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House of Representatives

The House met at 11 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. BUCSHON).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, August 13, 2024.

I hereby appoint the Honorable LARRY BUCSHON to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

MIKE JOHNSON,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

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

God of peace and reconciliation, we who are quick to receive the nourishment of Your word, to have our thirst slaked by Your loving-kindness, confess to You that the idea of caring for our enemy seems too much.

Our pride, our anger, our hatred, almost always justified in our own minds, stand in the way of our ability to love them.

But open our eyes to their needs. If they are hungry for food or for forgiveness, open our hearts to feed them. If they thirst for respite or respect, help us to find it within ourselves to give them refreshment.

Maybe our generosity will surprise them with Your goodness. Maybe their souls will be laden with their need for Your mercy.

Would that You use us to be a testimony to Your desire for peace and civility in Your world.

Only by Your grace can we pray and do we this day. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 3(z) of House Resolution

5, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The SPEAKER pro tempore 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.

APPOINTMENT OF INDIVIDUAL TO UNITED STATES SEMIQUINCENTENNIAL COMMISSION

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces the Speaker's appointment, pursuant to section 4 of the United States Semiquincentennial Commission Act of 2016 (Pub. L. 114-196), and the order of the House of January 9, 2023, of the following individual on the part of the House to the United States Semiquincentennial Commission to fill the existing vacancy thereon:

Mr. James W. Rane, Abbeville, Alabama

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 3(z) of House Resolution 5, the House stands adjourned until 11 a.m. on Friday, August 16, 2024.

Thereupon (at 11 o'clock and 3 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Friday, August 16, 2024, at 11 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

EC-5059. A letter from the Regulations Coordinator, Office of Head Start, Administra-

tion for Children and Families, transmitting the Administration's Major final rule — Supporting the Head Start Workforce and Consistent Quality Programming (RIN: 0970-AD01) received August 2, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

EC-5060. A letter from the Program Analyst, Media Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — In the Matter of Accessibility of User Interfaces, and Video Programming Guides and Menus [MB Docket No.: 12-108; FCC 24-79] received July 23, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-5061. A letter from the Program Analyst, Space Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — In the Matter of Assessment and Collection of Space and Earth Station Regulatory Fees for Fiscal Year 2024 [MB Docket No.: 24-85]; Review of the Commission's Assessment and Collection of Regulatory Fees for Fiscal Year 2024 [MB Docket No.: 24-86; FCC 24-70] received July 23, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-5062. A letter from the Program Analyst, Broadband Data Task Force, Federal Communications Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — In the Matter of Establishing the Digital Opportunity Data Collection [WC Docket No.: 19-195]; Modernizing the FCC Form 477 Data Program [WC Docket No.: 11-10; FCC 24-72] received July 23, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-5063. A letter from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's NUREG — Environmental Evaluation of Accident Tolerant Fuels with Increased Enrichment and Higher Burnup Levels [NRC-2023-0113] (NUREG-2266) received August 2, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-5064. A letter from the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Department Notification Number:

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DDTC 24-028; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-5065. A letter from the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Department Notification Number: DDTC 24-044; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-5066. A letter from the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Department Notification Number: DDTC 24-041; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-5067. A letter from the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Department Notification Number: DDTC 24-015; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-5068. A letter from the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Department Notification Number: DDTC 24-017; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-5069. A letter from the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Department Notification Number: DDTC 24-025; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-5070. A letter from the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Department Notification Number: DDTC 24-032; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-5071. A letter from the Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting Department Notification Number: DDTC 24-045; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-5072. A letter from the Legal Yeoman, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's temporary final rule — Safety Zone; Illinois River, Mile Marker 87.1 to 87.7 [Docket No.: USCG-2024-0113] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received August 2, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-5073. A letter from the Legal Yeoman, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's final rule — Special Local Regulations; Recurring Marine Events, Sector Key West, Update [Docket No.: USCG-2023-0690] (RIN: 1625-AA08) received August 2, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-5074. A letter from the Legal Yeoman, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's temporary final rule — Safety Zone; Upper Mississippi River Mile Markers 219.5 to 218.5 Grafton, IL [Docket No.: USCG-2024-0569] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received August 2, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-5075. A letter from the Legal Yeoman, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's temporary final rule — Safety Zone; Green River, Calhoun, KY [Docket No.: USCG-2024-0498] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received August 2, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-5076. A letter from the Legal Yeoman, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's temporary final rule — Safety Zone; Mis-

souri River, Mile Marker 27-366 [Docket No.: USCG-2024-0112] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received August 2, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-5077. A letter from the Legal Yeoman, CG-LRA, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting the Department's temporary final rule — Safety Zone; Corpus Christi Ship Channel, Corpus Christi, TX [Docket No.: USCG-2024-0571] (RIN: 1625-AA00) received August 2, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-5078. A letter from the Director, Office of Congressional Affairs, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting the Commission's final rule — Renewing Nuclear Power Plant Operating Licenses- Environmental Review [NRC-2018-0296] (RIN: 3150-AK32) received August 2, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-5079. A letter from the Regulations Coordinator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting the Department's Major final rule — Medicare Program; Prospective Payment System and Consolidated Billing for Skilled Nursing Facilities; Updates to the Quality Reporting Program and Value-Based Purchasing Program for Federal Fiscal Year 2025 [CMS-1802-F] (RIN: 0938-AV30) received August 2, 2024, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); jointly to the Committees on Energy and Commerce and Ways and Means.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mrs. RODGERS of Washington: Committee on Energy and Commerce. H.R. 3565. A bill to authorize the Federal Communications Commission to use a system of competitive bidding to grant a license or a permit for use of electromagnetic spectrum and to direct proceeds from such a system of competitive bidding for communications and technology initiatives, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 118-629, Pt. 1). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. LUCAS: Committee on Science, Space, and Technology. H.R. 3560. A bill to provide for coordinated Federal efforts to accelerate civilian unmanned aircraft systems and advanced air mobility research and development for economic and national security, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 118-630, Pt. 1). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

DISCHARGE OF COMMITTEE

Pursuant to clause 2 of rule XIII, the Committee on Armed Services discharged from further consideration. H.R. 3565 referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Pursuant to clause 2 of rule XIII, the Committees on Oversight and Accountability, Homeland Security, and Transportation and Infrastructure discharged from further consideration.

