

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

Stated for:

Mr. KENNEDY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I was absent from the floor and missed roll call vote number 227. Had I been present, I would have voted YEA on Roll Call No. 227 on the Motion to Suspend the Rules and Pass H.R. 2478.

ADJOURNMENT FROM THURSDAY, JUNE 25, 2026, TO MONDAY, JUNE 29, 2026

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Monday next, when it shall convene at noon for morning-hour debate and 2 p.m. for legislative business.

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

There was no objection.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H. RES. 1110

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I hereby remove my name as cosponsor of H. Res. 1110.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman's request is accepted.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 2555

Mr. GARCIA of California. Mr. Speaker, I hereby remove my name as cosponsor of H.R. 2555.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman's request is accepted.

RECOGNIZING ROGERS FAMILY FARM

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

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the bicentennial of the Rogers Family Farm in Menard County, Illinois.

Founded in 1826, this farm is still operated by the Rogers family, making seven generations of stewardship. This family heritage includes Samuel Rogers, who serves on my staff as counsel for the House Agriculture Committee.

The Rogers family settled around New Salem, Illinois, the community that helped shape President Abraham Lincoln's early life. The family's founding patriarch cast his votes for Lincoln. In one extraordinary surviving affidavit, Lincoln himself signed Samuel Rogers' name, an enduring testament to the civic trust that bound citizens together.

Frontier families like the Rogers family didn't just build farms. They built schools, townships, church communities, and civic networks that helped form the ground for Lincoln's political identity and the principles of the modern Republican Party,

That same spirit lives on today in their descendants, including Samuel and his brother, Benjamin, a current University of Illinois veterinary medical student.

Mr. Speaker, today, we honor the Rogers family and, through them, the enduring strength of the American community. I congratulate the Rogers family on this milestone.

HONORING LIFE AND LEGACY OF ALLEN PAUL

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

Ms. ROSS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Allen Paul, a gifted journalist, author, and storyteller whose work helped preserve and illuminate the history of North Carolina.

Allen dedicated his career to telling important stories with depth, accuracy, and humanity.

Written alongside his son Mack Paul, one of his final works, "Miracle Road: The Story of Research Triangle Park," captures one of the greatest economic transformations in American history: the rise of Research Triangle Park from a landscape once described as "possums and pines" into a global center of innovation, research, and opportunity.

The book chronicles the visionaries, scientists, business leaders, and community advocates who helped build the triangle into what it is today.

Through meticulous research and compelling storytelling, Allen preserved the history that shaped North Carolina's future. His contributions will continue to educate and inspire generations to come.

RECOGNIZING LEHIGH VALLEY FIREFIGHTERS

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

Mr. MACKENZIE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank the members of the Allentown Fire Department, as well as the professional and volunteer firefighters from throughout the Lehigh Valley, who responded to last night's devastating fire in Allentown.

Under extreme circumstances, the firefighters and first responders on the scene of the Front Street fire successfully extinguished the flames, saved many neighboring properties, and, most importantly, kept every local resident safe. We also understand that one firefighter was injured during the blaze, and we wish him a speedy recovery.

Last week, I had the opportunity to participate in a ride-along with the firefighters from AFD Engine Company 6, based just a few blocks away from the site of the fire. Throughout the process, I got to see their profes-

sionalism and commitment up close. We are so grateful and fortunate to have these first responders working every day and looking after our community.

On behalf of the people of the Lehigh Valley and the Poconos, I thank them for their service.

WORLD VITILIGO DAY

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

Ms. McCLELLAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate World Vitiligo Day, raising awareness for the 3.7 million Americans living with the autoimmune condition that causes discoloration of the skin, like Erika, one of my constituents who sought a way to treat her vitiligo symptoms throughout her childhood.

Even though the FDA first approved a repigment treatment for vitiligo in 2020, access to treatments remained financially out of reach for constituents like Erika due to Virginia's classification of vitiligo as a cosmetic condition rather than what it actually is: an autoimmune disease.

Absent treatment, vitiligo patients face significant mental health burdens and stigma that contribute to their worsening health and less productivity.

While Medicare covers vitiligo treatment, Medicaid coverage varies State by State. Since Virginia classifies vitiligo as a cosmetic condition, Medicaid won't cover the treatment in our Commonwealth.

Today, I urge the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services to certify that vitiligo is a noncosmetic autoimmune condition so that Medicaid recipients with this condition can access the life-changing treatments.

No matter where you live, you should be able to get the treatment you need when you need it.

JANET MELLO FRAUD AMENDMENT

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

Mr. ROSE. Mr. Speaker, I have introduced an amendment to the National Defense Authorization Act addressing the massive Janet Mello fraud scandal at Fort Sam Houston and the broader pattern of abuse it has exposed.

This amendment simply requires a public, comprehensive report on how more than \$100 million meant for the 4-H Military Partnership Grant program was stolen over several years. What red flags were missed? What reforms will prevent this from ever happening again?

It has already passed the House twice, most recently by a vote of 430-3, only to be stripped out by the Senate in their infinite wisdom for reasons known only to the Almighty. Meanwhile, yet another Fort Sam Houston

official has been charged with stealing over \$500,000 from Army family programs.

Mr. Speaker, I urge the Rules Committee to make my amendment in order for the third year.

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HAPPY SUMMER

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

Mr. CASTEN. Happy summer. It is time to fire up the grill, fire up the air conditioner, and book some road trips, if you can afford to fuel them.

