

Stansbury	Titus	Veasey
Stanton	Tlaib	Velázquez
Stevens	Tokuda	Wasserman
Strickland	Tonko	Schultz
Suozi	Torres (CA)	Waters
Swalwell	Torres (NY)	Watson Coleman
Sykes	Trahan	Wexton
Takano	Trone	Wild
Thanedar	Underwood	Wilson (FL)
Thompson (CA)	Vargas	
Thompson (MS)	Vasquez	

NOT VOTING—15

Buck	Granger	Mooney
Carbajal	Grijalva	Murphy
Goldman (NY)	Jackson Lee	Porter
Good (VA)	Johnson (GA)	Valadao
Gosar	Kim (NJ)	Williams (GA)

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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

Ms. GRANGER. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to attend votes due to circumstances beyond my control. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay" on rollcall No. 73, "nay" on rollcall No. 74, "nay" on rollcall No. 75, "nay" on rollcall No. 76, "nay" on rollcall No. 77, and "aye" on rollcall No. 78.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. VALADAO. Mr. Speaker, due to a family emergency, I was not present for today's votes on amendments to H.R. 2799, the Motion to Recommit, and final passage of H.R. 2799. Had I been present, I would have voted "nay" on rollcall No. 73, "nay" on rollcall No. 74, "nay" on rollcall No. 75, "nay" on rollcall No. 76, "nay" on rollcall No. 77, and "aye" on rollcall No. 78.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Ms. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to be present to cast my votes today. Had I been present, I would have voted "aye" on rollcall Nos. 73, 74, 75, and 76; "yea" on rollcall No. 77; and "nay" on rollcall No. 78.

ADJOURNMENT FROM FRIDAY, MARCH 8, 2024, TO MONDAY, MARCH 11, 2024

Mr. CISCOMANI. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at noon on Monday next for morning-hour debate and 2 p.m. for legislative business.

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

There was no objection.

CENTRAL NEBRASKA WILDFIRES

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

Mr. SMITH of Nebraska. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to offer my condolences and thoughts to Nebraskans impacted by recent, severe wildfires and recognize the extraordinary response of emergency personnel across the Third District of Nebraska.

Last week, central Nebraska wildfires claimed over 70,000 acres in 24 hours in the counties of Lincoln, Cus-

ter, Dawson, and Logan. While the windswept flames forced evacuations and destroyed livestock, structures, supplies, pasture, and miles of fence, thanks to the courageous efforts of responders to ensure the safety of Nebraskans, no lives were lost.

From across the State, emergency personnel, pilots, and more than 50 local and volunteer fire departments came together to contain the blaze. Countless private citizens pitched in to move livestock, disk fields, and transport water.

In fact, the Red Willow Rural Fire Department testified to the vital help of community members, saying: We couldn't do what we do without area farmers and ranchers.

My deep gratitude goes out to Third District volunteers and businesses who came together to assist in recovery. From local businesses donating livestock feed and fencing repair supplies to GoFundMe recovery efforts, the remarkable generosity in the face of disaster shows what Nebraskans are made of: quick to lend a hand, with greater concern for their neighbor than for the cost to themselves.

□ 1100

WE HAVE A STRONG STATE OF THE UNION THANKS TO PRESIDENT BIDEN

(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 strong state of the Union thanks to President Biden. I had the distinct honor of speaking with the President right before and right after his historic State of the Union Address last night.

President Biden's leadership has created the strongest economy in the world with almost 15 million new jobs created in this country. He has saved Americans billions of dollars with lower costs for medications, healthcare insurance, and the removal of junk fees. His actions will cut climate pollution in half by 2030. His focus on infrastructure has created 40,000 projects in 4,500 American communities.

He signed the first major bipartisan gun safety bill in 30 years to protect Americans from gun violence, and he has expanded benefits for military veterans.

The list of successes goes on and on. The state of the Union is strong, and under President Biden's leadership, it continues to get stronger.

AMERICANS DESERVE A BETTER LEADER THAN PRESIDENT BIDEN

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

Mr. LANGWORTHY. Mr. Speaker, in his State of the Union Address last

night, President Biden chose to give a divisive campaign speech instead of bringing Americans together with a hopeful vision for the future.

He completely failed to take ownership of his disastrous border policies and weak leadership, and instead tried to pass the blame on House Republicans.

President Biden tried to pass the blame for the border crisis he created by executive order, pushed for legislation that would codify his bad policies, and failed to mention that House Republicans passed H.R. 2, the strongest border bill in history that has been sitting in the Senate on CHUCK SCHUMER's desk since last May.

Last night, President Biden claimed that we have the best economy in the world. The American people aren't buying that lie. They have to pay for Biden's inflationary policies every single day from groceries to gas to energy bills and housing.

The American Dream is unaffordable under President Joe Biden. He single-handedly created the crisis at our borders, crushed our economy, crippled the American energy sector, plunged us deeper into debt, enabled violent crime in our major cities, and made it harder to raise a family or own a business in the United States. Americans deserve a better leader than Joe Biden.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LAWLER). Members are reminded to refrain from engaging in personalities toward the President.

ANOTHER ASSAULT ON THE RIGHTS OF WOMEN

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

Ms. ROSS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in strong opposition to the Alabama Supreme Court's decision declaring that frozen embryos created through IVF are people, upsetting family planning and medical science.

This ruling is just the latest in a long line of assaults on the rights of women since Roe v. Wade was overturned. Within days of the decision, women struggling to get pregnant were faced with the devastating reality that their appointments had been canceled and that their hopes of starting a family were put on pause.

Mr. Speaker, we cannot accept this latest attempt to control women and our bodies. There are 184 House Republicans who have cosponsored bills that would classify embryos as children under Federal law—despite their empty and meaningless promises to support IVF.