H.R. 3560 referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions of the following titles were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. FEENSTRA:

H.R. 9346. A bill to provide that persons having seriously delinquent tax debts shall be ineligible for employment by the Internal Revenue Service; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. FONG (for himself and Ms. SPANBERGER):

H.R. 9347. A bill to include the identification of countries that are significant sources of xylazine in the annual International Narcotics Control Strategy Report; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. GARAMENDI (for himself and Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia):

H.R. 9348. A bill to amend title 46, United States Code, to increase the general limit of maritime liability with respect to an owner of a foreign vessel, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. HARDER of California (for himself and Mr. VAN ORDEN):

H.R. 9349. A bill to amend the Tariff Act of 1930 to provide that required country-of-origin labeling for any agricultural product packaged in a can shall be on the front label or top of such can, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. KENNEDY:

H.R. 9350. A bill to direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting through the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, to revise part 71 of title 42, Code of Federal Regulations, to allow for the import of certain dogs without rabies vaccination documentation or an import form, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. LALOTA (for himself, Ms. CLARKE of New York, Mr. BUCSHON, Ms. MATSUI, Mr. LAWLER, and Mr. MRVAN):

H.R. 9351. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to modify certain limitations on disproportionate share hospital payment adjustments under the Medicaid program; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Ms. NORTON:

H.R. 9352. A bill to amend title XXVII of the Public Health Service Act and title 5, United States Code, to require group health plans, health insurance issuers offering group or individual health insurance coverage, and Federal Employees Health Benefits Program health benefits plans to meet certain requirements with respect to medical child support orders, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, and in addition to the Committees on Ways and Means, and Oversight and Accountability, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Ms. PEREZ (for herself and Mr. BACON):

H.R. 9353. A bill proposing a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution of the United States; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. PORTER (for herself, Ms. PRESSLEY, and Mrs. RAMIREZ):

H.R. 9354. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make certain temporary provisions relating to the child tax credit permanent, to make such credit fully refundable, and to increase the corporate tax rate; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Ms. PORTER (for herself and Mr. PAPPAS):

H.R. 9355. A bill to enact House Resolution 895, One Hundred Tenth Congress, (establishing the Office of Congressional Ethics) into permanent law; to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committee on Rules, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Ms. SCHRIER:

H.R. 9356. A bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to establish a pilot program to provide grants to eligible grantees to use for the purpose of providing low-interest construction loans to eligible entities; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. TORRES of New York:

H.R. 9357. A bill To direct the Director of the Secret Service to ensure that any security perimeter is co-extensive with the firing range of firearms likely to be used in assassination attempts and to secure all elevated positions within the firing range of firearms likely to be used in assassination attempts; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. TORRES of New York:

H.R. 9358. A bill to transfer the investigative jurisdiction over payment and financial systems from the United States Secret Service to the Department of the Treasury, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary, and in addition to the Committees on Financial Services, and Appropriations, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. VAN DREW:

H.R. 9359. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the inclusion in gross income of Social Security benefits; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mrs. TORRES of California:

H. Res. 1414. A resolution expressing support for the recognition of August 18th through August 24, 2024, as "Warehouse Worker Recognition Week", the national event celebrating the workers in the logistics industry; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY AND SINGLE SUBJECT STATEMENTS

Pursuant to clause 7(c)(1) of rule XII and Section 3(c) of H. Res. 5 the following statements are submitted regarding (1) the specific powers granted to Congress in the Constitution to enact the accompanying bill or joint resolution and (2) the single subject of the bill or joint resolution.

By Mr. FEENSTRA:

H.R. 9346.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, clause 1 (Taxing and Spending Clause)

The single subject of this legislation is: Tax compliance of IRS auditors

By Mr. FONG:

H.R. 9347.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 18

Article 2, Section 2, Clause 2
Article 1, Section 8, Clause 3

The single subject of this legislation is: To require the State Department to include the identification of countries that are significant sources of xylazine in the annual International Narcotics Control Strategy Report.

By Mr. GARAMENDI:

H.R. 9348.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 3 of the U.S. Constitution

The single subject of this legislation is: Commerce

By Mr. HARDER of California:

H.R. 9349.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Section I, Article 8 of the Constitution
The single subject of this legislation is:

To amend the Tariff Act of 1930 to provide that required country-of-origin labeling for any agricultural product packaged in a can shall be on the front label or top of such can.

By Mr. KENNEDY:

H.R. 9350.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Clause 3, Section 8, Article I of the Constitution.

The single subject of this legislation is:

To direct the Secretary of Health and Human Services, acting through the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, to revise part 71 of title 42, Code of Federal Regulations, to allow for the import of certain dogs without rabies vaccination documentation or an import form, and for other purposes.

By Mr. LALOTA:

H.R. 9351.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I Section 8 of the Constitution
The single subject of this legislation is:

Medicaid

By Ms. NORTON:

H.R. 9352.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:
clause 18 of section 8 of article 1 of the Constitution

The single subject of this legislation is:

This bill would require that when a court directs a non-custodial parent (including a stepparent) to provide health insurance for a child, the other parent may get reimbursed from the insurer for any out-of-pocket medical expenses for the child incurred by such parent, regardless of the source of insurance.