Since Donald Trump's election, gasoline prices have skyrocketed. Household energy bills are up by as much as 18 percent. In response to this, the President said: "I don't think about Americans' financial situation."

That is more than just a psychotic lack of empathy because he also said: ". . . when oil prices go up we make a lot of money." Who is "we" in this situation? In the words of Chris Rock: "It ain't us." But it is par for the course in a White House that has always put the interests of oil and gas producers ahead of consumers.

So I have got this crazy idea. What if we actually put forth an energy policy that unambiguously put consumers first, that always prioritized the most reliable, lowest cost sources of energy, even if that came at the expense of oil company profits?

That is exactly what Congressman LEVIN and I have put forward in our Energy Bills Relief Act, which has over 158 cosponsors in the House.

Your bills are too high. Our bills are too high. It is long past time for us to do something about it.

CONGRATULATING CAROLINA HURRICANES ON STANLEY CUP WIN

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

Mr. McDOWELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Carolina Hurricanes on bringing the Stanley Cup back home to North Carolina.

On June 14, there was a storm surge for the ages. After 20 years, our guys once again showed the hockey world what hard work, pure grit, and teamwork are able to accomplish.

Led by Head Coach Rod Brind'Amour, who captained the Hurricanes' first championship team in 2006, this group of guys put together one of the most dominant playoff runs in recent memory.

From Jordan Staal and Sebastian Aho to every player, coach, trainer, and member of the organization, this championship belongs to all of them.

But it also belongs to the Caniacs. To the fans who packed the Lenovo Center, who waved their towels, and who

stood behind this team through all the highs and the lows: This victory is yours, too.

Mr. Speaker, the Hurricanes represent more than just a hockey team. Through their support of children and families of our servicemembers and first responders, they have become part of the communities across North Carolina.

Congratulations to the 2026 Stanley Cup Champion Carolina Hurricanes. To the Caniacs everywhere, let us sound the sirens and celebrate hoisting the cup.

Go Canes.

WATER CRISIS IN PUERTO RICO

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

Mr. HERNÁNDEZ. Mr. Speaker, Puerto Rico faces a water crisis, and, ironically, the Governor's office is drowning.

Last week, decades of mismanagement and poor maintenance left hundreds of thousands, including me and my family, without water.

There was a stench, but it was not just the stench of unflushed toilets. It was the stench of corruption.

The former Secretary of Economic Development filed a criminal complaint against the Governor's chief of staff for alleged intervention in a government bidding process.

When the Governor testified in the Senate last week, Senator MIKE LEE asked her: How can Congress be assured that Federal funds sent to Puerto Rico are not being misused?

I would tell Senator LEE: The people of Puerto Rico share your concern.

On behalf of the honest, hardworking majority of Puerto Ricans, I tell this Chamber: We will not be quiet. We will not stand still. We will fight to restore integrity in public service in the great Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

RECOGNIZING SEMYON "SIMON" VINDMAN ON HIS 94TH BIRTHDAY

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

Mr. VINDMAN. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to recognize an individual who is brave, strong, proud, tough, and most importantly, loving: my hero, my dad.

At the age of 47, my dad, a widower, decided to uproot his life and bring his family to the United States in order to provide us an opportunity to achieve the American Dream.

Over the last 46 years, he has raised us, provided us support, love, and everything that a family could need.

Today, he is celebrating his 94th birthday. Happy birthday to my dad. I love him and here is to many more.

HONORING ERIC FRANK ON HIS RETIREMENT

(Mr. CRAWFORD asked and was given permission to address the House

for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CRAWFORD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a true leader, public servant, and a pillar of our community, city of Carlisle Police Chief Eric Frank, who is retiring after more than 42 years of service.

He has served as an EMT, a Carlisle police officer, and as the department's chief for the past 25 years. That is a quarter of a century of leadership and a lifetime of sacrifice for the people of Arkansas' First District.

Chief Frank has been the backbone of public safety in Carlisle as demonstrated by his leadership in recent years through the challenges of the pandemic and during devastating storms.

In 2023 when severe weather took lives in Carlisle, he provided decisive leadership, coordinating with State agencies and always putting the safety of residents first.

Whether launching drug take-back programs, advancing child safety, or handling day-to-day work, Chief Frank approached every duty with the same unwavering commitment.

On behalf of the grateful people of Arkansas' First District, I thank Chief Frank for his service, his integrity, and his dedication. He has served with distinction, and I am proud to be his Congressman.

HONORING GARY SMITH

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

Ms. HOULAHAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Gary Smith, a visionary leader whose 50-year career at Pennsylvania's own Chester County Economic Development Council has shaped the economic growth and prosperity of southeastern Pennsylvania.

A lifetime Chester County resident, Gary grew up on his family's farm in West Bradford Township, which he still owns today. He joined Chester County's Economic Development Council in 1976, and he became the CEO 2 years later.

Under his leadership, the organization expanded its programs and grew into a regional economic development leader and superpower.

Now, after 50 years, Gary is stepping down as that CEO, and he leaves behind an enduring legacy. Gary has led with unwavering commitment to our community, from small businesses to family farms to younger generations entering the workforce.

In recognition of his contributions, he was recently inducted into the Chester County Hall of Fame, and he couldn't be more deserving of that.

I congratulate Gary on this honor. I thank him for decades of service to Chester County and to our great Commonwealth. His impact will doubtless be felt for generations to come.