Now is the time for action.

RECOGNIZING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE WESTERN ENERGY ALLIANCE

(Mr. NEWHOUSE asked and was given permission to address the House

for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. NEWHOUSE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today as chair of the Congressional Western Caucus to recognize the 50th anniversary of the Western Energy Alliance, an important ally who understands the critical choices that Congress faces on the future of American energy policies.

For the past 50 years, the alliance has helped inform Members of Congress in a bipartisan fashion about Federal policies impacting energy production, conservation, and public lands management.

Since 1974, they have been a strong advocate for balancing American production and protecting the environment.

The small and mid-sized businesses that make up the alliance understand that our Nation is at an inflection point. We can either follow the policies that make American energy secure and a beacon to the rest of the world, or we can follow the path through the briar patch of the President's whole-of-government approach and tie the hands of American energy producers.

Mr. Speaker, I strongly support America's energy strength and, because of that, support the work done by the Western Energy Alliance.

PRESERVING AND PROTECTING THE LANGUAGE AND CULTURE OF ALL INDIGENOUS PEOPLE

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

(English translation of the statement made in Hawaiian is as follows:)

Mr. Speaker, each February, Hawaii celebrates Hawaiian Language Month. Olelo Hawaii is more than just a language; it is the carrier of history and culture.

We all have a responsibility and duty to preserve and protect the language and culture of all indigenous people.

Long live the Hawaiian language.

Aloha e ka luna ho'omalū,

I kēlā me kēia Pepeluali e ho'omaika'i a e paipai aku ko Hawai'i pae āina i ka Mahina 'Ōlelo Hawai'i.

'O ka 'ōlelo Hawai'i 'a'ole ia he 'ōlelo wale no. 'O ia nō he pilina i nā mo'olelo me ka mo'omeheu kekahi.

He kuleana kā kākou e mālama a e kia'i i nā mo'omeheu me nā 'ōlelo o ka po'e 'ōiwi āpau.

E ola ka 'ōlelo Hawai'i!

Hō'ae aku au iā 'oe e ka luna ho'omalū.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentlewoman from Hawaii will provide the Clerk a translation of her remarks.

HONORING THE CONGRESSIONAL SPOUSES

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

Mr. LUTTRELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to address the House.

Being a Member of Congress is no walk in the park, but we often forget to recognize the commitment and sacrifices our spouses make to allow us to do our job.

As the year only gets busier and busier with children, summer breaks, sporting events, and their own careers, I want to profoundly thank each and every husband and wife of a Member of Congress. They absolutely tackle it all.

To all the congressional spouses, especially my lovely bride, Leslie, we appreciate you, your vision for our family, your grace on all the hard days, your courage to push past the noise of this place, and your constant support.

We absolutely could not do this without you.

HONORING 9-YEAR-OLD BETHANY MOULTRY FOR HER DEDICATION TO COMMUNITY

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

Mr. RYAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor 9-year-old Bethany Moultry, a constituent in my district, for her amazing work in providing care packages for the homeless across the Hudson Valley.

Through her nonprofit organization, Bethany's Happy Bags for the Homeless, Bethany and her mother have delivered food, first aid kits, toiletries, and smiles to people in need across our community.

Along with her mother, Colleen Moultry, Bethany began Bethany's Happy Bags for the Homeless in December 2020 when it was her birthday wish to help people in need in her community.

As word began to spread over Facebook, the Moultrys began proactively receiving supplies and funding from all across our community and over time from all across our country. It has now developed into a movement across our Nation inspiring other young people to do the same.

This project has formed into a much larger act of service, and community members have joined together to donate to the Moultrys' cause.

These efforts have led to over 5,000 Happy Bags distributed to the people who need them the most in our community.

Just a few months ago, I had the privilege to meet Bethany and her family, to recognize her, to commend her, and also to thank her for her help making Valentine's Day special for the veterans in our community. She does a lot across our community.

Mr. Speaker, I want every single person across the country to recognize Bethany and know that our whole community shares that pride in her.

CELEBRATING INVEST IN VETERANS WEEK

(Mr. ROSENDALE asked and was given permission to address the House

for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ROSENDALE. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to celebrate this week as Invest in Veterans Week as proclaimed by Montana Governor Gianforte.

Currently, nearly 9 percent of the Treasure State's population is made up of veterans. There are over 78,000 veterans in Montana, the fifth highest population of veterans per capita of any State.

It is truly an honor and a privilege to represent a State so deeply rooted in military history. Businesses owned by veterans employ over 5 million people and generate over \$1 trillion in revenue annually.

Whether that be through starting their own farm, ranch, or small business, many of our Nation's heroes come home to their families and communities ready and eager to find ways they can continue to benefit and serve our communities.

By investing in our veterans, we are able to provide them with the resources that they need to continue to use their exceptional talents and skills that benefit all of us.

Investing in our veterans should not be limited to just this week, but it should be our mission all year round.

CELEBRATING INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

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

Ms. WATERS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, March 8, 2024, to celebrate International Women's Day.

Thirty years ago, in 1994, at the suggestion of my friend Beata Pozniak, who is with us here today, I introduced H.J. Res. 316 in the House of Representatives to have Congress designate March 8 as International Women's Day.

In this year 2024, International Women's Day has special importance. Today, as women's rights are under attack, we rededicate ourselves to fight for gender equality, reproductive rights, pay equity, maternal health, and preventing violence against women.

The United Nations has selected the theme "Inspire Inclusion" for International Women's Day in 2024.

Here in the House of Representatives, let us inspire women's inclusion and honor women in the United States and around the world.

CELEBRATING THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF GREATER MUSCATINE'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY

(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 to celebrate the Community Foundation of Greater Muscatine's 25th anniversary.