

seniors and those who are close to retirement.

I promise to oppose any changes to the retirement age for these vital, national retirement, disability, and insurance programs. If seniors choose to keep working after age 60 or age 65, that is okay, but they will be taxed on their income. That is only fair, but that FICA tax will go into Social Security.

I thank all of our colleagues who joined in supporting my resolution and urge others to consider supporting this resolution, which demonstrates the House of Representatives' dedication to protecting retirement security by not raising the retirement age. I support strengthening Social Security, not cutting and gutting it.

Mr. Speaker, I end with Social Security is a sacred trust from one generation to the next, and we intend to keep it.

God bless every senior in this country and those who will access that important age of 65–66 very soon.

RECOGNIZING JOSHUA HOBSON

(Mr. MACKENZIE of Pennsylvania was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. MACKENZIE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Officer Joshua Hobson of the Bethlehem Police Department for an act of service that reflects the very best of our law enforcement.

While working an overtime shift, Officer Hobson responded to a call that was first reported as a burglary. It turned out to be an 88-year-old resident who was deeply concerned about the lock on her front door, and she no longer felt safe in her own home.

After inspecting the door, Officer Hobson realized that the lock had been improperly installed. Instead of just filing a report and moving along, he took it upon himself to go to a local store, purchase a proper lock, and install it himself, giving this resident the peace of mind that she had been missing.

This story is just one example of the many behind-the-scenes ways that our local law enforcement serves their communities every single day. Officer Hobson's actions reflect the care, professionalism, and compassion that define the men and women who protect our communities.

I am grateful for Officer Hobson and for the men and women of the Bethlehem Police Department who work every day to keep our communities safe.

RECOGNIZING KATE GILCHRIST

Mr. MACKENZIE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Kate Gilchrist, a senior at Parkland High School and a resident of Orefield, for an extraordinary achievement.

Kate was recently selected as an Emerging Young Artist awardee, 1 of just 15 nationwide whose work will be displayed prominently here in Washington, D.C. This program highlights

talented artists with disabilities and supports their growth in the creative economy.

Kate's work reflects creativity, confidence, and resilience, and her selection is a testament to her talent and determination. It is inspiring to see a young person from our community be recognized on the national stage for telling her story through art.

As a fellow Parkland Trojan, I congratulate Kate, her family, and her teachers, and I wish her continued success as she pursues her passion and future opportunities.

RECOGNIZING MARIO LANDINO

Mr. MACKENZIE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mario Landino, a graduate of Emmaus High School, for representing our community on one of football's biggest stages.

Mario recently played in the College Football National Championship as a member of the Indiana University Hoosiers, starting on the defensive line as his team captured the national title.

Back home in Emmaus, where I reside, friends, former teammates, coaches, and neighbors came together to cheer him on, a testament to the character and leadership that Mario has shown, both on and off the field.

Mario's success reflects the hard work, discipline, and values instilled by his family, coaches, and community. I congratulate him on this incredible achievement and wish him all of the best and continued success in the years that lie ahead.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF JIM VANWERT

Mr. MACKENZIE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and service of Jim VanWert, a dedicated member of the Lower Macungie Fire Department, who recently passed away after 45 years of service to our community.

Jim devoted his life to protecting others, serving in many roles over the decades, including nearly 25 years as assistant fire chief.

Jim's leadership, experience, and commitment helped to shape the department and mentor generations of firefighters. For nearly half a century, Jim answered the call whenever his neighbors needed help. His service reflects the dedication and sacrifice that define fire departments across our region.

I extend my deepest condolences to Jim's family, his fellow firefighters, and the entire Lower Macungie community. As a Lower Macungie resident, I thank Jim for his service and the sacrifice that he gave.

Jim will never be forgotten, and I am grateful for the example that he has set for all of those who serve.

RECOGNIZING KEVIN CAHILL

Mr. MACKENZIE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Kevin Cahill, head coach of the Lehigh University football team, for earning the Eddie Robinson Award, presented to the top head coach in the Football Championship Subdivision, or FCS.

This national honor reflects Coach Cahill's leadership in building Lehigh football and restoring a championship culture. Under his guidance, the Mountain Hawks captured back-to-back Patriot League titles, earned consecutive FCS playoff appearances, and completed an undefeated regular season.

Beyond the wins, Coach Cahill has built a program centered on discipline, teamwork, and student-athlete leadership, values that will reflect the very best of the Lehigh University community.

I congratulate Coach Cahill, his staff, and all of the student-athletes on this well-deserved recognition, and I thank them for representing Bethlehem and the Lehigh Valley with excellence, both on and off the field.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. VALADAO). Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until noon today.

Accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 6 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker at noon.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

Holy Lord, make our love increase. Reach into our hearts and minds and inspire us to let go of our animosity and disdain for the people and situations that disturb us. Replace our distrustful attitudes with a growing reliance on You, and deepen our faith that we would believe Your hand is at work in our lives and in every soul and every circumstance. Then, as we find ourselves growing in care and concern, may we overflow in our desire to love and then find within ourselves the willingness to love others even as You have loved us.