By Ms. PEREZ:

H.R. 9353.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article V

The single subject of this legislation is: Budget

By Ms. PORTER:

H.R. 9354.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8 of the U.S. Constitution

The single subject of this legislation is:

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make certain temporary provisions relating to the child tax credit permanent, to make such credit fully refundable, and to increase the corporate tax rate.

By Ms. PORTER:

H.R. 9355.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Section 8 of Article I of the Constitution
The single subject of this legislation is:

To enact House Resolution 895, One Hundred Tenth Congress, (establishing the Office of Congressional Ethics) into permanent law.

By Ms. SCHRIER:

H.R. 9356.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I of the United States Constitution
The single subject of this legislation is:

Housing

By Mr. TORRES of New York:

H.R. 9357.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is:

United States Security Service security perimeter

By Mr. TORRES of New York:

H.R. 9358.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is: United States Secret Service transfer of functions

By Mr. VAN DREW:

H.R. 9359.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 1 of the United States Constitution, which provides Congress the power to lay and collect taxes, duties, imposts, and excises, to pay the debts and provide for the common defense and general welfare of the United States.

The single subject of this legislation is:

Repeals the gross inclusion of social security benefits in adjusted gross income.

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 7 of rule XII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions, as follows:

H.R. 41: Mr. CROW.

H.R. 82: Mr. RULLI and Mr. DESJARLAIS.

H.R. 309: Mr. LYNCH.

H.R. 621: Mrs. DINGELL.

H.R. 655: Mr. GUEST.

H.R. 782: Mr. MENENDEZ.

H.R. 825: Mr. BACON.

H.R. 913: Mr. VASQUEZ.

H.R. 926: Mr. SORENSEN.

H.R. 1172: Ms. LOFGREN.

H.R. 1385: Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas.

H.R. 1507: Mr. RASKIN.

H.R. 1572: Ms. SCHAKOWSKY and Ms. LEE of Pennsylvania.

H.R. 1723: Mr. MENENDEZ.

H.R. 1729: Ms. SALINAS.

H.R. 1787: Ms. BALINT, Mr. STAUBER, and Mr. MURPHY.

H.R. 2377: Mr. CROW.

H.R. 2411: Mr. AMO.

H.R. 2412: Mr. MULLIN, Mr. SOTO, and Mr. COSTA.

H.R. 2718: Ms. SCHOLTEN.

H.R. 2818: Mr. SMITH of New Jersey.

H.R. 2880: Mr. JAMES.

H.R. 2909: Ms. CHU.

H.R. 2923: Mrs. RAMIREZ.

H.R. 2971: Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, Mr. LEVIN, and Mr. DELUZIO.

H.R. 2985: Mrs. HAYES.

H.R. 2998: Ms. STANSBURY.

H.R. 3036: Mr. CARBAJAL and Ms. BLUNT ROCHESTER.

H.R. 3240: Mr. D'ESPOSITO.

H.R. 3312: Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina and Mr. FROST.

H.R. 3376: Mr. THANEDAR.

H.R. 3386: Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN.

H.R. 3413: Ms. BROWN, Mr. RULLI, and Mr. FERGUSON.

H.R. 3537: Mr. DUNN of Florida.

H.R. 3868: Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia.

H.R. 4049: Mr. FITZPATRICK.

H.R. 4148: Mrs. DINGELL.

