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So the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mrs. BOEBERT. Mr. Speaker, I had to fly back home to be there for the birth of my first grandchild. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall No. 190, "nay" on rollcall No. 191, and "yea" on rollcall No. 192.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Ms. ROSS. Mr. Speaker, I missed votes today due to a family medical situation. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay" on rollcall No. 190, "yea" on rollcall No. 191, and "nay" on rollcall No. 192.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. GOLDMAN of New York. Mr. Speaker, unfortunately, I was not able to be present to vote today. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay" on rollcall No. 190, "yea" on rollcall No. 191, and "nay" on rollcall No. 192.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Ms. BUSH. Mr. Speaker, due to health reasons, I was not present during today's vote series. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay" on rollcall No. 190, "yea" on rollcall No. 191, and "nay" on rollcall No. 192.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to attend votes due to a medical procedure. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay" on rollcall No. 190, "yea" on rollcall No. 191, and "nay" on rollcall No. 192.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. NEAL. Mr. Speaker, had I been present, I would have voted "nay" on rollcall No. 190, "yea" on rollcall No. 191, and "nay" on rollcall No. 192.

ADJOURNMENT FROM THURSDAY,
APRIL 20, 2023, TO MONDAY,
APRIL 24, 2023

Mrs. KIM of California. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 11 a.m. on Monday next.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. DUARTE). Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from California?

There was no objection.

RECOGNIZING THE LIFE AND
LEGACY OF NATHAN LEIKIP

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

Ms. HAGEMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and legacy of Nathan Leikip, a Wyomingite who bravely defended this country and touched the hearts of all of those around him.

Upon graduation from Sheridan High School, Nathan enlisted in the U.S. Navy, serving honorably for 4 years. Following the tragic attacks on 9/11, compelled by his devotion to service and love of his Nation, Nathan returned to Active Duty in the Army,

completing multiple deployments in Iraq.

During his combat deployments, Nathan was twice wounded from attacks on his convoy and received two Purple Hearts and the Army Commendation Medal with Combat V.

Following his military service, Nathan continued to serve others as a sheriff's deputy in Bayfield, Colorado, for many years.

Tragically, Nathan took his own life after a long, hard-fought battle with PTSD and other sustained injuries from his service. Nathan was a child of God and a patriot who will not be forgotten.

His leadership, compassion, and desire to help others will be forever remembered by his community and should serve as a model for all Americans each and every day.

To Nathan's family, I offer my sincere prayers in this difficult time of mourning, and I ask all of my colleagues to join me in remembering the life of Nathan Leikip, honoring his service to our Nation, and standing with his family in these difficult times.

DENOUNCE MAGA REPUBLICANS'
TRANSGENDER BILL

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

Mr. PAYNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to discuss the Protection of Women and Girls in Sports Act, or H.R. 734. This bill is yet another attack by the Republicans on a vulnerable population in America. It is nothing more than an attempt to score cheap political points and bully transgender youth. I question why the Republicans are so eager to pass this bill now.

Do you remember what the Republicans said before the last election? They told Americans that they would work with President Biden to lower inflation, that they would work with the President to lower gas prices, they would protect the economy, support a rise in the debt ceiling, and offer an alternative budget.

Now that they have the House majority, they have done none of those things. The Republican priorities are not aligned with the needs of the American people, and the American voters are paying attention to it.

HONORING THE LIFE OF DR. HOWARD
WASDIN AND RECOGNIZING
THE FIRST RESPONDERS OF
WAYNE COUNTY GEORGIA

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

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Wayne County, Georgia, first responders for their efforts in handling a recent plane crash in Wayne County. I also rise to honor the life of Dr. Howard Wasdin.

On Thursday, April 6, Wayne County emergency responders answered a dispatch to a report of a missing aircraft. About 30 minutes later, the plane was located approximately a quarter mile from the William A. Zorn Airport.

The pilot has been identified as Dr. Howard Wasdin, who was a highly decorated Navy Seal. He served in Desert Storm and was part of the operation to capture Mohamed Farrah Aidid, a Somali warlord.

After 12 years of service, he earned his doctor of chiropractor from Life University and lived in Georgia, where he operated a chiropractic clinic.

This situation has been particularly difficult due to the impact it has had on Dr. Wasdin's family and the community at large. I thank all of the first responders for their tireless efforts in responding to this tragic accident.

Dr. Wasdin will be missed greatly by all who knew him. My thoughts and prayers are with him and his family.

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IN DEFENSE OF SCIENCE,
FREEDOM, AND CHOICE

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

Ms. SALINAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in defense of science, freedom, and choice.

Two weeks ago, a Trump-appointed judge issued a ruling to suspend the FDA's approval of mifepristone, a safe abortion and miscarriage management medication that has been on the market for more than two decades.

This unscientific, partisan judicial decision is the latest move in the ongoing attack on reproductive freedom across the United States.

Abortion, including medication abortion, like mifepristone, is still safe and legal in Oregon. But, like so many Oregonians, I am deeply troubled by these attacks, and I refuse to sit idly by as they jeopardize the health and well-being of millions of Americans.

I will continue to stand up for those who can get pregnant to ensure mifepristone remains available to all who need it, and to restore the right to choose in all 50 States.

Congress can and must intervene.

TODAY'S ECONOMY

(Mrs. KIM of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. KIM of California. Mr. Speaker, American families are hurting from high inflation resulting in higher prices of everyday goods from groceries to gasoline. Nearly two out of every three Americans is living paycheck to paycheck.

Unfortunately, in California, everything is more expensive. That is why I am working to bring some common sense to Congress and make life affordable by combating reckless spending and lowering taxes.

