

their products is high, and law-abiding citizens should never have any of their constitutional rights restricted.

This legislation will ensure the Second Amendment can be freely enjoyed by Americans when they need it most: in times of crisis.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting this legislation and ensuring that the constitutional rights of our fellow Americans are protected.

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 35 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. CASE) at 2 p.m.

PRAYER

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

Holy God, hear our prayers for those for whom, not just yesterday, but every day is PTSD Awareness Day. We lift up our voices on behalf of those who strive to endure the constant echoes of their trauma: military veterans, survivors of abuse, people who serve within these very buildings, and countless others who have walked through the firestorms of doubt and danger, the unresolved anguish that is post-traumatic stress.

Like the prophet Habakkuk, we lament the unheard cries, the unrelenting fear, the ongoing inner strife, and the withdrawal from any form of life-giving community.

God speak Your word to those who are so overwhelmed that they accuse You of silence.

God, do not be indifferent to the suffering of those who, they themselves, have lost all sense of feeling.

God reveal Your justice in the torment of the innocent.

Lord God, we lay our unresolved questions and our unrequited faith before You. Be our strength and guide our steps that they who grieve would once again be able to find hope.

O, God of our salvation, we lift our prayers to You.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 11(a) of House Resolution 188, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Washington (Mr.

NEWHOUSE) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. NEWHOUSE 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.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 4 of rule I, the following enrolled bills were signed by the Speaker on Friday, June 25, 2021:

S. 409, to provide for the availability of amounts for customer education initiatives and non-awards expenses of Commodity Futures Trading Commission Whistleblower Program, and for other purposes;

S. 1340, to amend title 28, United States Code, to redefine the eastern and middle judicial districts of North Carolina.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
Washington, DC, June 28, 2021.

HON. NANCY PELOSI,
The Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on June 28, 2021, at 9:17 a.m.:

That the Senate passed S. 272.
That the Senate passed S. 1095.
That the Senate passed S. 1662.
That the Senate passed S. 2255.
That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 2441.

Appointments:
Congressional-Executive Commission on the People's Republic of China.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely,

CHERYL L. JOHNSON,
Clerk.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to 15 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO RESPONDED ON JANUARY 6, 2021

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

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, the House will not be in session on July 6, so I am taking a moment now to commemorate the 6 months since the attack on our democracy. It happened

right here at the United States Capitol. Right here outside these doors where we are standing today.

I thank the U.S. Capitol Police, the D.C. Metropolitan Police, the National Guard, and all the Federal police agencies that responded on January 6, 2021.

Six months later we have not forgotten your bravery, we have not forgotten your sacrifice, and we thank you.

RECOGNIZING BRAD SAWATZKE

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

Mr. NEWHOUSE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Brad Sawatzke, who is retiring as CEO of Energy Northwest.

A leader to his core, Brad has been an invaluable member of the Tri-Cities community and has led Energy Northwest into the future with vision, enthusiasm, and determination.

I had the pleasure to know Brad, and his impressive resume merits recognition.

To earn money during college, Brad began his nuclear career as a janitor, and over four decades his hard work resulted in numerous leadership positions. Brad now retires at the pinnacle of his industry. What could better embody the American Dream than a career where grit and merit are so rightly rewarded?

During his tenure, Columbia Generating Station became one of the top-performing nuclear plants in the country, and the company is leading in clean energy innovation by spearheading the deployment of advanced nuclear technologies.

I thank Brad and his wife, Kim, for their many contributions to Washington State, and I wish them the best in this new, well-earned chapter of their lives.

RECOGNIZING LAURA GARCIA

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

Ms. HERRELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Laura Garcia for being named Teacher of the Year by the New Mexico Association of Non-public Schools.

Throughout her 12-year career at Gateway Christian School in Roswell, Laura has been instrumental in educating many students and instilling in them the importance of service before self.

I applaud Laura for her working hard every day to build up our future leaders and give them the confidence and values they need to find their own success. Mr. Speaker, I thank Laura for her dedication to her students and her diligence in her work.

Our teachers are crucial in the transfer of knowledge and wisdom to future generations. Great teachers like Laura build strong leaders and strong character. An educated nation is a knowledgeable nation, and a knowledgeable

nation is a powerful one. We owe a great debt to all of the great educators like Laura in our country, as they are the ones who will ensure that the next generation is equipped to take up the mantle of leadership when their time comes.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Laura on winning this award. New Mexicans are grateful for Laura's service to her community and her work to educate the next generation.

