

are not telling us about, then we need to know who that was. We have got to get back to the source, the genesis, of this misinformation that you claim you received.

Governor, I will give you this admonition. If you do not go back to the genesis, at some point, Governor, the eye of suspicion will be on you. At some point, Governor, this will no longer be a question of who told you. At some point, this will become a question of why did you do this? Why did you do this to these families?

Why would you further a prevarication that would cause them to embrace the people who behaved in a pusillanimous fashion; timid, cowardly. Why would you want them to embrace them as heroes?

I support law enforcement. My uncle was a deputy sheriff. I am in Congress because of my uncle. One day he told me I was going to be a lawyer, and I believed him. I went on the rest of my life trying to become a lawyer because my uncle said it was such that I would do.

Well, I support law enforcement, but I don't support what happened that I saw on that video. You can be opposed and antithetical to what happened on the video and not be antithetical to law enforcement. That is just a fact.

You don't have to be antithetical to every law enforcement officer because you see something that you find distasteful on the video, that is disdainful. No.

I support law enforcement, but I will never support what I saw on that video, and those babies deserve justice, Governor. So it is up to you, Governor. It is up to you now to do that which righteousness requires. Righteousness.

I am also saddened because the officers who appeared, they were in body armor. Some of them; not all, but some of them. They had shields; not all, but some of them. They had long guns; not all, but some of them.

It has been reported that more than 300 officers appeared—300. Long guns, short guns, body armor, shields, helmets.

In Texas, there are those who want a teacher with a pistol to do what more than 300 persons armed with long guns, protected by body armor, some with shields, what they could not do or did not do within an hour.

More than 70 minutes lapsed before the gunman was taken out, but we expect a teacher in the State of Texas to be prepared to take out a gunman with an AR-15-type weapon.

This is a level of inanity that borders on insanity, something that is totally unacceptable among people of good will. Teachers ought to be allowed to teach. Let teachers teach.

We train the constabulary to deal with these kinds of issues, the police, the Department of Public Safety officers, the Texas Rangers. They get paid to deal with these issues. Let teachers teach.

Let's secure schools. Let's make sure every school has locks that lock—locks

that lock—doors that shut, and that there is a culture in the school that prohibits the use of emergency exits for routine visits to your automobile or some other place outside of the school. That would be important for the protection of life.

But there is something else that could have been done, because, Governor, those babies shouldn't have lost their lives. There is something that you and I and other persons who hold public trust, who can pass laws, could have done to save the lives of those babies.

Governor, 18-year-olds should not be able to purchase weapons of war. Weapons of war belong in Ukraine, not Uvalde.

Babies shouldn't die in school because someone has a weapon of war. He should not have been able to purchase that long gun, that weapon of war. If he had not been able to purchase it, they wouldn't have died at the hands of a person with a weapon of war. So I say to you: They shouldn't have died as a result of that long gun, that weapon of war.

But there is a way for you to vindicate yourself. Here is how you can vindicate yourself, Governor. You have the authority, the awesome power. By virtue of the office you hold, you have the power to call a special session of the State legislature in the State of Texas.

When you call that special session, Governor, you have the power, the awesome power, to have on the agenda legislation that will prohibit the sale of an AR-15-style weapon, a long gun, to an 18-year-old in the State of Texas. It shouldn't happen. It shouldn't have happened.

We can prevent it from happening again, but it takes will more than way. The way is there. We have the power. Do we have the will is the question.

I haven't seen the will. There ought to be the will because we have seen this circumstance before. This is not the first time. We have seen it in the Tops grocery store; 10 people murdered. Walmart store, people murdered. We have the power.

At some point, the American public, which believes that there should not be long guns of this type in the hands of persons who are under 21, at some point, the American public is going to turn on somebody, and I don't mean in a violent way—I mean at the polls on election day. The American public is going to announce its position at some point. At some point, some persons are going to find themselves making an early exit, if you will.

So I am going to ask that we cease and desist with this fabrication or belief that there is nothing we can do, that the Constitution doesn't allow it. Yes, it does.