Earlier this year, I joined my friend from California, Representative MIKE GARCIA, to introduce the Inflation Prevention Act to ensure that Congress doesn't pass bills that add to inflationary spending until the year-after-year rate drops below 4.5 percent.

Last week, I introduced the SALT Deductibility Act to repeal the current cap on State and local tax deductions that is unfairly making my constituents pay more taxes.

I will keep fighting to make sure that life is easier for folks in California's 40th District and across the Nation.

CHAMPION OF THE WEEK, TAYLOR MIKESELL

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

Mrs. SYKES. Mr. Speaker, as the Congresswoman for Ohio's 13th Congressional District, the birthplace of champions, I rise today to congratulate Ohio's 13th District Champion of the Week, Ms. Taylor Mikesell.

Taylor was selected by the Indiana Fever in this year's WNBA draft, and she is the third Stark County player to be drafted by a WNBA team.

Taylor is an extremely talented shooting guard who honed her skills at Jackson High School before playing at the University of Maryland and the University of Oregon, and finally concluding her college career at The Ohio State University.

She was a two-time All-Big 10 selection with the Buckeyes and ranked among the top five in the Nation in 3-pointers made per game in both seasons.

Taylor helped lead Ohio State to the Elite Eight for the first time since 1993, hitting seven 3-pointers to match a career high, and scored 25 points in her final game.

As we have seen women's basketball continue to grow in popularity, I am proud of Taylor's contribution to women's sports. Taylor's success serves as an inspiration to young athletes who dream of pursuing a career in professional sports, and she has paved the way for future generations of young athletes to follow their dreams.

Once again, congratulations to Taylor Mikesell, the Ohio 13 Champion of the Week. I am confident that she will continue to make our community proud as she takes her talents to the national stage.

HONORING THE LIFE OF DR. JAMES LEROY "JIM" SUTHOFF

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

Mr. BURLISON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Dr. James Suthoff, or, as we who knew him well called him Jim. He was a husband, a fa-

ther, a grandfather, and a community leader who passed away, sadly, on March 25, 2023.

Jim was born and raised in Jefferson City and later worked as an anesthesiologist in Springfield.

He loved hunting and fishing, but most importantly, he loved his family and his friends. He was married to his wife, Diane, for nearly 40 years, and is survived by Diane, their two children, two grandchildren, and six siblings.

Jim was a dear friend, and he will be deeply missed by everyone.

I ask the body to consider them in your prayers.

CUTS TO VETERANS SERVICES AND THE VA

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

Mr. DELUZIO. Mr. Speaker, every single American who ever raised their right hand, as I did, to serve in uniform signed a blank check to this country, to lay it all on the line, if asked; to put this country before their lives and their families.

America has a sacred obligation to all of us. And let me be clear: The Republican plan to slash billions of dollars from veterans and the VA is an absolute betrayal. It is a disgrace.

They are threatening to blow up our economy, to push us into default unless we agree to cuts to the VA and resources for veterans, and so much else.

There is not a single protection, not one for veterans in their bill. It will mean massive cuts for veterans. Millions of veterans are going to be screwed over by this plan. They won't get the care they have earned. They are going to have to wait longer for their claims, and so much else will happen.

My fellow veterans should know we are going to fight hard to protect our healthcare, our VA, and the benefits they have earned.

Mr. Speaker, it is a BS plan.

RECOGNIZING INLAND PORT DILLON'S FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

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

Mr. FRY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the Inland Port Dillon's 5-year anniversary.

South Carolina ports are a huge driver to a robust economy in our State, and I am proud that the Seventh District in the Pee Dee plays such an integral role in our State's port system through the Inland Port Dillon.

When I visited there last month, Mr. Speaker, I witnessed firsthand how the port connects South Carolina businesses to a global marketplace.

I thank the dedicated team at the Inland Port Dillon for their work to import and export thousands of container ships every year.

This port is as beneficial to the Pee Dee as it is to the rest of the State. It is a huge driver for job growth and economic development in this underserved area of South Carolina.

I look forward to seeing the port's future success and positive impact in our region.

ISSUES OF THE DAY

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

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I first want to take a moment to honor an esteemed pastor in my district, Pastor Ricky Bell, who has passed away after a valiant, strong, and vigorous fight against devastating cancer.

I offer my sympathy to the members of the Forest Lawn Baptist Church, and to say to them, he was more than a giant in northeast Houston and in Houston, to his first lady, First Lady Bell, and to his family.

I thank Pastor Bell for being a champion of veterans, for providing veterans housing, for being a force for education, and for being a spiritual leader.

As we mourn Pastor Bell, and as we attend his going-home services, we honor the life that he led.

I ask Members of this House to honor him and mourn him in their own silent way.

Mr. Speaker, let me also acknowledge, at this time, that I ask my colleagues to join me in a resolution condemning the inaction by the Islamic Republic of Iran in addressing the poisoning of Iranian school girls—yes, poisoning the daughters of the Iranian Revolution and the formation of the Iranian Congressional Caucus.

Over 500 people have been killed in the mass revolution of women and girls. Let me say this: Stop the poisoning of Iranian school children.

TITLE IX MUST BE DEFENDED

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

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, I am glad to rise today in support of Congressman STEUBE's H.R. 734. It is amazing how contorted this argument has become.

This is simply about protecting women and girls in sports. We have seen what has happened when we don't. We have seen in women's cage fighting, where you have a biological male cracking the heads of the women in there. It is so uncompetitive.

Girls in college sports or women's sports when they step up to the starting line in track meets feel already defeated because there are two biological males running against them.

Are we going to protect women and girls in sports and the rest of life or not?

This legislation simply goes in the direction of allowing sports to be competitive once again for women and