

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will state his point of inquiry.

Mr. HORSFORD. Mr. Speaker, so the gentleman from Louisiana, had he stood on the floor of the House of Representatives and said these words on the House floor, the body would have been able to remove his words from the RECORD? Is that not correct, Mr. Speaker?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Sir, the Chair cannot respond to a hypothetical inquiry.

Does the gentleman yield back?

Mr. HORSFORD. Mr. Speaker, it is unfortunate that on the last day of this body's work on behalf of the people, after we came together just last week in a bipartisan way to protect and to provide dignitary protection for our national party candidates, that we have a Member who is choosing to use an official platform, and therefore, it is my intention to bring to this body a motion of censure.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will suspend.

Mr. HORSFORD. Mr. Speaker, therefore, I move to censure Representative CLAY HIGGINS for violating rule IX by bringing discredit and disgrace to the House of Representatives, and I am submitting this motion.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman has not made a proper motion.

Mr. HORSFORD. Mr. Speaker, I move to censure—I am entering this as a resolution.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Again, the Chair reminds Members of rule IX.

Mr. HORSFORD. Mr. Speaker, I am submitting by resolution a motion to censure Representative CLAY HIGGINS for violating rule IX by bringing discredit and disgrace to the House of Representatives.

There is an official motion, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is the gentleman attempting to give notice under rule IX?

Mr. HORSFORD. Mr. Speaker, I am attempting to give notice that I intend to bring a censure resolution upon return to this House of Representatives, and I would hope that every Member of this body understands that no person, particularly those who contribute to communities, who are entrepreneurial, who give to our communities by being nurses and first responders and teachers, that those individuals, those children, no longer have to live in fear or intimidation because of any words or posts that come from Members of this body, that it is time to end hate and the rhetoric of hate, and that it is not becoming of any Member to continue to push this type of rhetoric on any platform, let alone from the House of Representatives.

Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to accept my motion to censure Representative CLAY HIGGINS for violating rule IX by bringing discredit and disgrace to the House of Representatives.

Mr. SCALISE. I object.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. An objection is heard.

Mr. SCALISE. Mr. Speaker, first of all, the tweet has been deleted already and removed, but I object to the motion.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will suspend.

Mr. SCALISE. Mr. Speaker, if we want to go through every comment and tweet from the other side, we will be happy to do it.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman is not recognized.

Does the gentleman seek recognition?

Mr. SCALISE. Mr. Speaker, I object to the motion.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The objection has been heard.

## RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 5 o'clock and 24 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

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## AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. OBERNOLTE) at 5 o'clock and 52 minutes p.m.

## COMMUNICATION FROM THE SPEAKER

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

WASHINGTON, DC,  
September 25, 2024.

I hereby designate the period from Wednesday, September 25, 2024, through Monday, November 11, 2024, as a "district work period" under section 3(z) of House Resolution 5.

MIKE JOHNSON,  
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

## NOTICE OF INTENTION TO OFFER RESOLUTION RAISING A QUESTION OF THE PRIVILEGES OF THE HOUSE

Mr. HORSFORD. Mr. Speaker, I hereby give notice of my intent to offer a question of the privileges of the House.

The form of the resolution is as follows:

H. Res. 1500, censuring Representative GLEN CLAY HIGGINS of the Third Congressional District of Louisiana.

Whereas on September 25, 2025, Representative HIGGINS used his official account on X to publicly slander, insult, and demean all Haitians and Haitian Americans in an overtly racist post, referring to Haiti as the "nastiest country in the Western Hemisphere," falsely accusing Haitians of "eating pets," denigrating Haitians as "slap-

stick gangsters" and "thugs" and threatening Haitians to "get their mind right and their ass out of our country before January 20."

Resolved, that—

The House of Representatives censures GLEN CLAY HIGGINS, Representative from the Third Congressional District of Louisiana;

Representative GLEN CLAY HIGGINS will forthwith present himself in the well of the House of Representatives for the pronouncement of censure; and Representative GLEN CLAY HIGGINS will be censured with the public reading of this resolution by the Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under rule IX, a resolution offered from the floor by a Member other than the majority leader or the minority leader as a question of the privileges of the House has immediate precedence only at a time within 2 legislative days after the resolution is properly noticed.

Pending that designation, the form of the resolution noticed by the gentleman from Nevada will appear in the RECORD at this point.

The Chair will not at this point determine whether the resolution constitutes a question of privilege. That determination will be made at the time designated for consideration of the resolution.

## KEEPING VIOLENT OFFENDERS OFF OUR STREETS ACT

AMENDMENT OFFERED BY MR. FITZGERALD

Mr. FITZGERALD. Mr. Speaker, I have an amendment to the title of H.R. 8205 at the desk.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Clerk will designate the amendment.

The text of the amendment is as follows:

Amend the title so as to read: "A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit fraud in connection with posting bail."

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the amendment to the title is agreed to.

There was no objection.

## PERMISSION FOR MEMBER TO BE CONSIDERED AS FIRST SPONSOR OF H.R. 1719

Mr. GIMENEZ. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that I may hereafter be considered to be the first sponsor of H.R. 1719, a bill originally introduced by Representative PASCRELL of New Jersey, for the purpose of adding cosponsors and requesting reprintings pursuant to clause 7 of rule XII.

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

There was no objection.

## HONORING EDWARD ROSS NEWTON

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

Mr. OWENS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Edward Ross Newton, a remarkable Utahn who served his country with distinction and honor during the Vietnam war.