- H.R. 4149: Mr. THANEDAR and Ms. NORTON.
H.R. 4190: Ms. BUDZINSKI.
H.R. 4217: Ms. STANSBURY.
H.R. 4223: Mr. FITZPATRICK.
H.R. 4315: Ms. STANSBURY.
H.R. 4663: Ms. STANSBURY.
H.R. 4771: Ms. ROSS.
H.R. 4775: Ms. KUSTER.
H.R. 4878: Ms. STANSBURY.
H.R. 4895: Ms. MATSUI.
H.R. 5041: Ms. MENG.
H.R. 5049: Ms. STANSBURY.
H.R. 5103: Mrs. CHERFILUS-MCCORMICK.
H.R. 5155: Mr. SCHNEIDER.
H.R. 5175: Mr. FROST.
H.R. 5566: Mr. CARSON, Ms. PINGREE, Mr. DESAULNIER, Ms. CHU, Ms. BALINT, and Mr. KILDEE.
H.R. 5699: Mr. EVANS.
H.R. 5819: Mrs. PELTOLA.
H.R. 5827: Ms. ADAMS.
H.R. 5859: Mr. FITZPATRICK.
H.R. 6056: Mr. PETERS.
H.R. 6199: Mr. WILLIAMS of New York.
H.R. 6371: Ms. PETTERSEN, Mr. CORREA, and Ms. NORTON.
H.R. 6451: Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina, and Mr. SABLAN.
H.R. 6487: Ms. STANSBURY and Mr. CORREA.
H.R. 6516: Mr. SUOZZI.
H.R. 6751: Mr. BEYER and Mr. CRAWFORD.
H.R. 6928: Mr. CARTER of Louisiana.
H.R. 6957: Mr. JAMES.
- H.R. 7039: Ms. KUSTER and Ms. PINGREE.
H.R. 7222: Mr. CASTRO of Texas.
H.R. 7267: Mr. CARTER of Louisiana.
H.R. 7279: Mr. CARTER of Louisiana.
H.R. 7688: Mr. QUIGLEY.
H.R. 7770: Mr. SCHIFF.
H.R. 7977: Ms. STANSBURY.
H.R. 8118: Ms. SPANBERGER.
H.R. 8119: Ms. TITUS.
H.R. 8147: Mr. BRECHEEN.
H.R. 8353: Mr. BEYER.
H.R. 8370: Mr. LANDSMAN, Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ, Mr. ALLRED, and Ms. BROWNLEY.
H.R. 8469: Ms. STANSBURY.
H.R. 8594: Mr. KENNEDY.
H.R. 8623: Mrs. RAMIREZ.
H.R. 8639: Ms. STANSBURY.
H.R. 8704: Mr. RUTHERFORD.
H.R. 8705: Mr. RUTHERFORD.
H.R. 8785: Mr. DAVIDSON.
H.R. 8836: Mr. STEUBE, Ms. SALINAS, and Mrs. DINGELL.
H.R. 8858: Mrs. MCBATH and Mr. GOTTHEIMER.
H.R. 8896: Mr. HORSFORD.
H.R. 8904: Mrs. HAYES and Mr. SHERMAN.
H.R. 8936: Mr. GOTTHEIMER.
H.R. 8974: Ms. PETTERSEN.
H.R. 9076: Mr. MOORE of Utah and Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin.
H.R. 9113: Ms. BUDZINSKI.
H.R. 9124: Ms. SANCHEZ, Mr. AGUILAR, and Mr. MCCLINTOCK.
- H.R. 9129: Ms. NORTON.
H.R. 9137: Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ.
H.R. 9188: Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina.
H.R. 9210: Mr. IVEY.
H.R. 9214: Mr. PHILLIPS and Mr. TAKANO.
H.R. 9253: Mr. CARSON, Mr. RASKIN, Ms. HOYLE of Oregon, Mr. ROBERT GARCIA of California, Mr. CASTEN, Ms. CHU, Mr. NEGUSE, Ms. PINGREE, and Ms. SALINAS.
H.R. 9271: Mr. SMITH of Washington and Ms. STANSBURY.
H.R. 9319: Ms. STANSBURY.
H.R. 9334: Mr. RASKIN.
H.R. 9340: Ms. HAGEMAN.
H.J. Res. 13: Mr. TORRES of New York.
H.J. Res. 163: Ms. GRANGER.
H.J. Res. 200: Mrs. PELTOLA.
H. Res. 1072: Ms. STANSBURY.
H. Res. 1318: Ms. DELBENE.
H. Res. 1332: Ms. STANSBURY.
H. Res. 1377: Mr. DAVIDSON, Mr. ROSENDALE, Mr. BRECHEEN, Mr. BURLISON, Mr. TIFFANY, Mr. OGLES, Mr. ROY, Mr. SELF, and Mr. GOSAR.
H. Res. 1382: Mr. IVEY and Mr. COSTA.
H. Res. 1385: Mr. COSTA and Ms. ADAMS.
H. Res. 1394: Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. LALOTA, and Mr. GOTTHEIMER.
H. Res. 1412: Mr. STEUBE and Mr. DUNN of Florida.



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Senate

The Senate met at 9:15 a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable BEN RAY LUJÁN, a Senator from the State of New Mexico.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mrs. MURRAY).

The senior assistant legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, August 13, 2024.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable BEN RAY LUJÁN, a Senator from the State of New Mexico, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATTY MURRAY,
President pro tempore.

Mr. LUJÁN thereupon assumed the Chair as acting President pro tempore.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL FRIDAY,
AUGUST 16, 2024, AT 10 A.M.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate stands adjourned until 10 a.m. on Friday, August 16, 2024.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 9:15 and 26 seconds a.m., adjourned until Friday, August 16, 2024, at 10 a.m.

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EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING MAJ. WALTER T. TANIMOTO FOR HIS SERVICE TO WASHINGTON'S NINTH DISTRICT

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 13, 2024

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the honorable life of Major Walter T. Tanimoto, a distinguished veteran, volunteer, and father. Mr. Tanimoto, in his military service, career, and personal endeavors, left a mark of service, dedication, and a deep commitment to community.

Walt took on the task of protecting his country with devotion and skill. Through his service in Operation Iraqi Freedom II, Walt received a variety of accolades, including a Combat Infantry Badge. Walt never stopped sacrificing for our country even after leaving the Army, embarking on a long, impactful, and dedicated career at the Washington Department of Revenue.

Mr. Tanimoto went beyond professional achievements to dedicate his time towards supporting fellow veterans. He maintained active participation in multiple veterans' organizations, but rather than simply belonging to veterans' groups, Walt had leadership roles in three separate organizations, including Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Military Order of the Cootie.

I had the privilege to meet Walt multiple times through his ongoing participation in these organizations, a demonstration of his commitment to his community and desire to support others. Most recently, I recall Walt's efforts in June 2023 on the planning and execution of a Veterans History Project that my office hosted with the Nisei Veterans Committee. Through his participation, Walt helped preserve the stories of his fellow veterans for future generations.

Mr. Speaker, I once again draw your attention to the life of service and generosity led by my constituent, Walter T. Tanimoto. Many can aspire to dedicate their lives to others, but few can say they have done it as Walt has.

HONORING HARPOON EDDIE'S ON THEIR 40TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. CLAUDIA TENNEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 13, 2024

Ms. TENNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 40th anniversary of the Sylvan Beach New York eatery Harpoon Eddie's, and to recognize the contributions of Edward Stewart, Jr., and his wife Leslie Stewart, posthumously, to the Oneida Lake community. Furthermore, I commend the work of Eddie and Leslie's son, Edward (Rick) Stewart, III and his wife Wendy Stewart, who have continued the tradition of excellence through their commitment to service and the community.