Strengthen our hearts as well. For as motivated as we may be one day to do the right thing, to stay on the right path, to think and speak in the way You would have us do, it doesn't take but one irritating encounter, one misunderstood comment, one difficult morning to find ourselves out of sync with Your desire for the day and for our lives.

Infuse us this day with strength and purity that we may appear blameless in Your sight, confident in Your mercy, and upheld by Your steadfast love.

In Your strong and gracious name we pray.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House the approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1 of rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. WILSON) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will entertain up to 15 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

SECURING AMERICAN ELECTIONS

(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, I am grateful that this week House Republicans, led by House Speaker MIKE JOHNSON, will vote on the SAVE Act. This legislation will work to ensure election security, restoring public trust in the electoral process.

The bill would protect valuable rights through common sense, such as mandating a valid photo ID for all Federal elections, requiring documentary proof of citizenship when registering to vote in Federal elections, and forcing States to identify and remove noncitizens from existing voter rolls.

As a former Lexington County election commissioner, I know firsthand these reforms are basic, and opposition sadly reveals opening the door for ballot fraud.

In conclusion, God bless our troops as the global war on terrorism continues. Trump is reinstating peace through strength, revealing war criminal Putin lies, insulting Trump and mocking Trump, as Putin destroys Ukrainian civilian utilities to freeze Ukrainians, murderously deprived of electricity, heat, and water with temperatures below zero.

HONORING BILL STURGEON ON HIS RETIREMENT

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

Mr. NEAL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the retirement of a pillar in a western Massachusetts community and a fixture in Berkshire County, my dear friend Bill Sturgeon.

Born to a firefighter and a nurse from Pittsfield, Massachusetts, Bill graduated from Pittsfield High School in 1966 before enlisting in the U.S. Army in 1969. He proudly served our country during the Vietnam war and was awarded the Bronze Star for his heroic achievements.

Bill continued that service upon his return home, working as a police officer in both the Lanesborough, Massachusetts, and Pittsfield, Massachusetts, police departments.

In 2008, Bill hosted his first radio show at WBRK radio, embarking on a remarkable journey to becoming one of the most iconic voices in the Berkshire community history. As a self-described Kennedy Democrat, Bill hosted guests from all across the political spectrum and from all walks of life on WTBR's "Morning Drive." He welcomed debate that was respectful, substantive, and grounded in a genuine desire to inform rather than inflame.

I can say with all confidence that he is the only reporter whom I have ever had the pleasure of interacting with who started the interview with me by saying: Hey there, handsome. Needless to say, Bill Sturgeon is truly one of a kind.

Mr. Speaker, the American people are forever grateful to Bill Sturgeon for his service to our Nation, and the people of Berkshire County are forever grateful to him for being part of their morning drive.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. AMODEI). I thank the gentleman from Massachusetts for the dictionary that he sent to all of us who still believe in those things and not computers. Thank you very much, sir.

CELEBRATING CENTENNIAL OF MT. OLIVE PICKLE COMPANY

(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, let me tell you something that is a real "big dill." Mt. Olive Pickle Company in Mount Olive, North Carolina, is celebrating 100 years.

With more than 230 million jars of pickles, peppers, and relishes flying off the shelves every year, Mt. Olive has been a cherished favorite in kitchens around the globe. Pickles on your sandwiches, relish on hot dogs, mm-mm-good.

Founded in 1926 by Shikrey Baddour, George Moore, and a group of dedicated local leaders, the company was created with the spirit of community in mind, believing that their success meant success for their hometown.

Let's raise our jars and toast a century of tasty impact and a legacy that continues to enhance dinner tables.

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PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2189, LAW-ENFORCEMENT INNOVATE TO DE-ESCALATE ACT; PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 261, UNDERSEA CABLE PROTECTION ACT OF 2025; PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 3617, SECURING AMERICA'S CRITICAL MINERALS SUPPLY ACT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Mr. LANGWORTHY. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 1042 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 1042

Resolved, That upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to consider in the House the bill (H.R. 2189) to modernize Federal firearms laws to account for advancements in technology and less-than-lethal weapons, and for other purposes. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived. In lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in the bill, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 119-18 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 among and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary or their respective designees and the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means or their respective designees; and (2) one motion to recommit.

SEC. 2. Upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to consider in the House the bill (H.R. 261) to amend the National Marine Sanctuaries Act to prohibit requiring an authorization for the installation, continued presence, operation, maintenance, repair, or recovery of undersea fiber optic cables in a national marine sanctuary if such activities have previously been authorized by a Federal or State agency. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived. The amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Natural Resources now printed in the bill 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 Natural Resources or their respective designees; and (2) one motion to recommit.

SEC. 3. Upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to consider in the House the bill (H.R. 3617) to amend the Department of Energy Organization Act to secure the supply of critical energy resources, including critical minerals and other materials, 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 Energy and Commerce now printed in the bill shall