

the U.S. When you spend money in a local business, a majority of that dollar stays right in your town and stays local.

Unfortunately, they are being hit especially hard by the current economic crisis created by the Biden administration and their failed policies. They are facing severe supply chain disruptions and shortages, leaving their shelves empty—in the United States of America, unbelievable.

Energy costs are making it difficult for them to get their products and keep their lights on. Inflation and rising prices make it very hard for small mom-and-pop shops to even keep their doors open.

According to a National Federation of Independent Business survey, 99 percent of small business owners reported that rising energy and fuel costs are negatively impacting everybody across the board.

Over 80 percent are now reporting that they had to raise their prices for consumers for everybody just to stay afloat.

The bare shelves of Biden policies are hurting small business owners and consumers. There is no solution until we get back to a sound economic basis of doing business.

ABORTION SCIENCE

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

Mrs. MILLER of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, the left loves to tell us to follow the science. Well, here is some science: At 6 weeks, an unborn child has a beating heart, and by 15 weeks, unborn children can suck their thumbs, have fully formed noses and lips, eyes and eyebrows, and they can feel excruciating pain—now clearly seen from the modern ultrasound.

Forty-nine years ago, the Supreme Court failed to honor the most basic human right in its *Roe v. Wade* decision. I applaud the Justices that bravely stood up to the radical abortion industry and defended life. I also applaud President Trump; he gave the American people a court that delivered a pro-life win for the Nation.

Please join me in praying for the Justices, all the unborn children in America, for women who have been deceived by the abortion industry, and for the end of *Roe v. Wade*.

RECOGNIZING JAN LYONS

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

Mr. MANN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Jan Lyons, a great Kansan and this year's winner of the 2022 Jay B. Dillingham Award for Agricultural Leadership and Excellence.

Jan is certainly a deserving recipient of such an honor. As a young person, she got started raising her own Angus

cattle with a few of her dad's cows. In the 1970s, Jan and her husband, Frank, started the Lyons Ranch Angus cow herd south of Manhattan, Kansas, with some of the females originating from her father's herd.

Today, Lyons Ranch consists of Jan and Frank, their daughter Amy and her husband, Carl, along with their sons and their wives. Jan's daughter, Debbie, also manages a cattle operation with her husband. Jan is the matriarch of a true family operation, which is why I am delighted to honor her here today.

Jan was the first woman president of the Kansas Angus Association. She was also the president of the Kansas Livestock Association and the president of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association. With all of this on her plate, Jan has still found time to serve as a 4-H leader in Riley County where she teaches young people about the importance of agriculture.

Jan has received a great deal of praise for being a trailblazing woman in agriculture. In response to this praise, Jan once said, Women have always been in agriculture—they just haven't always been the spokespeople. I would like to think that I am just a good rancher and a good leader, not a good woman rancher.

Well, Jan, you are a great rancher and an outstanding leader. Congratulations on your well-deserved award and thank you for all of your hard work on behalf of Kansas agriculture.

NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

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

Mr. GARBARINO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today during National Police Week, in recognition of the men and women of law enforcement who put their lives on the line every single day in order to protect and serve.

I rise to express my profound gratitude to our law enforcement officers for their incredible bravery and sacrifice, especially those in the Suffolk County Police Department, Nassau County Police Department, NYPD, and Port Authority Police Department—and to recognize one hero in particular.

In April 2021, Suffolk County Police Officer Christopher Racioppo engaged a suspect who crashed his car after driving erratically down South Ocean Avenue in Patchogue. The driver exited his car, attacked and stabbed Officer Racioppo, nearly costing him his life.

Thankfully, Officer Racioppo made a full recovery and was promoted to detective shortly after. He is being honored this week by the National Association of Police Organizations, along with another Suffolk County Police Officer, Taylor Herbst, and two NYPD officers, Robert Holmes and Alejandra Jacobs.

Congratulations to those officers and may God bless them and watch over them and all of our brave men and women in blue.

HELP THE DOWNWINDERS

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

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, S. 4119 is a clean and simple extension of the existing Radiation Exposure Compensation Act. It represents an incredible and increasingly rare achievement here in Congress: a bipartisan solution to a nonpartisan problem.

Between 1945 and 1962, the United States conducted over 100 aboveground nuclear weapons tests, releasing harmful radiation material into the air and literally blanketing parts of the United States, including Utah, with poisonous dust.

RECA, championed by the late Senator Orrin Hatch, was a lifeline to thousands of downwinders whose lives were lost or forever changed because of this exposure. Unless Congress acts, the program will expire in 2 months. That would leave downwinders like Sara Penny of Cedar City, Utah, behind. Her story was cataloged in the "Downwinders of Utah Archive."

Sara Penny was born in 1953, the same year the "Dirty Harry" bomb was tested in Nevada. She said: "We knew we could die any day from about 5th grade. Our piano teacher's daughter . . . died of leukemia. A steady stream of deaths followed."

Her grandfather died of leukemia. Her aunt died of breast cancer. Her cousin had a bone marrow transplant from his brother but died anyway. Her high school classmate died early from a brain tumor. Her cousin got breast cancer.

Her story is tragic, but it is not unique. Too many downwinders are still suffering. Just last week, I heard from constituents who were starting the process of applying for RECA benefits—these are individuals who lived in the shadow of radiation released into our beautiful Western skies.

We have a chance to make right what the Federal Government got wrong when it conducted these nuclear tests in our backyard. We can't walk away from RECA.