Eddie and Leslie Stewart were married on December 26, 1966, and founded Harpoon Eddie's in the summer of 1984. The Stewarts wished to expand Eddie's Restaurant, Inc., to include a separate location on the beachfront and thereby include the boating community. After years of success, they ultimately became co-owners and operators with their son, Rick. Harpoon Eddie's has remained a staple in the Oneida Lake community through the efforts of the Stewart family since its creation and continues to shine across generations.

Eddie and Leslie's contributions to the residents are reflective of their personal initiative and drive to give back, values which are still evident in their business even after their deaths in 2020 and 2021, respectively. These values are kept alive through the efforts of Rick and Wendy Stewart, who now have sole ownership of the restaurant and ensure that it will continue to serve the community just as it has for the past 40 years. I urge my colleagues to take the chance to visit the incredible beauty of Oneida Lake and to stop by this incredible family business. Those who visit are welcome like family under the amazing hospitality of the people.

It is my humble privilege to be part of the celebrations and traditions of the Sylvan Beach Community. Thank you to Rick and Wendy Stewart for their continued commitment to excellence and their loving memoriam of Edward Stewart, Jr. and Leslie Stewart.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF FALLEN OFFICER HUNTER REEDY

HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 13, 2024

Mr. GRIFFITH. Mr. Speaker, the Ninth Congressional District of Virginia and the entire Commonwealth of Virginia mourn the loss of Smyth County Sheriff's Deputy Hunter Reedy.

Deputy Reedy was called to respond to a traffic stop incident on Friday, August 9, 2024. The incident turned tragic, with the driver firing their weapon at Sheriff's deputies and Marion Police officers. As a result of the gunfire, Deputy Reedy was shot and killed.

A graduate of Chilhowie High School in 2014, Deputy Reedy pursued a career dedicated to law enforcement. He began by serving more than three years with the Chilhowie Police Department. In 2021, he then joined the Smyth County Sheriff's Office. His interest in the protection and care of his fellow citizens was profound.

Law enforcement and community members mourn the tragic loss of their beloved colleague and friend. Sheriff Shuler of Smyth County laments losing a brave hero in Deputy Reedy. Deputy Reedy's passing is a solemn reminder of the dangerous tasks law enforcement officials must endure.

Family was an important part of Deputy Reedy's life. He is survived by his wife,

Bettina Quen Reedy, whom he had been married to since 2020, and his three kids, Brantley, Kaden, and Kaede Belle.

Deputy Reedy was twenty-seven years old. While his life was cut hastily short, his service to the Smyth County Sheriff's Office and the people of Smyth County had impacts that will last many years to come.

MOURNING THE LOSS OF COACH CARL BOWSER

HON. VINCE FONG

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 13, 2024

Mr. FONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to extend my deepest condolences to the family and friends of Coach Carl Bowser, who passed away last month. While Coach Bowser was a pillar of the Bakersfield College football program, his legacy extends beyond the field, evident in the outpouring of love following his death and the honors proclaimed of Coach Bowser's impact on the lives of others. He was a great man, a beloved mentor, and a leader who made positive contributions to countless individuals.

Born in Oklahoma, Carl Bowser was first introduced to Bakersfield College's football program when he became a team water boy. His passion for the sport led him to become a full-back for California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo (Cal Poly), where he rushed for 620 yards and seven touchdowns in 1959. Coach Bowser demonstrated early on his perseverance in the face of tragedy when he narrowly survived the tragic 1960 Cal Poly plane crash, losing 16 of his teammates. Coach Bowser would go on later that year to rush for 288 yards and score two touchdowns. In 1962, Coach Bowser completed his bachelor's degree at Cal Poly in physical education and returned the following year to earn his master's degree in education.

Coach Bowser soon sharpened his passion for coaching football, serving as the Head Coach of Burroughs High School in Ridgecrest and later as Head Coach at Shafter High School. Joining Bakersfield College's program, Coach Bowser served as the Renegades Assistant Coach under Head Coach Gerry Collis for 17 years before rising to the Head Coach position in 1984.

Coach Bowser's masterful 83-31-3 career record across 11 seasons will certainly be remembered as a golden age of Renegade athletics. Second to no other season, was the team's 1988 triumphs, where under Coach Bowser's leadership, the Renegades beat the undefeated Fullerton College Hornets to secure the 1988 Junior College Football Championship. Coach Bowser earned the esteemed title of Conference Coach of the Year four times, where his team won six Western State Conference titles, and earned seven Potato Bowl appearances before his retirement from the program in 1994.

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Coach Bowser was well-known for his rousing halftime and pre-game speeches. Yet his strong heart and easy laugh made him beloved by everyone who knew him. Under his leadership, the Bakersfield College football program thrived, and his influence continues to this day.

The hundreds of students and athletes he trained will never forget how Coach Bowser dedicated his life to fostering excellence on and off the field. Aware of the steep climb players face seeking professional football careers, Coach Bowser taught personal life discipline which would set his players up for success beyond football. His interest in the lives of his players both on and off the field makes this loss particularly difficult, serving as a reminder of his unique way of leading strongly but with grace and empathy.

On behalf of the 20th Congressional District, I would like to extend my deepest sympathies to Coach Bowser's family, the Bakersfield College community, and all who were fortunate enough to have known him.

INTRODUCTION OF THE ENSURING CHILD HEALTH COVERAGE COMPENSATION IN DIVORCE ACT OF 2024

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 13, 2024

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduce the Ensuring Child Health Coverage Compensation in Divorce Act of 2024. This bill would require that when a court directs a non-custodial parent (including a stepparent) to provide health insurance for a child, the other parent may get reimbursed directly from the insurer for any out-of-pocket medical expenses for the child incurred by such parent, regardless of the source of insurance.

