose these attempts to restrict our autonomy and our freedom, and we must fight back. That means making sure that the right to access to contraception is codified into law.

I am proud to cosponsor H.R. 999, the Right to Contraception Act. I will continue to fight to defend women's and families' freedom to make their own personal healthcare decisions. This should not be partisan. Preserving our freedom is American.

IMPACT OF FENTANYL ON NORTH CAROLINA

(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, after meeting with sheriffs, prosecutors, and families from across eastern North Carolina, one thing is clear: Fentanyl is devastating our communities. The deadly drug is causing kids to overdose, destroying families, and overwhelming law enforcement.

Congress must take action to address this crisis, which is why I introduced the MAP Act and supported the HALT Fentanyl Act. We must secure our border, hold the cartels accountable, and stop this poison from entering communities across America.

Mr. Speaker, the opioid crisis is not just a border State problem. It is all of ours. Congress must protect our families by properly equipping our law enforcement community and working to decrease the demand for illicit drugs.

□ 1215

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION
OF H.R. 77, MIDNIGHT RULES RE-
LIEF ACT

Mrs. FISCHBACH. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 122 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 122

Resolved, That upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to consider in the House the bill (H.R. 77) to amend chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, to provide for en bloc consideration in resolutions of disapproval for “midnight rules”, and for other purposes. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived. The bill shall be considered as read. All points of order against provisions in the bill are waived. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill and on any 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 (Mr. ROGERS of Alabama). The gentlewoman from Minnesota is recognized for 1 hour.

Mrs. FISCHBACH. Mr. Speaker, for the purpose of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. MCGOVERN), 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

Mrs. FISCHBACH. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from Minnesota?

There was no objection.

Mrs. FISCHBACH. Mr. Speaker, we are here today to debate the rule providing for consideration of H.R. 77.

The rule provides for H.R. 77 to be considered under a closed rule with 1 hour of debate, equally divided and controlled by the chair and the ranking minority member of the Judiciary Committee or their designees. The rule provides for a motion to recommit for the bill.

The Midnight Rules Relief Act addresses an inefficiency in the government and allows Congress to retain its current authority, overseeing administrative rulemaking without bogging down the legislative branch when we have so much work to get done.

In 1996, Congress enacted the Congressional Review Act, which requires agencies to submit rules to Congress and the Government Accountability Office before they can go into effect. This gives Congress an important legislative veto option over the agencies.

However, this legislation requires Congress to introduce separate joint

resolutions for each agency rule it wants to disapprove. Members at the time had no idea how out of control the administrative state would become. Since the Congressional Review Act passed, agencies have issued around 2½ times more regulations during the last year of each President’s term. Moreover, under the Biden-Harris administration, Federal agencies expanded their power at an alarming rate, undermining the legislative authority granted to Congress by the Constitution.

The Midnight Rules Relief Act empowers Congress to review and potentially disapprove several regulations that Federal agencies may attempt to implement in the last days of an administration by allowing Congress to disapprove multiple rules through one joint resolution if those rules were issued during the last 60 legislative days, the midnight hours, of a President’s term. This would allow Congress to quickly regain control and oversee agency rulemaking during a time when there is consistently a huge increase in executive overreach.

I sincerely hope my colleagues on the other side of the aisle will support this bill. Just last week, we brought a bill to the floor that combats this country’s fentanyl epidemic, something I know all of us care deeply about. Rather than debate the merits of the bill, my Democratic colleagues spent most of their time talking about what they believed has been executive overreach by President Trump. Comments were made that my colleagues are concerned that President Trump will try to do through executive order what he can’t do through the legislative process.

Today, we present a bill that will help return authority to Congress and curb executive overreach. If my colleagues are truly concerned about executive overreach, then they should vote for this bill and start with the overreach that occurred in the final days of the last administration.

I thank Congressman BIGGS for introducing this legislation, and I look forward to supporting this bill on the floor.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentlewoman from Minnesota for yielding me the customary 30 minutes.

Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

As the gentlewoman pointed out, this rule would bring H.R. 77, the Midnight Rules Relief Act, to the floor for debate and consideration.

The underlying bill is a bad bill. It was a bad bill back when we considered it in December, and it is still a bad bill now. This is a bad bill that is all about Republicans gutting protections that ensure the safety, health, and well-being of each and every American. It is a blatant power grab that was ripped right out of the pages of Project 2025.

Why would Republicans want the ability to roll back protections en

masse with very little debate and in a way that could threaten the lives and livelihoods of regular people? Why would they want to do that? I will tell you why, Mr. Speaker. The answer is simple. It is so they can deliver big for their billionaire donors and special-interest friends, and it is so they can make it easier for greedy corporations and Wall Street CEOs to make a few extra bucks while they screw the rest of us.

Billionaires don’t want workplace protections. They don’t want rules that keep them from dumping toxic chemicals into our food, water, or air. They don’t want restrictions on their corporate greed. Why would they? That digs into their bottom lines, and Republicans are happy to give the billionaires exactly what they want.

We have seen it in every policy coming out of the Trump White House. We have seen it in almost every bill that this majority brings to the floor.

They don’t want to talk about that here on the floor, but, Mr. Speaker, Democrats are going to talk about it. We are going to expose it. We are going to highlight all the ways they are trying to steal from the American people so they can give more handouts to those at the top.

The American people deserve to know the truth about what is really happening here, and I am going to use my time on the floor today to continue to expose it all on behalf of House Democrats.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mrs. FISCHBACH. Mr. Speaker, all I can say is wow. There is a lot going on on the other side talking about this being a bad bill. This is a bill that will attempt to recover the Congress’ ability and authority to overrule rules that are written in the last few days of a President’s term. We should have that ability.

One of the things that we hear about when we are talking to our constituents is overregulation. Congress, the elected Representatives, needs to be able to deal with the overregulation and the rules, particularly in those last 60 days during an administration while they are on their way out the door and see it as a last-ditch effort. I see this as making sure we are responding to our constituents.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume. I want to inform the gentlewoman of the fact, which I hope that she knows, that the CRAs are already the law. We already have this authority to go after regulations that this body doesn’t like. Multiple CRAs have been introduced by Republicans in this Congress, and to the best of my knowledge, not a single committee has held a hearing or a markup on any of them, not one. Not a single one has been brought to the floor for a vote or debate. What Democrats object to is Republicans bringing