For Sara and all downwinders, please join me in voting "yes" on S. 4119, the RECA Extension Act of 2022.

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PRIVATE SECTOR IS STEPPING UP

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

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, the private sector continues to provide critical aid to Ukraine and its surrounding areas. Sadly, many stories of these good deeds are seldom reported on by the media.

Eli Lilly, one of America's top pharmaceutical companies, has been shipping insulin to Ukraine to aid its citizens in their time of need. Further, Eli Lilly also committed to providing additional deliveries of medicines, including cancer treatments and COVID-19 treatments.

Mr. Speaker, these simple acts underscore how important of a role private-sector companies play in both the domestic and international communities.

I thank Eli Lilly and the many other companies across the country that are stepping up to the plate and making a difference. Your efforts have not gone unnoticed.

LEAKED DRAFT OPINION OVERTURNING ROE

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

Ms. UNDERWOOD. Mr. Speaker, last week's draft opinion overturning Roe v. Wade laid bare what is at stake this year for American families. First, most importantly, Roe is still law. This was a draft. Don't cancel your appointment.

Proud science States like Illinois are going to fight this every step of the way. But, ultimately, horrifyingly, that may not matter because American women are facing a retrogression of fundamental legal rights that is unprecedented in modern history because this is not the end. This is just the beginning.

The State-level assault on reproductive freedom has already begun. Next, Republicans plan to ban abortions federally. Then they say they want to go further: our right to contraception; to marry who you love despite their gender or the color of their skin.

Only two things can stop this: the Women's Health Protection Act and a Senate that defends reproductive freedom. We won't stop fighting until we have both.

ELECTING MEMBERS TO CERTAIN STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. RUIZ. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Democratic Caucus, I offer a privileged resolution and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 1103

Resolved, That the following named Members be, and are hereby, elected to the following standing committees of the House of Representatives:

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE: Ms. Kaptur.
COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES: Ms. Garcia of Texas.

Mr. RUIZ (during the reading). Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be considered as read and printed in the RECORD.

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

There was no objection.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

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 the yeas and nays are ordered.

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

RECA EXTENSION ACT OF 2022

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (S. 4119) to reauthorize the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

S. 4119

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

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "RECA Extension Act of 2022".

SEC. 2. REAUTHORIZATION OF THE RADIATION EXPOSURE COMPENSATION ACT.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 3(d) of the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act (Public Law 101-426; 42 U.S.C. 2210 note) is amended—

(1) by striking the first sentence and inserting "The Fund shall terminate on the date that is 2 years after the date of enactment of the RECA Extension Act of 2022."; and

(2) by striking "22-year period" and inserting "2-year period".

(b) LIMITATION ON CLAIMS.—Section 8(a) of the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act (Public Law 101-426; 42 U.S.C. 2210 note) is amended by striking "within 22 years after the date of the enactment of the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act Amendments of 2000" and inserting "not later than 2 years after the date of enactment of the RECA Extension Act of 2022".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. COHEN) and the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. JORDAN) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Tennessee.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on this bill.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, S. 4119, the RECA Extension Act of 2022, would extend the life of the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act, which is also known as RECA, a trust fund that needs to be extended by this bill for 2 years after the date of the bill's enactment. Action is urgently needed because the RECA trust fund is currently set to expire on July 10 of this year.

The bill would also extend the time to file a RECA claim to within 2 years after the date of enactment.

Originally passed by Congress in 1990, RECA established a program administered by the Department of Justice to pay one-time compensation to individuals harmed by atmospheric testing of

U.S. atomic weapons and to certain uranium mine workers who were harmed as they labored to produce the necessary raw materials for U.S. atomic weapon developments. During its over 30-year history, the RECA program has been improved and supported on a bipartisan basis.

It is my hope that Congress will eventually adopt bipartisan legislation that will further extend the life of the program and expand eligibility to those who have been left out. For now, however, it is important that we extend the RECA trust fund for another 2 years while discussions on these measures continue.

This legislation was introduced by Senator MIKE LEE, and it passed the Senate by unanimous consent. Hopefully, we can send it on to the President's desk here in the House.

I thank Representative GREG STANTON, a longtime champion of the RECA program, for his leadership. Through his efforts, the Judiciary Committee—my Subcommittee on The Constitution, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties—held a hearing and marked up legislation strengthening the RECA program, which helped pave the way for this bill.

I also thank Representative TERESA LEGER FERNANDEZ who has been an active champion on this issue for her efforts to preserve and expand the RECA program. I also thank our former Member, now a Senator, Senator LUJÁN, who brought this to my attention originally. He has been a champion on this issue, too, for the people of New Mexico and the people affected all throughout the Western United States.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to vote "yes" on S. 4119, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. JORDAN. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, in 1990, Congress passed the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act, or RECA, to provide restitution to individuals who got sick from exposure to radiation as a result of the atomic bomb testing between 1945 and 1963. The goal of Congress in 1990 was to provide compensation to people whose health ailments were caused by the U.S. Government's activities.

This intention can be seen in the one-time nature of the payments and in the specific geographic, time, and disease requirements for compensation. Congress last extended and expanded RECA in 2000 and directed that the fund sunset in July of 2022. As that date has drawn closer, there have been bipartisan and bicameral conversations about potentially extending and expanding RECA.

This bill is a clean, 2-year extension of that statute. It does not change the terms; it simply maintains the status quo to provide more time for these conversations to take place. As Congress continues to consider RECA, we must keep in mind the evidence before us.

In 2005, the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine completed a congressionally mandated