In a divorce, one parent is typically court-ordered to provide health insurance for the child. However, the other parent may pay for out-of-pocket medical expenses for the child that are reimbursable by the insurer. Under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, group health insurers are required to directly reimburse a parent who pays for reimbursable out-of-pocket medical expenses when the other parent has been court-ordered to provide health insurance for the child. However, other health insurers are not required to reimburse the other parent directly. This bill would require all health insurers to provide such reimbursement.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE OF BISHOP D.C. THOMAS

HON. BRIAN K. FITZPATRICK

OF PENNSYLVANIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 13, 2024

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and remember an outstanding constituent from my district who recently passed away; Bishop D.C. Thomas. Bishop Thomas was born and raised in nearby Trenton, New Jersey, and worked tirelessly to positively impact his community for his entire life.

In 1985, Bishop Thomas developed an afterschool program to help elementary and middle school students in Trenton. But his efforts to assist Trenton's younger population did not stop there. Bishop Thomas also started a youth summer camp, which not only provided the children of Trenton with summer activities, but it also ensured that every attendee would be properly fed. Later, Bishop Thomas started a food delivery program that helped families in need. This mobile kitchen provided families throughout Trenton with consistent access to hot meals.

Perhaps Bishop Thomas's most impressive accomplishment is the Christian Home Better Life Development Center. This center began as an uninhabitable home, but through his tireless work, was transformed into a rehabilitation center. Without any subsidies or grants, Bishop Thomas helped over 300 individuals battling drug and alcohol addictions by working to turn their lives around. Today many individuals who once passed through its doors are employed and married with families.

We are eternally grateful for the work that Bishop D.C. Thomas has demonstrated throughout his life and our community is a better place because of his extraordinary service. May he rest in peace.

HONORING THE LIFE OF THE HONORABLE FRANK W. CHEN

HON. TED LIEU

OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 13, 2024

Mr. LIEU. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart to honor the life of the Honorable Frank W. Chen, who passed away on July 18, 2024. Judge Chen formerly served as a commissioner for the Los Angeles County Superior Court in California.

Frank was born in Taipei, Taiwan on November 11, 1963, to his parents William and May Chen. Frank moved to the United States at the age of 4 where he settled in Schenectady, New York and graduated from Mohonasen Senior High School. Following his graduation, Frank attended Stanford University and graduated in 1985 with a bachelor's degree in economics. He went on to graduate from the University of California, Los Angeles School of Law in 1988 and started his career as a litigation attorney in Los Angeles that same year after being admitted to the California State Bar.

Frank met Chen-Yen in December of 1999 and in September 2000, they got married and moved to San Marino, CA. They welcomed their first child, Nathaniel Chen in 2003 and then second child, Natalina Chen in 2005. Anyone who knew Frank knew that his family meant more to him than anything else. He worked tirelessly to support his family first and foremost and to ensure that they could also pursue their passions to the fullest.

Frank is well-known for his pro bono legal work in combating abusive litigation. He received awards for his volunteer work with state and local prosecutors, local elected officials, legislators, and the State Bar of California. In 2003, Frank was named a recipient of California Lawyer Magazine's Attorney of the Year (CLAY). That same year, Frank was a recipient of the Asian Pacific American Legal

Center of Southern California's Pro Bono Service Award for his work in coordinating a unique and sweeping defense to abusive litigation brought by the Trevor Law Group of Beverly Hills.

Since 2005, Frank has been recognized eleven times as a Southern California Super Lawyer and three times in the National Super Lawyers Business Edition. He was also named one of Pasadena Magazine's Top Attorneys from 2010–2018. Frank first became interested in judicial service while working as a volunteer Temporary Judge for the Los Angeles County Superior Court beginning in 2005 where he presided over small claims. In December 2018, Frank was elected by the judges of the Los Angeles Superior Court to become the Los Angeles Superior Court's Court Commissioner. Frank became the Los Angeles Superior Court's third Taiwanese-born judicial officer and was the fifth nationwide.

Frank was also a well-respected leader in his community. He was a former president of the Southern California Chinese Lawyers Association (SCCLA) and the Taiwanese American Lawyers Association (TALA). He served as a trustee of the Los Angeles County Bar Association (LACBA) and as a board member of the Asian Pacific American Bar Association of Los Angeles County (APABA). Frank was also a proud blood donor to local American Red Cross blood banks. He also was a supporter of many online musicians within the Twitch music community and greeted audiences for the past three years as a moderator, fan and friend. Frank was also a faithful member of San Marino Community Church where he served as an Elder and recently joined the Chancel Choir with his wife.

He is survived by many loving family members, including his wife Chun-Yen, son Nathaniel, daughter Natalina, parents William and May Chen, brother Henry Chen and sister-in-law Julie, and nephew Matthew and niece Natalie. May his memory serve as an inspiration to all who knew him.

CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF AMHERST H. WILDER FOUNDATION'S COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS SERVICES

HON. BETTY McCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 13, 2024

Ms. McCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Amherst H. Wilder Foundation in Saint Paul, Minnesota on its 100th anniversary of providing community mental health and wellness services. For 100 years, this non-profit organization has provided vital and supportive mental health services to children and families in Saint Paul.

Wilder's Child Guidance Clinic was founded in 1924 as one of the first of its kind in the Nation. It is an outpatient psychiatric clinic for children and their families and is nationally acclaimed for its treatment as well as its training center. Serving children who are experiencing emotional distress, it is one of the oldest continuously operated children's clinics in the country.

