

“(II) approved by the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate; and

“(ii) such costs are itemized separately in a manner approved by the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate.”.

The bill was ordered to be read a third time, was read the third time, and passed, and a motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, January 18, 2024.

Hon. MIKE JOHNSON,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on January 18, 2024, at 3:26 p.m.

That the Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 25.
With best wishes, I am,
Sincerely,

LISA P. GRANT
Deputy Clerk.

□ 1730

PROVIDING FOR A CORRECTION IN THE ENROLLMENT OF H.R. 2872

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Mr. Speaker, I send to the desk a concurrent resolution and ask unanimous consent for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the concurrent resolution.

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

There was no objection.

The text of the concurrent resolution is as follows:

S. CON. RES. 25

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring). That, in the enrollment of H.R. 2872, the Clerk of the House of Representatives shall amend the title so as to read: “Making further continuing appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024, and for other purposes.”.

The concurrent resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker of the House of Representatives:

WASHINGTON, DC,
January 18, 2024.

I hereby designate the period from Thursday, January 18, 2024, through Sunday, January 28, 2024, as a “district work period” under section 3(z) of House Resolution 5.

MIKE JOHNSON,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

HONORING BILL JOHNSON

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

Mr. BALDERSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate my good friend and fellow Ohioan, BILL JOHNSON, as he steps away from Congress to serve the students, staff, and faculty of Youngstown State University.

I have had the honor to work alongside BILL for a number of years, and one thing I have learned is that he is passionate about public service.

I met BILL in 2010 during his first campaign for Congress where he was faced with the tall task of unseating an incumbent. As we all know, BILL never shies away from a challenge, and he came out from the other side victorious thanks to his relentless work ethic and dedication to serving the communities of eastern Ohio.

He provided guidance and support to me when I decided to run for Congress, and he was an important resource for me when I worked to earn a spot alongside him on the Energy and Commerce Committee, the greatest committee on Capitol Hill.

We will certainly miss having BILL here in Washington, and I wish him; his wife, LeeAnn; and his son, Nathan, the best in this exciting new chapter of their lives.

REPUBLICAN WAR ON WOMEN

(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 Republican war on women and their continued efforts to lie about it in Congress. Their bill, H.R. 6918, is named the Supporting Pregnant and Parenting Women and Families Act, but it does not do that at all.

It takes food money away from lower income families, and it gives it to the most extreme antiwomen and antifamily groups in America.

Also, it would force women to give birth before they are ready to have families, and numerous studies show such births create more poor children who will need government assistance or go hungry.

A bill that helped families would include provisions for childcare and paid family leave, but Republicans only want to force women to give birth. After they do that, they don't care about the child or the mother. In fact, they seem to want to control who can get pregnant in the first place.

We must do everything we can to stop this extreme and unpopular Republican agenda.

CONGRATULATING LAUREN CURRY

(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 congratulate Lauren Curry on becoming the new Chief of Staff for Georgia Governor Brian Kemp.

Lauren has made history becoming the first woman to permanently hold this position after making history when she became the first female Deputy Chief of Staff to the Governor.

Lauren graduated with a bachelor's degree from Wofford College. She then pursued a master's degree from the University of Georgia. Her entire career has been dedicated to public service. She has held an array of impressive positions in State government, such as deputy director of Georgia's EPA division and director of Public and Governmental Affairs at the Georgia DNR.

Lauren is also a veteran of Governor Kemp's staff, having served as his chief operating officer and as his director of governmental affairs and policy.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Lauren, and I cannot think of anyone more deserving of this position.

REPUBLICAN WAR ON WOMEN

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

Mr. LANDSMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to discuss the efforts to undermine women and girls. The majority brought two bills forward that most Americans would reject.

One was a bill to protect misleading antiabortion pregnancy centers that aren't required to use actual medical professionals. The second restricts campuses from using literature that does anything other than encourage women to carry a pregnancy to term.

These were bad bills. Instead, I encourage my colleagues to support two bills that we will introduce next week. One, we want to prohibit funding for those pregnancy centers that mislead women and keep them from the medical care they need.

Two, we want colleges and universities to address the crisis of sexual assault on campus. Instead of requiring pamphlets to be passed out, they should require colleges and universities to report on sexual assaults and submit plans that would end this nightmare for women on campuses across the country.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to end these efforts to undermine women and girls, and instead, pursue policies that empower and protect all those we serve.

PARENTAL SECRECY POLICY AT CHICO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

(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, almost 1 year ago today, Aurora Regino of

Chico, California, sued the Chico Unified School District for trying to secretly socially transition her young daughter, alleging that a school counselor pressured her child to change her name and pronouns, dismissing the child's desire to inform her parents of the change.

Regino alleged that a parental secrecy policy is in place at Chico Unified and stipulated that the school district not disclose what was happening while her daughter was at school.

At first Chico Unified denied the existence of a parental secrecy policy, but later the school board actually voted 3-2 to publicly uphold it.

