

RECOGNIZING 50TH ANNIVERSARY
OF STERLING AMERICAN LEGION
POST 150 MEMORIAL

(Mr. SUBRAMANYAM of Virginia was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. SUBRAMANYAM. Mr. Speaker, this past Memorial Day, my office joined the Loudoun community in honoring the 50th Anniversary of the Sterling American Legion Post 150 Memorial.

It was 50 years ago that Post 150, led by committee Chairman Jack Kapp, established the park on Memorial Day 1976. They recognized that our community needed a place to remember those who served and those who never returned home.

As part of this important anniversary, my office was proud to provide four American flags that will now fly over the memorial next year.

For 50 years, the Sterling American Legion Post 150 Memorial has stood as a reminder that freedom is never free and that the sacrifices of our fallen must never be forgotten. The members of Post 150 continue that mission every single day through their support for veterans and military families.

Places like this memorial preserve the service and sacrifice of our fallen heroes for future generations. They must also serve as a reminder that actions are just as important as words and symbols. That means supporting our veterans and military families here in Congress.

Mr. Speaker, may we always remember and recognize those who made the ultimate sacrifice for this Nation.

DELAYING USAID RETIREMENT BENEFITS

Mr. SUBRAMANYAM. Mr. Speaker, over the past year and a half, 10,000 USAID employees were forced out of their jobs. Many of them were my constituents, and many with decades of diplomatic experience were pushed into retirement as the agency was illegally dismantled.

That was bad enough for them and for our country's security and safety, but now former USAID constituents are reaching out, saying that they aren't getting their full and accurate retirement annuities.

In many cases, USAID retirees have received no benefits at all since July of 2025, benefits that they earned and are legally entitled to. This also includes discontinued health insurance, as well, making life hard for them and their families.

As a result, according to the recent surveys of these USAID employees, 85 percent of them have experienced negative financial impacts, and 76 percent report negative impacts on their mental health.

When people try to contact USAID's H.R. office for help, staff there have reportedly been directed to ignore emails and calls and funnel all outreach into a single ticket system. It is almost deliberately inefficient. When our constituents try to call to speak to a live staff member, they aren't able to.

Questions are going unanswered, and people are left in the dark, waiting without pay while facing mortgages, college tuition payments, and rising costs of groceries and gas.

Not paying retirees their earned benefits is a slap in the face to the people who dedicated their careers to public service and making America strong and secure through their work abroad.

Mr. Speaker, I urge the administration to stop breaking the law and stealing from USAID employees. They must immediately fix this. That means issuing all owed retirement benefits to every eligible USAID employee.

USCIS POLICY ABANDONS 70 YEARS OF LAW AND
PRECEDENT

Mr. SUBRAMANYAM. Mr. Speaker, on May 22, USCIS released a policy memo that it would grant adjustment of status from within the United States only in extraordinary circumstances.

This broad policy abandons over 70 years of law and precedent. It is pulling the rug out from under families who have worked to be together and from businesses that thought their workers would continue to be able to work.

It is effectively forcing hardworking students, family members, and entrepreneurs on a pathway to a green card to leave the country for many years while they wait for their status to change. Almost immediately, my office was flooded with inquiries about what this will mean for families.

Over a week later, USCIS has tried to clarify their original memo. One spokesman said that people who provide an economic benefit will likely be able to continue on their current path. With no specific details, families are left with more questions than answers.

Yesterday, I sent a letter to USCIS seeking clarification on how they plan to implement this policy but also urging the agency to immediately reverse it.

Our immigrant communities that are doing everything right should not be punished. Our businesses, already struggling under the economic chaos of this administration, should not suddenly be told that many of their employees won't be able to continue working. These policies are undermining our greatest strength by driving away talent, innovation, and leaders in communities across the country and across the world.

Mr. Speaker, these policies signal that the United States cannot be trusted to keep the promises it makes to immigrant communities and, really, to anyone. I urge my colleagues to join me in opposing this USCIS policy.

RECOGNIZING JAX GENTS

(Mr. BEAN of Florida was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. BEAN of Florida. Mr. Speaker, they say the only thing harder than winning a championship is defending it. Don't tell that to the Jax Gents stomp team from Jacksonville, Florida, because, right now, they are cele-

brating back-to-back national championships.

The Jax Gents are one of northeast Florida's premier youth leadership programs committed to developing young men through discipline, service, and excellence.

This year, they once again stepped onto the national stage, earning their second Stomp Wars USA National Championship.

This is more than just a trophy, Mr. Speaker. Through the art of step, these young men are developing teamwork and character as they grow into confident young leaders. Whether on stage, in the classroom, or at home, they proudly embody the Jax Gents core values of humility, scholarship, and leadership.

A very special recognition to Head Coach Shomari Gloster, whose talent, mentorship, and unwavering dedication to these young men have not only shaped the championship team, but the young men that they are becoming.

Mr. Speaker, the Jax Gents' steps made history, and their future is already marching toward greatness. I congratulate the Jax Gents. Northeast Florida is very proud of them.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until 2 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 13 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 1400

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker at 2 p.m.

PRAYER

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

Spirit of the living God, be present among us and renew our spirits, for Your spirit alone gives wisdom and understanding—the ability to perceive in these days what is right and eternal and avoid what would be easier and more convenient.

Your spirit gives direction and builds strength, offering us counsel and perseverance to see the way through the complexities of the discussions laid before us.

It is Your holy spirit who instills in us the knowledge and the fear of the Lord. Far from frightening, Your spirit enables us to perceive the power of Your mercy and the capaciousness of Your grace, freeing us to be who You desire us to be and to do what You ask of us to do in this place.

