

integral role in foreign policy and the advancement of the American people. “We thought there might be a glimmer of hope, but we were obviously wrong,” Congresswoman Jackson Lee explained.

While on trial Alexander Boikov, a member of Griner’s legal team, requested Griner’s acquittal stating that the prosecution failed to prove criminal intent. Charges brought against Griner are drug smuggling and cannabis possession, which the prosecution has categorized as a significant amount. Griner was in possession of less than one ounce of cannabis oil, which demonstrates how corrupt Russia’s court system is. By padding smuggling charges, Russian courts were able to lengthen Griner’s sentence when evidence only substantiated drug possession charges.

While playing for the Phoenix Mercury in Arizona, Griner legally obtained and frequently used cannabis to treat chronic pain from an injury. Griner took her career in the Russian basketball league seriously and decided to travel to Russia, even amidst the political unrest, so she would not let her teammates or Russian fanbase down.

The Biden administration has offered the trade of Russian illegal arms dealer Viktor Bout for the trade of both Griner and Whelan. Congresswoman Jackson Lee urges Russia to act on this deal and reassures the American people “We are not violating our integrity as Viktor Bout has served majority of his sentence.” Bout, nicknamed “the merchant of death,” was convicted on November 2, 2011, and sentenced, to twenty-five years in prison on charges of conspiracy to kill U.S. citizens and officials, and conspiring to provide aid to a terrorist organization. Inversely, Griner is currently imprisoned on charges for 0.702 ounces of cannabis oil and serving a nine-year sentence. “The American people must come together, and ensure our citizens are brought home,” explained Rep. Jackson Lee.

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And so, Mr. Speaker, let me express my appreciation to my colleagues. I hope they see the pain that her family is feeling. None of us can stand in their shoes.

Because none of us can stand in their shoes, we have to plead to Vladimir Putin. Let our important and crucial leaders listen to this plea. Listen to our anguish. Listen and see this picture versus the ones that I have shown, this picture. Just look at them. From Olympian to a cage. The Olympian to a cage.

I am going to do everything I can.

I have asked the Embassy, and I want to know what kind of shame they are experiencing, not giving Americans visas for us to go to our embassy in Moscow?

What are they thinking that they can live in a world like this, locking people up so they can play gotcha and be inhumane and stick it in the eye of the American people?

Well, I will tell you, as I stand here today, let me take this fist, this fist, to make the promise that all of our hostages should be free. I hope the State Department’s team of hostage negotiators gets the additional funding to grow the team.

But to the families of hostages who are in pain, some who don’t know whether their loved one is alive, and they live with the pain every day that

they have not been able to honor them if they are not.

Mr. Speaker, I hope that I have said something to ignite the conscience of the American people and to ignite the conscience, if you will, of all of my colleagues.

Free Brittney Griner now.

Free Paul Whelan.

Free Brittney Griner now.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the rule by which the House has passed H. Res. 1132, “Calling for the immediate release of Brittney Griner”.

A very important component of the rule currently before the House is that it: “Provides that House Resolution 1132 is hereby adopted.”

I fought hard for passage of H. Res. 1132, introduced by Congressman STANTON, myself, and Congressman ALLRED, because, by raising our voices for Brittney Griner, we raise our voices for bedrock American values and priorities that are intrinsic to our national character.

H. Res. 1132 calls for the release of Brittney Griner and, in so doing, puts Congress on record emphatically defending true American values such as our devotion to human rights, respect and dignity for each person, the right to due process, and justice based on truth.

Each of these have been offended by Russia unjustifiably holding Griner, and by the Russian distortion of a judicial system that extends her detention, preventing her release to return home, without a factual or legal basis for doing so.

Brittney Griner, who grew up in Houston, Texas, is an extension of all of us. She represents quintessential American stories and qualities. The injustices inflicted upon her by Putin and his acolytes in Russia could have been imposed on any Americans within their reach.

The denial of basic rights from Brittney offends all Americans because they are rights to which we believe all people are entitled. We do not accept the dehumanization that is commonplace in Russia, and our values compel us to seek justice for Brittney, her immediate release, and her return home to her family and friends.

As a mother who has raised a family, I can only imagine the gut-wrenching pain that her parents, family, and friends must be feeling right now. There is no worse feeling than when someone in your family is in imminent danger and they are beyond your reach to help them.

