

Committee on Foreign Affairs or its designee; that the concurrent resolution be considered as read; and that the previous question be considered as ordered on the concurrent resolution to adoption without intervening motion except for 1 hour of debate equally divided and controlled by Representative MAST of Florida and Representative MEEKS of New York, or their respective designees.

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

There was no objection.

WORSENING AIR POLLUTION

(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 today to speak about the urgent need to address the worsening air pollution problem in this country and in my home area of New York.

Like many Americans, I remember the blanket of orange smoke that covered our skies throughout the summer of 2023 as a result of the horrific Canadian wildfires.

Recently, I had the opportunity to meet with students from Columbia University advocating for the creation of clean air centers and air filtration systems for low-income individuals and those with preexisting conditions like congenital heart disease.

We all have a moral duty to protect the well-being of Americans across this country from all forms of pollution, from the East Coast to the West Coast and in between.

From the floor of the House of Representatives, I urge my colleagues to take action to address the growing severity and protect Americans from dangerous air pollution. Vote “no” on bills that will make it easier for polluters to pollute.

HONORING ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH'S 150TH ANNIVERSARY

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

Mr. TIFFANY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church of Merrill, Wisconsin, on its 150th anniversary.

First organized by families of German immigrants in a meeting on April 24, 1876, services were held in a public schoolhouse in the town of Jenny, Wisconsin, which later became Merrill.

St. John Evangelical has had two subsequent structures within Merrill and, since 1953, has worshipped within a beautiful stone edifice at 1104 East 3rd Street.

During its first years, it shared a pastor with neighboring churches and finally called on its first pastor, Reverend Paul Luecke, on August 5, 1883.

Today, the members of St. John are proud of their continued provision of a

daycare facility and an educational resource for their community in a parochial school. During several decades of its existence, German was the church's primary language. With the close of World War I, the congregation had transitioned to holding its services primarily in English.

For continuing its work of proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ through 150 years, it is my great pleasure to honor St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church of Merrill today before the United States House of Representatives.

PLEA TO GERMAN ROYALTY

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

Ms. PEREZ. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to call on the family of the German Prinz zu Salm-Salm about their land holdings in my district.

In Wahkiakum County, Washington, our local hunters and fishermen are being squeezed out of the lands that they have hunted and fished on for generations, but not by wildfire or even by Federal and State regulations this time, but by German royalty who is buying up land and prohibiting public access to places that we have hunted and fished on for generations. It was reported last month that the German royals now control 7.3 percent of Wahkiakum County.

Now, our local economies and way of life are at risk. I have been told by some in my community that frustrations are so high that without resolution there can only be a violent boiling point.

The Pacific Northwest is no stranger to this kind of interference, but at the hands of a management company whose investors are halfway around the world, this shows that something has gone deeply wrong with how we think about and regulate land and local ownership.

This cultural fabric of our community is ours—to live off the land, to invest back into it. Loyalty to place is grounding, a necessary practice in this fractured and polarized world.

I call on the German royal family to engage with my constituents and revise their hunting access regulations.

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RECOGNIZING SHANE PLACEK

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

Mr. FLOOD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an often overlooked segment of our Nation's legal profession: rural lawyers.

Across the First District and in communities throughout our State, rural lawyers represent the very best of the profession: selfless service and meaningful local impact.

Today, I recognize the outstanding career of Shane Placek of Fremont. While Shane practices in a range of areas, he has earned particular respect among his peers for his work in domestic law. Shane's skill and tenacity are deeply appreciated by his clients and respected by judges, and even the counsel on the other side appreciates him. His thorough preparation, professionalism, and record of success demonstrate his unwavering dedication to families navigating difficult times.

A proud son of Fremont, Shane returned to his hometown after earning his J.D. from the University of Minnesota, choosing to serve the very community that shaped him.

It is a privilege to recognize Shane's distinguished career, which reflects the hard work, integrity, and grit that define rural lawyers across our State.

RECOGNIZING ARAB AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

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

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, I am deeply proud to serve not only as an unapologetic Arab-American woman in Congress but to represent one of the largest Arab-American communities in our country.

That is why I am introducing a resolution recognizing April as Arab American Heritage Month. This month, we must recognize the rich history, culture, and achievements of Arab Americans all across our country.

I know it has been an incredibly difficult time for many of our families, especially those with loved ones in Lebanon and Palestine. Even in the midst of pain and uncertainty, let us all continue to show up for each other, speak out against injustices, and care for each other with compassion and solidarity.

Mr. Speaker, I am sure you will agree that this is the time and month to acknowledge Arab-American contributions, inventions, and support building businesses and showing up for communities and neighbors all across the country.

To all the neighbors in southeastern Michigan and beyond, happy Arab American Heritage Month.

RECOGNIZING CHIEF RUSSELL ROARK

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

Mr. NORMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the career of a true patriot. I rise today to recognize and honor a true public servant, Chief Russell Roark, whose life has been defined by dedication, defined by integrity, and defined by exceptional service to the people of Union County and the entire State of South Carolina.