The Constitution doesn't say you can't have some regulations. The Constitution doesn't say you can have a bazooka. You can't have a switchblade drone; you can't have a predator. And

if you are under 21, you ought not be able to have a weapon of war.

Mr. Speaker, I'm going to close with this commentary. It is not enough for things to be right. They must also look right.

While it may be right for the Governor to have had a press conference with all of these outstanding personalities with great credibility, it may have been right. It may have been right for the Governor to receive what he perceives at the time to be credible information and find out later that it is not credible and to just ignore this. I don't say that it is, but maybe it is right.

But it is not enough for things to be right, they must also look right; and it doesn't look right for the Governor to know who gave him this insidious prevarication and to secret the name of the person.

It is not enough for things to be right, they must also look right; this does not look right.

Because I believe it isn't right, I am calling on the Governor to act expeditiously, reveal the name of the person, and to do so with the understanding that if this person is under your command, under your office, then there has to be some sanctions imposed.

Mr. Speaker, the babies and the people of the State of Texas deserve no less.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Ms. Byrd, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed without amendment a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 8351. An act to amend the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States to suspend temporarily rates of duty on imports of certain infant formula products, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the Senate has passed a bill of the following title in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 3895. An act to extend and authorize annual appropriations for the United States Commission on International Religious Freedom through fiscal year 2024.

The message also announced that pursuant to Public Law 117-81, the Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, appoints the following individual to serve as a member of the Commission on the National Defense Strategy:

Mariah Sixkiller of Washington.

The message also announced that pursuant to Public Law 117-81, the Chair, on behalf of the Republican Leader, appoints the following individual to serve as a member of the National Security Commission on Emerging Biotechnology:

Ms. Dawn Meyerriecks of Virginia.

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 1 of House Resolution

1230, the House stands adjourned until 9 a.m. tomorrow.

Thereupon (at 1 o'clock and 57 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Friday, July 22, 2022, at 9 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-4795. A letter from the Under Secretary for Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense, transmitting authorization of Colonel Kevin G. Collins, United States Marine Corps, to wear the insignia of the grade of brigadier general, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 777(b)(3)(B); Public Law 104-106, Sec. 503(a)(1) (as added by Public Law 108-136, Sec. 509(a)(3)); (117 Stat. 1458); to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4796. A letter from the Under Secretary for Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense, transmitting a letter authorizing 8 officers to wear the insignia of the grade of brigadier general, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 777(b)(3)(B); Public Law 104-106, Sec. 503(a)(1) (as added by Public Law 108-136, Sec. 509(a)(3)); (117 Stat. 1458); to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4797. A letter from the Under Secretary for Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense, transmitting a letter authorizing 17 officers to wear the insignia of the grade of brigadier general, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 777(b)(3)(B); Public Law 104-106, Sec. 503(a)(1) (as added by Public Law 108-136, Sec. 509(a)(3)); (117 Stat. 1458); to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4798. A letter from the Under Secretary for Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense, transmitting authorization of Major General Douglas A. Sims II, United States Army, to wear the insignia of the grade of lieutenant general for a period not to exceed 14 days before assuming the duties of the position for which the higher grade is authorized, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 777a(b)(4); Public Law 111-383, Sec. 505(a)(1); (124 Stat. 4208); to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4799. A letter from the Under Secretary for Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense, transmitting a letter authorizing Rear Admiral Sara A. Joyner, United States Navy, to wear the insignia of the grade of vice admiral for a period not to exceed 14 days before assuming the duties of the position for which the higher grade is authorized; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4800. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting a letter on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Steven R. Rudder, United States Marine Corps, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-4801. A letter from the Deputy General Counsel for Operations, Department of Housing and Urban Development, transmitting an action on nomination, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 3349(a); Public Law 105-277, Sec. 151(b); (112 Stat. 2681-614); to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

EC-4802. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's additional legislative proposals; jointly to the Committees on Armed Services and Intelligence (Permanent Select).