As a Black woman, I can say there’s no greater fear than having a loved one being wrongfully placed in a situation or environment over which there is no control.

For any of us, if we had a loved one placed in this situation, we would be doing everything in our power to ensure their prompt and safe return.

We would be calling and seeking the help of everyone possible—including the media, the US State Department, and even allies in Russia.

We would press every politician and public figure to fight against the corrupt government of Russia to ensure that our family member is guaranteed their natural born rights to due process, a fair trial, and a prompt release from detention.

No American citizen should be detained in a foreign country for months, denied access to

American consular officials, and, dependent upon the performance of a Russian lawyer, especially in absence of substantial evidence of a crime.

Ms. Griner is suffering from Russia’s heinous demonstration of power and control that stems from centuries of bigotry and hatred embodied in an autocratic leader who is the very antithesis of everything Ms. Griner represents.

Ms. Griner’s detention is primarily based on the country of her citizenship, in a game of political leverage. Since she was targeted because of being an American, every American should take this personally. Her detention is an offense against our country, and against our people.

Griner was detained on February 17, 2022, her initial release date was set to be May 19th, it was then shifted to June 19th, and when that date approached, it was delayed to July 2nd.

That is not justice—it’s oppression. We call on Putin and the Russian government to comply with their international treaty obligations.

By passing the rule and adopting H. Res. 1132, the House insists, alongside the Griner family, that Brittney Griner must be immediately and safely released and returned home to the US.

We are unified in demanding respectful treatment and justice for her, in accordance with American values.

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

ENROLLED BILLS SIGNED

Cheryl L. Johnson, Clerk of the House, reported and found truly an enrolled bill of the House of the following title, which was thereupon signed by the Speaker:

H.R. 6833. An act making continuing appropriations for fiscal year 2023, and for other purposes.

Cheryl L. Johnson, Clerk of the House, further reported and found truly enrolled bills of the House of the following titles, which were thereupon signed by the Speaker pro tempore, Mr. Beyer:

H.R. 4877. An act to amend the Small Business Act to require the Small Business and Agriculture Regulatory Enforcement Ombudsman to create a centralized website for compliance guides, and for other purposes.

H.R. 7698. An act to designate the outpatient clinic of the Department of Veterans Affairs in Ventura, California, as the “Captain Rosemary Bryant Mariner Outpatient Clinic”.

Examined and found truly enrolled September 29, 2022.

SENATE ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

The Speaker pro tempore, Mr. BEYER, announced his signature to an enrolled bill of the Senate of the following title:

S. 4791.—An act to amend section 301 of title 44, United States Code, to establish a term for the appointment of the Director of the Government Publishing Office.

ADJOURNMENT

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

1230, the House stands adjourned until noon on Tuesday, October 4, 2022.

Thereupon (at 3 o'clock and 20 minutes p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Tuesday, October 4, 2022, at noon.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

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

EC-5369. A letter from the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting a report to Congress titled "Technical Cybersecurity Support Plan for Public Water Systems", pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 300g et seq. as amended by Sec. 50113 of Public Law 117-58; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-5370. A letter from the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting a report titled "Diesel Emissions Reduction Act (DERA) Fifth Report to Congress", pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 16134(a); Public Law 109-58, Sec. 794(a); (119 Stat. 843); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-5371. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to persons who commit, threaten to commit, or support terrorism that was declared in Executive Order 13224 of September 23, 2001, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1641(c); Public Law 94-412, Sec. 401(c); (90 Stat. 1257) and 50 U.S.C. 1703(c); Public Law 95-223, Sec. 204(c); (91 Stat. 1627); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-5372. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to significant narcotics traffickers centered in Colombia declared in Executive Order 12978 of October 21, 1995, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1641(c); Public Law 94-412, Sec. 401(c); (90 Stat. 1257) and 50 U.S.C. 1703(c); Public Law 95-223, Sec. 204(c); (91 Stat. 1627); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-5373. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Libya that was declared in Executive Order 13566 of February 25, 2011, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1641(c); Public Law 94-412, Sec. 401(c); (90 Stat. 1257) and 50 U.S.C. 1703(c); Public Law 95-223, Sec. 204(c); (91 Stat. 1627); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-5374. A letter from the Assistant Legal Adviser, Office of Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting reports concerning international agreements other than treaties entered into by the United States to be transmitted to the Congress within the sixty-day period specified in the Case-Zablocki Act, pursuant to 1 U.S.C. 112b(a); Public Law 92-403, Sec. 1(a) (as amended by Public Law 108-458, Sec. 7121(b)); (118 Stat. 3807); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-5375. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a letter stating that effective March 27, 2022, employees of the Federal Bureau of Investigation temporarily or permanently assigned to Bahrain, Burkina Faso, Chad, Djibouti, Egypt, Nigeria (other locations), Sudan and Tunisia, will no longer receive danger pay. FBI employees temporarily or permanently assigned to Bangladesh, Belize, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Niger, Nigeria (Abuja, Lagos), and Saudi Arabia, will continue to receive danger pay; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-5376. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a determination under Sec. 506(a)(1) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 (FAA) to provide military assistance to Ukraine; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-5377. A letter from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a Memorandum of Justification for the transfer of funds under Sec. 610 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 for assistance in support of international energy and climate objectives and for the Pacific Islands; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-5378. A letter from the Secretary, Department of the Treasury, transmitting a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to Ethiopia that was declared in Executive Order 14046 of September 17, 2021, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1641(c); Public Law 94-412, Sec. 401(c); (90 Stat. 1257) and 50 U.S.C. 1703(c); Public Law 95-223, Sec. 204(c); (91 Stat. 1627); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