Ed was raised in a small tight-knit community of Juab County. With love for his country, he traded the peaceful farm fields of Utah for the battlefields of Vietnam.

While serving as a rifleman in the 82nd Airborne Division, Ed and his fellow soldiers were engaged in a search operation in the jungles of Vietnam when they suddenly came under direct enemy fire.

Ed witnessed his platoon leader and medic fall under a hail of bullets and instantly sprang into action. He rushed the enemy position, enabling a medic to administer aid to the wounded.

Though seriously injured, his actions saved the lives of several of his comrades.

For his actions, Ed was awarded the Bronze Star Medal with a V for valor. He was also honored with a Purple Heart.

Mr. Speaker, Edward Ross Newton's story is a powerful reminder of the values that define our Nation, an unwavering commitment to protect and serve others, even at great personal cost.

May God bless Edward Ross Newton, his family, and all those who serve our great Nation.

#### HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

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

Ms. PLASKETT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge and celebrate September 15 through October 15 as Hispanic Heritage Month. During this month, I celebrate the rich history, culture, and contributions of the Hispanic community, particularly in my home of the Virgin Islands. This always includes Virgin Islands-Puerto Rico Friendship Day, where we recognize our deep-rooted connections and the unity shared between our islands and culture.

The Virgin Islands Hispanic community has long contributed to the success of our territory and our country through public service and the enrichment of our heritage and culture. This time gives us the opportunity to take pride in their achievements and impacts that have shaped our Nation. I honor individuals like the iconic Senator Alicia "Chucky" Hansen; Senators Samuel Sanes and Nellie Rivera-O'Reilly; the third elected Governor of the Virgin Islands, Juan Francisco Luis; and the list goes on.

Happy Hispanic Heritage Month to all Virgin Islanders. Happy Virgin Islands-Puerto Rico Friendship Day.

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#### QUESTIONING FAA LEADERSHIP

(Mr. KILEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. KILEY. Madam Speaker, yesterday, FAA Administrator Michael Whitaker testified before the House Aviation Subcommittee.

In response to my questions about his agency's fines and the delays they have imposed on SpaceX, he made a number of statements that appear to be completely false.

For example, he said that SpaceX launched without a license. That is simply not true. There are two possibilities. Either, number one, he doesn't know what is going on at his own agency, or number two, he deliberately deceived a congressional committee. Either possibility raises serious questions about his fitness to lead the FAA.

I have sent a letter along with questions for the record to Administrator Whitaker, which he is compelled to answer to explain his false testimony.

Madam Speaker, I implore him to look at this chart: Objects launched into space over time. The point where the United States breaks away from Russia and China and sees absolutely exponential growth is when SpaceX started launching rockets.

This company and the broader commercial space industry are tremendous national assets, and those seeking to hold back their progress for, at best, arbitrary bureaucratic reasons are acting directly against our national interests.

#### RELEASE THE HOSTAGES

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

Mr. GOLDMAN of New York. Madam Speaker, nearly 1 year ago today, I was awoken by sirens in my Tel Aviv hotel and quickly sheltered in a stairwell as rockets from a terrorist organization intent on destroying Israel and all Jewish people flew toward my family and me. My kids are still struggling from that traumatic day.

It has now been 354 days since that terrorist group, Hamas, launched the most barbaric, genocidal, and murderous sneak attack on Israel in its history, killing 1,200 people, including more than 40 Americans.

It has been 354 days since more than 250 people were brutally and illegally captured and taken hostage in the tunnels of Gaza, where four American citizens remain today, as well as approximately 100 more.

The violence in Gaza could end today—today—if Hamas would simply release the hostages they illegally hold. The path toward peace and prosperity for both Israelis and Palestinians begins with the immediate return of the hostages. Bring them all home now.

#### CELEBRATING 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF GOODWILL OF ORANGE COUNTY

(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. Madam Speaker, October 5 marks the 100th anniversary of Goodwill Industries of Orange County.

Goodwill OC was founded in 1924 by Reverend John Winterbourne, first in his home and later moving to a rented house on Logan Street in Santa Ana.

Over the past century, Goodwill OC has established a legacy of not just finding value in secondhand goods but also providing meaningful employment opportunities.

Goodwill OC has fostered a vibrant workforce and a caring, connected community by helping individuals find and retain employment and offering training and career coaching.

Madam Speaker, I congratulate them on this amazing milestone and wish them many more years to come.

#### HONORING JUDGE L. CLIFFORD DAVIS

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

Mr. VEASEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the upcoming 100th birthday of Judge Clifford Davis, who is a legend in Fort Worth.

Judge Davis graduated from high school in Arkansas and applied in 1945 to go to the law school at the University of Arkansas, and he was accepted. When they found out he was Black, they did not let him attend law school, so he graduated from Howard University in 1949.

Judge Davis would go on to move to Fort Worth and married the love of his life, Ethel, and raised his two daughters there.

The thing that he did that was legendary was that he integrated the Mansfield Independent School District. Judge Davis received threats. They hung an effigy of his image up in the school that stayed there for an entire year.

He received so much hate mail and threatening mail, but he went on to have a distinguished career. He helped desegregate the Fort Worth Independent School District and has had a successful law practice for a long time.

He just retired a couple of years ago. He is truly a legend who deserves all the honor that he is going to receive at his birthday next month.

Madam Speaker, I thank Judge Clifford Davis for all that he has done over the years to make the north Texas community better, for the risks he and his family took to help make this country better. We congratulate him on his 100th birthday.