Chief Roark first began his career in public safety in 1962, when he joined the City of Union Fire Department. Just 1 year later, he joined the City of Union Police Department. Through hard work, professionalism, and steady leadership, Chief Roark quickly advanced through the ranks, becoming assistant chief of police in 1975 and then chief of police in 1982.

In 1983, he played a pivotal role in the merger of the City of Union Police and Fire Departments into a single unified agency known as the Union Public Safety Department. He became its first director, and under his leadership, the department earned South Carolina Law Enforcement Accreditation, becoming the first law enforcement agency in Union County to achieve such a distinction.

Chief Roark also made lasting improvements to the community fire service division, emphasizing advanced training and the importance of strong fire prevention efforts.

Thanks to his leadership, the department earned a Class 2 ISO rating, an achievement that enhanced public safety while reducing insurance costs for all the residents and businesses across the county.

In conclusion, Chief Roark is the definition of a true public servant.

HONORING HELEN HUMPHREYS

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

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Helen Humphreys, affectionately known by so many as the Duchess of Edgely, who passed away on March 28, 2026.

A longtime resident of Hulmeville and Edgely, Helen was a woman whose life was defined by compassion, warmth, and an unmatched devotion to others. She built a successful career in the printing industry, loved her summers in Townsends Inlet, and remained a spirited, vibrant person, even shooting better than her age on the golf course at 85 years old.

More than anything, Mr. Speaker, Helen will be remembered for the home and heart she shared so generously with others. Alongside her beloved husband, Jim, she created a place of comfort, laughter, and belonging for family, friends, and neighbors alike.

Helen touched countless lives with her kindness, her humor, and her open-door spirit. She will be deeply missed, and I am proud to honor her memory here today.

WASHINGTON IS BROKEN

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

Mr. MAGAZINER. Mr. Speaker, here is how you know that Washington is

broken. Instead of voting to end the war, end the tariffs, and lower healthcare costs, what are we doing? Yesterday, we debated 14 bills to re-name post offices. This is why people think that Congress sucks.

Our Congress, our House, is supposed to be the envy of the world. Instead, our current leadership is doing everything that they can to make us irrelevant.

Why? Money. The oil companies are making money off the Iran war. The drug companies are making money. The President is getting money for his ballroom.

I wish that more people in Washington would figure out how to spend their time on lawmaking instead of moneymaking.

We need to end this corruption. We need to pass a congressional stock trading ban, get dark money out of elections, and make this city work for the people again so that working Americans can afford to pay their bills.

HEALTHY MEALS HELP KIDS LEARN

(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, school breakfasts and lunches are often the most nutritious meal a student eats in a day. That is why so many districts across the country are offering tastier, healthier meals.

With our incredible Democratic Whip KATHERINE CLARK, I visited one such school in Watertown, Massachusetts, as part of my statewide End Hunger Now tour.

We were treated to a tour of the Hosmer Elementary School by two bright second graders and enjoyed a delicious salad for lunch, featuring lettuce grown down the street by the students at Watertown's very own freight farm.

The enthusiasm of the students about their locally grown, nutritious school meals was infectious.

Mr. Speaker, this Congress can help make sure that every single district across the country has first-class school meal programs. We must pass my bill, the Healthy Meals Help Kids Learn Act, to increase funding for school meal programs.

We must also reverse the devastating Trump administration cuts to local and school food programs that improve access to nutritious food.

Together, we can improve nutrition, improve learning outcomes, and end hunger now.

ADMINISTRATION IS BREAKING THE LAW

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

Ms. STANSBURY. Mr. Speaker, this administration is testing us. They are testing the truth, testing the law, but, most importantly, they are testing our resolve in the Epstein case and whether or not they can continue to lie and commit crimes right in front of our faces.

Yesterday, Pam Bondi was ordered to appear in front of the Oversight and Reform Committee and did not come. Todd Blanche said that he would not release any more files because perhaps they believed that Donald Trump's blanket pardon would excuse them and save their bacon.

So let me be clear: You are breaking the law, and I hope you are getting ready to face contempt.

To the survivors out there who have been through decades of injustice in this case: Know that we are fighting, and while the road to justice may be long, we will not stop until we get it.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to address their comments to the Chair.

RESIGNATION AS MEMBER OF COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following resignation as a member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, April 15, 2026.

Hon. MIKE JOHNSON,
Speaker,
Washington, DC.

DEAR SPEAKER JOHNSON: I hereby resign my position on the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, effective April 15, 2026.

I appreciated the honor to serve and look forward to delivering results for the House in other capacities.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

RUDY YAKYM III,
Member of Congress.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the resignation is accepted.

There was no objection.

ELECTING MEMBERS TO CERTAIN STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. LANGWORTHY. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Republican Conference, I send to the desk a privileged resolution and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 1176

Resolved, That the following named Members be, and are hereby, elected to the following standing committees of the House of Representatives:

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE: Mr. Kiley of California (to rank immediately after Mr. Ezell).

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY: Mr. Kiley of California (to rank immediately after Mr. Fry).