If that weren't bad enough, last week California Attorney General Rob Bonta led 16 attorneys general in filing an amicus brief in the U.S. Court of Appeals in support of Chico Unified's parental secrecy policy.

Shame on every single one of them for advocating for this horrible practice.

The child at the center of this case was subject to bullying by other children during her transition process. The counselor informed the child's teachers and peers of what was going on, but would not let the girl confer with her own parents while this was happening before announcing her new status to all the other kids.

She has since gone back and identified with her biological sex.

51ST ANNIVERSARY OF ROE V. WADE

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

Mr. CASTEN. Mr. Speaker, this month marks the 51st anniversary of Roe v. Wade. That decision, which recognized women's individual right to bodily autonomy, has now been supplanted by a Supreme Court that effectively said that the Federal Government isn't here to protect your individual rights because that is a States' rights issue now.

House Republicans, having cheered injecting States' rights into your individual private lives would now like to bring the Federal Government into the conversation.

If you don't believe me, Mr. Speaker, just look at what they are doing.

They passed legislation this term that would create a Federal prohibition against women who are serving in our military from traveling to get an abortion if they are stationed in a State that doesn't respect their individual rights.

They pushed legislation that would create a Federal prohibition on women from accessing medication abortion, even if that is legal in their State.

Nonetheless, here is the simple truth: The Republican Party with a big assist from a misogynistic Supreme Court took rights away from 167 million American women, granted them to States, and are now trying to take

those rights away and give them to the Federal Government.

Here is the truth: Abortion has never been a States' rights issue, and it has never been a Federal rights issue. It has always been a women's rights issue, and I hope that some day that is not partisan.

HOSTAGE IN GAZA—LIRI ALBAG

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

Ms. STEVENS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to share the story of Liri Albag, one of the remaining hostages in Gaza.

This past Sunday marked the 100th day since Hamas terrorists brutally attacked Israel. There are still 136 innocent hostages who are experiencing the unimaginable. Terrorists carried out this atrocious attack, and terrorists are holding people like Liri against their will.

I want to start by sharing her story. She is 18 years old. Her friends and family describe her as having a heart of gold. Her mother and sister say she is a strong woman who enjoys exploring life, holding an optimistic perspective, and wants to see the world as a beautiful place.

Her life revolves around music and art, and she is a truly gifted young woman.

On October 7, Liri and 240 other innocent men, women, children, and elderly were violently kidnapped.

Liri needs to come home. She was working on an IDF base. It was her second day, and she was kidnapped. She was taken from us. So as this awful war goes on, we must continue to call for the release of these hostages. We cannot forget people like Liri.

RECOGNIZING THE PALMA HIGH SCHOOL CHIEFTAINS

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

Mr. PANETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Palma High School Chieftains football team who recently won the California 4-A State championship.

While Palma High is no longer a part of my 19th Congressional District—I thank the redistricting commission—the Chieftains are definitely part of my memories. As a proud Carmel High Padre football player, I played against Palma all 4 years of my high school career, and, yes, I lost to Palma all 4 years.

Mr. Speaker, Palma is what you call a powerhouse when it comes to sports, especially in football, but they have never won a State championship until this year.

At the beginning of this season, it didn't even look like they were going to win sectionals as they started off going 0 and 5.

Nevertheless, typical Palma, led by Head Coach Jeff Carnazo, they always work hard, they always play smart, and, inevitably, they always win as they did over Mission Oaks High School in the State championship.

I congratulate Palma President, Chris Dalman, whom I played against back in high school, and who went on to play with the San Francisco 49ers and win a Super Bowl.

I congratulate the parents, the students, and, of course, the Chieftain football team on their State championship. They not only made the central coast proud, they made this former Padre very proud.

EXTREME REPUBLICANS' NATIONAL ABORTION BAN

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

Ms. SCHRIER. Mr. Speaker, once again, extreme Republicans are doubling down on their out-of-touch attacks on women as they renew their march toward a national abortion ban.

Today, they brought to the floor bills called the Pregnant Students' Rights Act and the Supporting Pregnant and Parenting Women and Families Act. They are two bills with great names and terrible policies.

The first stigmatizes students who seek abortion care. The second pulls money away from needy families in order to fund crisis pregnancy centers. These are sham centers that masquerade as clinics offering free pregnancy tests and ultrasounds, but they aren't. They often don't even have a healthcare provider and are designed specifically to dissuade women from considering abortion.

As a physician who has had these nonjudgmental conversations with my own patients, I am disgusted by this manipulation of women who think they are receiving legitimate medical care but are really just getting propaganda.

Make no mistake, Mr. Speaker. This is the march toward a national abortion ban. Vote "no."

□ 1745

HEARTBREAK FOR THOSE WHO STRUGGLE TO GET PREGNANT

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

Ms. WILD. Mr. Speaker, being a mother to my two children, Clay and Adrienne, is the greatest privilege of my life and my greatest joy. I often refer to them as the best thing I have ever done, and they are my rocks.

When I hear from women who so badly want to have children, but struggle with their fertility, it really makes me sad.

According to the CDC, infertility affects one in five women in the United States. In fact, it affected me, but I