Currently, Wilder provides outpatient mental health and wellness services for children,

adults, and families, as well as addiction and recovery services for adults at Wilder Community Mental Health & Wellness Clinic—a Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CCBHC) in Minnesota. As a CCBHC, Wilder increases access to community-based mental health and substance use disorder services, especially to underserved communities and serves individuals through in-person and telehealth appointments, regardless of ability to pay. Wilder's diverse team of mental health experts provides culturally appropriate mental health and wellness services that support people and their families. In addition, Wilder delivers mental health and wellness services in schools across Saint Paul and the Twin Cities.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in paying tribute to the caring and dedicated mental health professionals, practitioners, and staff of Amherst H. Wilder Foundation—as well as the people they serve—as they celebrate 100 years of providing critical community mental health and wellness services.

INTRODUCTION OF THE JUSTICE FOR VICTIMS OF FOREIGN VESSEL ACCIDENTS ACT

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 13, 2024

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, today I introduce the “Justice for Victims of Foreign Vessel Accidents Act,” with Congressman HENRY C. “HANK” JOHNSON (D-GA) as the original cosponsor.

For years, I have been working to recapitalize the U.S.-flag international fleet of ocean-going, commercial vessels needed to support our military. I was honored to serve as the top Democrat on the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure's Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation from 2013 to 2018.

Less than a week after the foreign-flagged *Dalia* collided with the Francis Scott Key Bridge in Baltimore Harbor, the vessel's Singapore-based corporate owner filed in the U.S. District Court for Maryland to limit its total liability for the bridge collapse and recovery effort to just \$43.7 million, valuing the vessel at \$90 million. In doing so, the *Dalia's* owner invoked a federal law enacted in 1851, limiting their legal liability for damages to the dollar value of the vessel and its cargo, minus salvage costs. This tragic accident, which killed six and injured two workers on the Francis Scott Key Bridge, calls into serious question why U.S. law affords the owners of vessels flying foreign “flags of convenience” any liability shield.

Foreign-flagged commercial vessels like the *Dalia* are typically registered under the laws of unscrupulous jurisdictions that lack any Navy, Coast Guard, or ability to inspect commercial vessels to ensure safety, prevent environmental degradation, or stop maritime labor abuses. Furthermore, foreign ocean carriers or other vessel owners flying flags of convenience are often domiciled in offshore tax havens. For these reasons and more, U.S.-flag commercial vessels are already at a competitive disadvantage globally. The U.S. judicial system should not protect foreign competitors to the detriment of victims and their families.

That is why our “Justice for Victims of Foreign Vessel Accidents Act” would increase the liability for foreign-flagged vessels to up to 10 times the dollar value of the vessel and its cargo, minus expenses. This would ensure that victims and their families can hold foreign vessel owners accountable in federal court for wrongful death or personal injury claims. Current law only allows compensation for lost wages. Importantly, our bill would maintain the current liability threshold for U.S.-flagged vessels including those compliant with the Jones Act, which unlike foreign-flagged vessels are subject to U.S. law and inspected regularly by the Coast Guard and state regulators. Lastly, our bill would apply the higher liability level for damages by foreign-flagged vessels to March 25, 2024, the night before the Francis Scott Key Bridge's collapse.

Mr. Speaker, I strongly support the Maryland Delegation and the Biden-Harris Administration's ongoing work to rebuild the Francis Scott Key Bridge with federal funding as quickly as possible. I hope that the House will act swiftly on Congressman KWEISI MFUME's (D-MD) “Baltimore Bridge Response Invests and Delivers Global Economic (BRIDGE) Relief Act” (H.R. 7961). In the meantime, I encourage all Members of the House will join us in cosponsoring this commonsense reform.

NEWSLETTER FROM CONGRESSMAN CHUCK EDWARDS

HON. CHUCK EDWARDS

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 13, 2024

Mr. EDWARDS. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD the following newsletter to give an update to my constituents on issues surrounding spending bills, healthcare consolidation, and government regulations.

DEAR FRIEND, I'm disappointed that the Do Our Job Act, the bill I introduced to keep us in DC until our budget work is completed, did not get the support it needed and deserved to make it to a committee hearing. But I've learned that many ideas need to be introduced many times before they get traction. Fixing how Washington works will not be easy, so I am undeterred, and I'll continue to push for this reform.

While I enjoy time in the district with my constituents, I would rather be in DC passing the rest of our appropriations bills and avoiding the threat of another government shutdown or continuing resolution.

The Do Our Job Act would have made sure that Congress did not leave for this district work period unless the House passed all 12 annual appropriations bills. While the House Appropriations Committee, which I am a member of, passed all 12 spending bills to be considered by the House, the House has only passed five of these 12 spending bills.

In the nearly five decades that our current appropriations process has been in place, Congress has only passed all 12 bills four times. Four times in almost 50 years. Western North Carolinians and the American people deserve better than an 8 percent success rate for funding our government.

The American people have been far too generous with us, and it is high time that we fix how Washington works.

INCREASED HEALTH COSTS, DECREASED QUALITY OF CARE

Western North Carolina is no stranger to high healthcare costs, and as a member of

the House Budget Committee, I want to share what we learned from the committee hearing that evaluated the budgetary effects of healthcare consolidation.

The hearing discussed the unsustainable trajectory of federal health spending and policy opportunities to combat consolidation and enhance free market competition; or to put it simply, how to make health care more affordable and more accessible for the American people.

The U.S. is seeing a surge in hospital mergers, resulting in increased federal health spending and higher patient costs. Simultaneously, patients have been experiencing lower quality of care, which is a less easily quantifiable but arguably worse consequence than dealing with high costs.