REQUEST TO CONSIDER H.R. 18, NO TAXPAYER FUNDING FOR ABORTION ACT

(Mrs. BICE of Oklahoma asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. BICE of Oklahoma. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the Hyde amendment.

For over 40 years, the Hyde amendment, which prevents taxpayer-funded abortions has had strong bipartisan support. However, the Biden administration aims to end this longstanding bipartisan tradition by striking the amendment in the fiscal year 2022 budget request.

The Hyde amendment is one of the longest standing Federal pro-life policies and has prohibited publicly funded abortions since 1976. After decades of support, it is gravely concerning that President Biden has reversed his position on this important pro-life protection.

I vehemently support life and defending the unborn. I encourage all my colleagues, both Democrat and Republican, to support this important protection for the lives of the unborn.

Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committees on Energy and Commerce, Ways and Means, and Judiciary be discharged from further consideration of H.R. 18, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under guidelines consistently issued by successive Speakers, as recorded in section 956 of the House Rules and Manual, the Chair is constrained not to entertain the request unless it has been cleared by the bipartisan floor and committee leaderships.

RECOGNIZING DARRELL HARRIS

(Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of an individual in my district who has been the true embodiment of Iowa nice and midwestern tough his entire life.

Darrell Harris has lived his entire life in rural southeastern Iowa.

Darrell grew up very poor and dropped out of school in the eighth grade to help take care of his family.

Throughout his life, Darrell spent time working on the railroad and started a family farm that is still in operation today.

Darrell was lucky enough to marry the woman of his dreams and have three beautiful children with her.

Sadly, his wife passed away at a young age, leaving Darrell as a single father to raise three young children.

Nevertheless, Darrell kept his head down and he worked hard, never asking for help and always willing to lend a hand when others needed it.

Darrell's work ethic, kindness, and never-give-up attitude are an inspiration to us all, and I am proud to represent him in Congress.

COMMUNICATION FROM CHAIR OF COMMITTEE ON ETHICS

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the chair of the Committee on Ethics:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON ETHICS,
Washington, DC, May 20, 2021.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker,
Washington, DC.

DEAR SPEAKER PELOSI: On April 22, 2021, the Committee on Ethics (Committee) received an appeal from Representative James E. Clyburn of a fine imposed pursuant to House Resolution 73. The appeal was received after the Committee adopted its written rules.

On May 18, 2021, a majority of the Committee agreed to the appeal.

Sincerely,

THEODORE E. DEUTCH,
Chairman.
JACKIE WALORSKI,
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Washington, DC, May 20, 2021.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker,
Washington, DC.

DEAR SPEAKER PELOSI: On April 19, 2021, the Committee on Ethics (Committee) received an appeal from Representative Hal Rogers of a fine imposed pursuant to House Resolution 73. The appeal was received after the Committee adopted its written rules.

On May 18, 2021, a majority of the Committee agreed to the appeal.

Sincerely,

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON ETHICS,
Washington, DC, June 25, 2021.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker,
Washington, DC.

DEAR SPEAKER PELOSI: On May 24, 2021, the Committee on Ethics (Committee) received an appeal from Representative Brian Mast of a fine imposed pursuant to House Resolution 38 and House Rule II, clause 3(g). The appeal was received after the Committee adopted its written rules.

A majority of the Committee did not agree to the appeal.

Sincerely,

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Washington, DC, June 25, 2021.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker,
Washington, DC.

DEAR SPEAKER PELOSI: On May 24, 2021, the Committee on Ethics (Committee) received an appeal from Representative Beth Van Duyne of a fine imposed pursuant to House Resolution 38 and House Rule II, clause 3(g). The appeal was received after the Committee adopted its written rules.

A majority of the Committee did not agree to the appeal.

Sincerely,

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Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker,
Washington, DC.

DEAR SPEAKER PELOSI: On May 20, 2021, the Committee on Ethics (Committee) received notice of a fine imposed upon Representative Mariannette Miller-Meeks by the Sergeant at Arms pursuant to House Resolution 38 and House Rule II, clause 3(g). Representative Miller-Meeks did not file an appeal with the Committee prior to the expiration of the time period specified in clause 3(g)(3)(B) of House Rule II.

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