O holy spirit, inspire our innermost souls and enrich our attitudes throughout this day that we would strive for

holiness. O divine presence, remind us constantly of Your nearness, that we would be encouraged to share in Your divine work in the world.

We ask for the strength You offer to us when we pray in Your name.

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 Virginia (Mr. GRIFFITH) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. GRIFFITH 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.

HONORING THE 82ND ANNIVERSARY OF D-DAY

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

Mr. GRIFFITH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the 82nd anniversary of D-Day.

On June 6, 1944, American soldiers raced into the mouth of the Nazi war machine, storming the beaches of Normandy.

For the town of Bedford, Virginia, D-Day is always particularly poignant. Twenty boys from Bedford lost their lives on D-Day. Bedford suffered the highest D-Day death toll per capita of any American community.

We honor and remember our D-Day heroes with the National D-Day Memorial located in Bedford.

This year, the memorial celebrates its 25th anniversary. However, this will be the first D-Day since the passing of memorial advocate Lucille Hoback Boggess.

Ms. Hoback Boggess had two brothers killed on D-Day, and she helped lead efforts to create the memorial with founder Bob Slaughter.

We continue to follow in her footsteps, preserving the legacy of her brothers and the many heroes who served in Normandy and through their heroism cracked the wall of Hitler's fortress Europe.

FEDERAL WORKER NDAs

(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, as I was saying before, what do you do

when people in your administration constantly break the law? Do you clean house of all corruption and self-dealing or increase transparency and accountability?

Well, this administration decided to go the opposite direction and just announced a plan last week to require all Federal workers to sign NDAs.

The new message: If you see something, don't say something, even if that something is against the law.

These NDAs aren't just meant to cover sensitive, internal deliberations or classified information.

They apply to nearly everything going on inside the administration, even the illegal stuff.

This is about silencing whistleblowers.

This is about punishing people who speak out about waste, fraud, and abuse.

This is about putting loyalty to the President above service to our country and the Federal workforce.

If you want to fight waste, fraud, and abuse in government, if you actually want to put our country first, then join me in fighting these Federal worker loyalty NDAs.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. KNOTT). Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 2 o'clock and 6 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 1430

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. MEUSER) at 2 o'clock and 30 minutes p.m.

PERMISSION TO POSTPONE PROCEEDINGS ON THE VOTE ON ADOPTION OF H. CON. RES. 86 UNTIL JUNE 3, 2026

Mr. ISSA. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that notwithstanding clause 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on the vote by the yeas and nays on the question of adoption of H. Con. Res. 86 may be postponed until the legislative day of June 3, 2026.

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

There was no objection.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or votes objected to under clause 6 of rule XX.

The House will resume proceedings on postponed questions at a later time.

TRANSFER OF LAND INTO TRUST FOR THE PECHANGA BAND OF INDIANS

Mr. WESTERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 5682) to take certain land in the State of California into trust for the benefit of the Pechanga Band of Indians, and for other purposes, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 5682

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. TRANSFER OF LAND INTO TRUST FOR THE PECHANGA BAND OF INDIANS.

(a) *IN GENERAL.*—Subject to valid existing rights and the conditions described in subsection (c), the covered land is hereby taken into trust for the benefit of the Tribe.

(b) *ADMINISTRATION.*—The land taken into trust under subsection (a) shall be—

(1) part of the reservation of the Tribe; and

(2) administered in accordance with the laws and regulations generally applicable to property held in trust by the United States for the benefit of an Indian Tribe.

(c) *CONDITIONS.*—

(1) *IN GENERAL.*—The land taken into trust under subsection (a) shall be—

(A) subject to all valid encumbrances, liens, rights-of-way, reciprocal road rights-of-way agreements, licenses, leases, permits, and easements existing on the date of the enactment of this Act;

(B) maintained as open space; and

(C) used only for—

(i) purposes consistent with the maintenance of the land as open space; and

(ii) the protection, preservation, and maintenance of the archaeological, cultural, and wildlife resources on the land.

(2) *CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE.*—Nothing in this paragraph prohibits the construction or maintenance of utilities or structures that are—

(A) consistent with the maintenance of the land taken into trust under subsection (a) as open space; and

(B) constructed for the protection, preservation, and maintenance of the archaeological, cultural, and wildlife resources on the land.

(3) *PROHIBITION ON GAMING.*—The land taken into trust under subsection (a) shall not be used for any class II gaming or class III gaming under the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (as those terms are defined in section 4 of that Act (25 U.S.C. 2703)).

(d) *RIGHTS AND AGREEMENTS.*—Nothing in this Act shall alter, or require the alteration of, any existing water rights or service agreements.

(e) *MAP ON FILE.*—The Map shall be kept on file and available for public inspection in the appropriate offices of the Bureau of Land Management.

(f) *DEFINITIONS.*—In this Act:

(1) *COVERED LAND.*—The term "covered land" means all right, title, and interest of the United States in and to the approximately 860 acres of land in Riverside County, California, administered by the Bureau of Land Management and generally depicted as "Proposed Pechanga Land Conveyance Parcel" on the Map.

(2) *MAP.*—The term "Map" means the map titled "BLM Lands into Trust for the Pechanga Band of Indians", and dated August 21, 2025.

(3) *SECRETARY.*—The term "Secretary" means the Secretary of the Interior.

(4) *TRIBE.*—The term "Tribe" means the Pechanga Band of Indians.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Arkansas (Mr. WESTERMAN) and the gentlewoman from New Mexico (Ms.