This is the reality right here in our mountains following the Mission HCA Healthcare acquisition in 2019. That is why I have demanded the Federal Trade Commission, the agency responsible for all acquisitions and mergers, re-review the Mission/HCA deal and take action to overturn the acquisition if malfeasance is found.

It is my mission as a member of the House Budget Committee and House Appropriations Committee to promote policies and funding that deter consolidation and promote greater choice, affordability, and quality of care for the citizens of NC-11 and beyond.

REVITALIZING COMMUNITIES IN WNC

During my time in our mountains, I continuously hear from constituents who are interested in developing environmentally challenged properties in Western North Carolina but decide not to because of the significant cleanup, redevelopment costs and time delays that are often required from environmental contamination.

The Economic Opportunity for Distressed Communities Act that I introduced would provide a tax incentive for those who decide to redevelop Superfund and brownfield areas by designating such environmentally challenged properties as Opportunity Zones. By incentivizing cleanup and development of brownfield and Superfund sites, we can create jobs, business opportunities and increase property values for Western North Carolina and nationwide.

REGULATIONS BACKED BY SCIENCE

As a small business owner, I have experienced the real-life consequences of new government regulations imposed by Washington bureaucrats who do not understand the implications of their misguided rules.

The Show Me the Science Act that I introduced would require federal agencies to publish the data that they use to inform decisions behind new rules. If a federal agency cannot prove that the benefits of a new rule outweigh the costs, then we should not burden the American people and Main Street businesses with unnecessary regulations.

Federal agencies make legally binding requirements on the public, often with an inability or unwillingness to share the information that they use to form the basis of their rules and fail to calculate the costs and benefits of those rules for American taxpayers.

We need to fix how Washington works by requiring more transparency in federal rule-making and improving congressional and public oversight of the rulemaking process.

“UNPLUGGED” TOWN HALL SERIES IS COMING TO MACON COUNTY

Join my next in-person town hall in Macon County on Thursday, August 15. The town hall will take place from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. at the Robert C. Carpenter Community Building, 1288 Georgia Rd., Franklin, NC.

I'm looking forward to sharing an update about the latest legislative opportunities

and challenges in Congress and answering questions about the issues that matter to you. Don't miss out on this opportunity to connect with fellow Western North Carolinians who care deeply about our district and nation.

With my warmest regards,
 CHUCK EDWARDS,
Member of Congress.

HONORING EDDIE'S RESTAURANT
 ON THEIR 90TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. CLAUDIA TENNEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 13, 2024

Ms. TENNEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 90th Anniversary of Eddie's Restaurant in Sylvan Beach, New York. Eddie Stewart, Sr. and his wife, Florence "Fifi" Stew-

art, opened Eddie's Restaurant in 1934 as a seasonal hot dog stand on the shore of Oneida Lake. At the time, the hot dog stand seated eight people on stools. Daily, the restaurant reaches maximum capacity of 250 people and offers delicious American and Italian cuisine to residents and visitors of Sylvan Beach.

Eddie's and Fifi's legacy spans five generations and is now owned by their grandson, Edward (Rick) Stewart, III. The previous owners to Rick (Edward III) Stewart were Edward Stewart, Jr. and Leslie Wolcott Stewart. The rest of the Eddie's Restaurant legacy lies in Rick (Edward III) and his wife, Wendy; their great-grandson, Edward IV and his wife, Madelyn; a soon to be born great-great-grandson, Eddie V; great-granddaughter, Emily; great-grandchildren, Daunte and Nevaeh; their granddaughter, Alison and her husband, Anthony; and great-grandchildren; Ava Santa and Ania.

Eddie's Restaurant prides themselves on using high-quality ingredients to create their delicious meals and provide fast and friendly service. Over the years, Eddie's has provided service to many public figures such as Frank Sinatra, Duke Ellington, George Foreman, Harry James, Liza Minnelli, and The Ink Spots. Eddie's welcomes all individuals with their familial hospitality. The freshest fish, homemade Meat and Marinara sauce, hand-rolled meatballs, Italian house dressing, homemade pie, and ice cream desserts all can be found at this incredible family owned business.

Recognizing a long-standing family-owned business for their dedication and diligence to enhancing their community is a highlight of this position in Congress. Ninety years and five generations of Eddie's Restaurant is a testament to the love they have for their business and community. Congratulations again on this amazing accomplishment.

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate met at 9:15 a.m. in pro forma session, and adjourned at 9:15:26 a.m. until 10 a.m. on Friday, August 16, 2024.

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 14 public bills, H.R. 9346–9359; and 1 resolution, H. Res. 1414 were introduced. **Pages H4990–91**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H4991–92**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 3565, to authorize the Federal Communications Commission to use a system of competitive bidding to grant a license or a permit for use of electromagnetic spectrum and to direct proceeds from such a system of competitive bidding for communications and technology initiatives, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–629, Part 1); and

H.R. 3560, to provide for coordinated Federal efforts to accelerate civilian unmanned aircraft systems and advanced air mobility research and development for economic and national security, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 118–630, Part 1). **Page H4990**

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Bucshon to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H4989**

United States Semiquincentennial Commission—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following individual on the part

of the House to the United States Semiquincentennial Commission to fill the existing vacancy thereon: Mr. James W. Rane of Abbeville, Alabama. **Page H4989**

Quorum Calls—Votes: There were no yea-and-nay votes, and there were no recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 11 a.m. and adjourned at 11:03 a.m.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, AUGUST 16, 2024

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Friday, August 16

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

11 a.m., Friday, August 16

Senate Chamber

Program for Friday: Senate will meet in a pro forma session.

House Chamber

Program for Friday: House will meet in Pro Forma session at 11 a.m.

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