EC-5379. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; BAE Systems (Operations) Limited Airplanes [Docket No.: FAA-2022-0461; Project Identifier MCAI-2021-01156-T; Amendment 39-22113; AD 2022-14-08] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received September 9, 2022, 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-5380. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Airworthiness Directives; GE Aviation Czech s.r.o. (Type Certificate Previously Held by WALTER Engines a.s., Walter a.s., and MOTORLET a.s.) Turbo-prop Engines [Docket No.: FAA-2022-0385; Project Identifier MCAI-2021-00786-E; Amendment 39-22117; AD 2022-14-12] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received September 9, 2022, 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-5381. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Establishment of United States Area Navigation (RNAV) Route T-375; Bettles, AK [Docket No.: FAA-2021-0853; Airspace Docket No.: 19-AAL-44] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received September 9, 2022, 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-5382. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Establishment of United States Area Navigation (RNAV) Route T-308; Anvik, AK [Docket No.: FAA-2021-0817; Airspace Docket No.: 20-AAL-45] (RIN: 2120-AA64) received September 9, 2022, 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-5383. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Amendment of VOR Federal Airway V-44 and Revocation of VOR Federal Airway V-446 in the Vicinity of Samsville, IL [Docket No.: FAA-2021-0971; Airspace Docket No.: 21-AGL-8] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received September 9, 2022, 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-5384. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of

Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Establishment of United States Area Navigation (RNAV) Route T-390; St. Paul Island, AK [Docket No.: FAA-2021-0859; Airspace Docket No.: 19-AAL-57] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received September 9, 2022, 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-5385. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Establishment of United States Area Navigation (RNAV) Route T-417; Tok Junction, AK [Docket No.: FAA-2021-0865; Airspace Docket No.: 21-AAL-24] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received September 9, 2022, 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-5386. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Revocation of Colored Federal Airway Blue 5 (B-5); Point Hope, AK [Docket No.: FAA-2022-0108; Airspace Docket No.: 22-AAL-5] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received September 9, 2022, 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-5387. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Establishment of United States Area Navigation (RNAV) Route T-275; Bethel, AK [Docket No.: FAA-2021-0813; Airspace Docket No.: 19-AAL-74] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received September 9, 2022, 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-5388. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Establishment of United States Area Navigation (RNAV) Route T-372; Gulkana, AK [Docket No.: FAA-2021-0848; Airspace Docket No.: 19-AAL-41] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received September 9, 2022, 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-5389. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Establishment of United States Area Navigation (RNAV) Route T-381; Big Lake, AK [Docket No.: FAA-2021-0856; Airspace Docket No.: 19-AAL-50] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received September 9, 2022, 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.

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. House Resolution 1284. Resolution of inquiry directing the Secretary of Health and Human Services to provide certain documentation to the House of Representatives relating to the negotiation of prices for prescription drugs under the Medicare prescription drug program, adversely (Rept. 117-534). Referred to the House Calendar.

Mr. PALLONE: Committee on Energy and Commerce. House Resolution 1326. Resolution of inquiry requesting the President, and directing the Secretary of Energy, to transmit to the House of Representatives certain