EC-4803. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's additional legislative proposals; jointly to the Committees on Armed Services and Intelligence (Permanent Select).

EC-4804. A letter from the Under Secretary for Acquisition and Sustainment, Department of Defense, transmitting the Defense Environmental Programs Annual Report to Congress for FY 2020; jointly to the Committees on Armed Services and Energy and Commerce.

EC-4805. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's additional legislative proposals; jointly to the Committees on Armed Services, Oversight and Reform, and Foreign Affairs.

EC-4806. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's additional legislative proposals; jointly to the Committees on Armed Services, Oversight and Reform, and Natural Resources.

EC-4807. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's additional legislative proposals; jointly to the Committees on Armed Services, the Judiciary, Foreign Affairs, and Natural Resources.

EC-4808. A letter from the Acting Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of Defense, transmitting the Department's additional legislative proposals; jointly to the Committees on Armed Services, Veterans' Affairs, Financial Services, Foreign Affairs, Oversight and Reform, and Energy and Commerce.

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:

Mr. PALLONE: Committee on Energy and Commerce. H.R. 3771. A bill to amend the Public Health Service Act to provide for research and improvement of cardiovascular health among the South Asian population of the United States, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 117-427). 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. BLUMENAUER (for himself, Mr. HARRIS, Mr. GRIFFITH, Mr. JOYCE of Ohio, Ms. NORTON, Ms. MACE, and Mr. PERLMUTTER):

H.R. 8454. A bill to expand research on cannabidiol and marijuana, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, 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. CARBAJAL (for himself and Mr. FITZPATRICK):

H.R. 8455. A bill to amend the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 to require the Secretary of Commerce to establish a coastal climate change adaptation preparedness and response program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. CARBAJAL (for himself and Mr. FITZPATRICK):

H.R. 8456. A bill to provide for ocean acidification collaborative research grant oppor-

tunities; to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

By Mr. CICILLINE:

H.R. 8457. A bill to carry out an income-contingent repayment program for Federal Direct Interest-Free Education Loans for undergraduate students, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Education and Labor, 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. OWENS (for himself, Mr. CURTIS, Mr. STEWART, and Mr. MOORE of Utah):

H.R. 8458. A bill to ensure eligibility for public safety officer death benefits for officers exposed to radiation at clandestine laboratories, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BARR (for himself and Ms. DEAN):

H.R. 8459. A bill to impose sanctions with respect to foreign persons that engage in certain transactions with Ukrainian property; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, 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. BEYER:

H.R. 8460. A bill to remove obstacles to the ability of law enforcement officers to enforce gun safety laws, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. BUDD (for himself, Ms. TENNEY, Mr. NORMAN, Mr. JACKSON, Mrs. GREENE of Georgia, Mrs. MILLER of Illinois, Mr. FITZGERALD, and Mr. MOONEY):

H.R. 8461. A bill to prohibit agencies of the government from soliciting or entering into agreements with nongovernmental organizations to conduct voter registration or voter mobilization activities on the property or website of the agency or from using Federal funds to carry out activities directed under Executive Order 14019, and for other purposes; to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committees on the Judiciary, Oversight and Reform, and Science, Space, and Technology, 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. CASTEN:

H.R. 8462. A bill to require the Securities and Exchange Commission, when developing rules and regulations about disclosures to retail investors, to conduct investor testing, including a survey and interviews of retail investors, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. CASTRO of Texas (for himself, Mrs. KIM of California, Mr. MEEKS, Mr. MALLIOTAKIS, and Ms. HOULAHAN):

H.R. 8463. A bill to modify the requirements under the Millennium Challenge Act of 2003 for candidate countries, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

By Mr. CAWTHORN:

H.R. 8464. A bill to require certain agencies in the executive branch of the Federal government to conduct a study on duplicative functions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Reform.

By Mr. COHEN (for himself and Mr. WILSON of South Carolina):

H.R. 8465. A bill to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to provide for the designation of certain countries, including Ukraine, the Republic of Georgia, and the