

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).

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE: Mr. Kiley of California (to rank immediately after Ms. Letlow).

COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS: Mr. Fuller.

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE: Mr. Fuller.

Mr. LANGWORTHY (during the reading). Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be considered as read.

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

There was no objection.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 6387, FIRE IMPROVEMENT AND REFORMING EXCEPTIONAL EVENTS ACT; PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 6398, REDUCING AND ELIMINATING DUPLICATIVE ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATIONS ACT; PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 6409, FOREIGN EMISSIONS AND NONATTAINMENT CLARIFICATION FOR ECONOMIC STABILITY ACT; AND PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H. RES. 1156, EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR TAX POLICIES THAT SUPPORT WORKING FAMILIES

Mr. LANGWORTHY. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 1174 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 1174

Resolved, That upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to consider in the House any bill specified in section 2 of this resolution. All points of order against consideration of each such bill are waived. Each such bill shall be considered as read. All points of order against provisions in each such bill are waived. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on each such 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 Energy and Commerce or their respective designees; and (2) one motion to recommit.

SEC. 2. The bills referred to in the first section of this resolution are as follows:

(a) The bill (H.R. 6387) to amend the Clean Air Act to require revisions to regulations governing the review and handling of air quality monitoring data influenced by exceptional events or actions to mitigate wildfire risk.

(b) The bill (H.R. 6398) to amend the Clean Air Act relating to review by the Environmental Protection Agency of proposed legislation.

(c) The bill (H.R. 6409) to amend the Clean Air Act to clarify standards for emissions emanating from outside of the United States, and for other purposes.

SEC. 3. Upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order without intervention of any point of order to consider in the House the resolution (H. Res. 1156) expressing support for tax policies that support working families. The resolution shall be considered as read. The previous question shall be consid-

ered as ordered on the resolution and preamble to adoption without intervening motion or demand for division of the question except one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means or their respective designees.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman from New York is recognized for 1 hour.

Mr. LANGWORTHY. Mr. Speaker, for the purpose of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to the gentleman from Colorado (Mr. NEGUSE), 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

Mr. LANGWORTHY. 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 gentleman from New York?

There was no objection.

Mr. LANGWORTHY. Mr. Speaker, last night, the Rules Committee reported on a rule, House Resolution 1174, that provides for consideration of four measures.

The rule provides for the consideration of H.R. 6387, H.R. 6398, and H.R. 6409, each under a closed rule, with 1 hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and the ranking minority member of the Committee on Energy and Commerce or their designees, and provides for each bill one motion to recommit.

The rule also provides for consideration of H. Res. 1156, expressing support for tax policies that support working families, under a closed rule with 1 hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and the ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means or their designees, and provides for one motion to recommit.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of this rule and in support of the underlying legislation.

The rule before us provides an opportunity for Congress to rein in regulatory overreach, to restore common sense for our environmental policies, and to ensure that American communities are not punished for circumstances beyond their control.

For far too long, States, workers, and job creators have been forced to operate under a system that is overly rigid and increasingly bureaucratic and disconnected from reality. Instead of working with States, Federal regulators have imposed one-size-fits-all policies that drive up costs, delay projects, and make it harder for communities to grow and to prosper.

These measures begin to correct that course and put us on a more practical and more predictable path forward.

Mr. Speaker, the rule provides for consideration of H.R. 6409, the FENCES Act. This legislation addresses a simple but important problem. States are currently being penalized for emissions

that they have absolutely no control over. That includes pollution originating from foreign countries like China, as well as natural events such as wildfires beyond our borders. Yet under current policy, those emissions can still count against a State's ability to meet Federal air quality standards.

This is not how this should work, and we have seen the impact firsthand. In my home State of New York, communities across western New York and the southern tier have repeatedly experienced severe air quality impacts from Canadian wildfires.

This has become a reoccurring issue year after year. Smoke from wildfires in Ontario and Quebec have drifted south, triggering air quality alerts across our State. Families have been told to stay indoors. Schools, camps, and outdoor events have been disrupted and canceled. What should be time spent outside during the summer has, instead, meant staying inside because of conditions beyond anyone's control locally.

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In parts of New York, we have seen some of the worst air quality readings in the entire country on these days.

This does not affect just families. It affects local economies, as well. Small businesses, outdoor workers, farmers, and manufacturers all feel the impact when air quality restrictions tighten because of pollution they did not create in the first place.

Yet, under the current framework, those same communities can still face consequences—more regulation and more restrictions—for conditions entirely outside of their control. It makes no sense.

The FENCES Act restores the original intent of the Clean Air Act by making clear that foreign emissions, whether manmade or natural, should not be used to penalize States when determining compliance.

It allows States to account for those emissions earlier in the process instead of forcing them into costly delays, stricter requirements, or potential Federal penalties at the very end because the reality is simple, States like New York should not be punished for smoke coming from wildfires in another country like Canada.

Mr. Speaker, the rule also provides for consideration of H.R. 6387, the FIRE Act. Across the country, communities are dealing with the growing threat of wildfires. At the same time, States are taking proactive steps to reduce the risk through prescribed burns, forest management, and other mitigation efforts.

However, under current law, those efforts can count against them when it comes to air quality compliance. Now think about that. States are being penalized for trying to prevent catastrophic wildfires. This isn't just backwards. It creates a system that punishes proactive solutions and rewards inaction.