

The SPEAKER pro tempore. In the opinion of the Chair, two-thirds being in the affirmative, the yeas have it.

Mr. COMER. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, further proceedings on this motion will be postponed.

SGT BILL HOOSER POST OFFICE BUILDING

Mr. COMER. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 8717) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 20 West Main Street in Santaquin, Utah, as the “SGT Bill Hooser Post Office Building”.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 8717

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SGT BILL HOOSER POST OFFICE BUILDING.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 20 West Main Street in Santaquin, Utah, shall be known and designated as the “SGT Bill Hooser Post Office Building”.

(b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the facility referred to in subsection (a) shall be deemed to be a reference to the “SGT Bill Hooser Post Office Building”.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Kentucky (Mr. COMER) and the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. RASKIN) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Kentucky.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. COMER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on this measure.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. COMER. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of this bill, which would rename a post office located in Utah to honor Sergeant Hooser.

Sergeant Hooser served as a law enforcement officer in Utah, where he was promoted up the ranks and proudly served as corporal, detective, and sergeant.

Mr. Speaker, I encourage my colleagues to support this bill, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. RASKIN. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

I rise in proud support of H.R. 8717. Sergeant Bill Hooser, who, as I understand it, is not a Hoosier from Indiana but rather is from Utah, launched his career in law enforcement when he

joined the Santaquin City Police Department in 2017.

In February 2024, this year, he was promoted to sergeant for his strong commitment to keeping communities safe.

He was tragically killed on duty on May 5 of this year. We extend our very sincere condolences to his family, his friends, and the whole community that was traumatized by his death.

This legislation would honor Sergeant Hooser's legacy by naming the post office in Santaquin after him.

Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for introducing the legislation. I urge passage of this legislation, and I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. COMER. Mr. Speaker, I yield 4 minutes to the gentleman from Utah (Mr. OWENS).

Mr. OWENS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in honor of a true hero, Sergeant Bill Hooser, whose life was tragically taken on May 5, 2024, in the line of duty.

Sergeant Hooser dedicated himself to protecting our communities, serving first in the San Juan County Sheriff's Office in New Mexico and later joining the Santaquin City Police Department in Utah in 2017.

Just this last February, he was promoted to sergeant, a testament to his dedication and leadership.

Sergeant Hooser gave 29 years of his life to his family—a devoted husband, a loving father to two daughters, and a proud grandfather. He also gave himself fully to his community, sacrificing everything to keep others safe.

On May 5, 2024, he was struck and killed by a tractor-trailer during a high-speed chase on Interstate 15. His courage and selflessness are the very embodiment of what we ask of our law enforcement officers each day.

Utah has not faced a line-of-duty death since 2020, but this loss is a stark and sobering reminder of the risks our officers take every time they put on their uniforms.

Sergeant Hooser's passing is a wound in the heart of our State and a call for all of us to reflect on the cost of the safety and security we often take for granted.

Today, we have an opportunity to honor Sergeant Hooser's legacy in a lasting and meaningful way. My legislation, cosponsored by the entire Utah House delegation, will name the Santaquin post office the Sergeant Bill Hooser Post Office Building.

This act ensures that Sergeant Hooser's sacrifice is remembered by future generations. It is a small gesture in the face of an immense loss, but it carries a profound message: Utah will not forget its heroes.

I say to Sergeant Hooser's family that their loss is immeasurable, and their grief is shared by our grateful State. May God comfort them and give them strength. To our law enforcement officers across the country, know that we see you, we value you, and we stand with you.

Let us come together today to pass this legislation and honor Sergeant Bill Hooser's courage, sacrifice, and enduring legacy.

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

Mr. COMER. Mr. Speaker, I encourage my House colleagues to support this bill honoring Sergeant Hooser, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Kentucky (Mr. COMER) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 8717.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

SFC SHAWN MCCLOSKEY POST OFFICE

Mr. COMER. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 8919) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 151 Highway 74 South in Peachtree City, Georgia, as the “SFC Shawn McCloskey Post Office”.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 8919

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SFC SHAWN MCCLOSKEY POST OFFICE.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 151 Highway 74 South in Peachtree City, Georgia, shall be known and designated as the “SFC Shawn McCloskey Post Office”.

(b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the facility referred to in subsection (a) shall be deemed to be a reference to the “SFC Shawn McCloskey Post Office”.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Kentucky (Mr. COMER) and the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. RASKIN) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Kentucky.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. COMER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on this measure.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. COMER. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of this bill that would rename a post office in Georgia for Sergeant First Class Shawn P. McCloskey.

In response to the 9/11 terrorist attacks, McCloskey enlisted in the Army after his graduation from North Cobb High School. On September 16, 2009,

McCloskey was conducting a mounted patrol in Afghanistan when his vehicle was fatally struck by an improvised explosive device, an IED.

I support naming a post office in memory of Sergeant First Class McCloskey, and I encourage my colleagues to support this bill.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. RASKIN. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 8919. Shawn McCloskey was a member of the 3rd Battalion, 7th Special Forces Group, as an engineer sergeant in Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

While serving as an intelligence sergeant, Army Sergeant First Class McCloskey made the ultimate sacrifice on September 16, 2009, when he was killed by enemy forces on his third deployment to Afghanistan.

I urge passage of this legislation, which would honor his legacy and the sacrifice of Sergeant McCloskey and his family by naming a post office after him.

If I could add, Mr. Speaker, I just want to say something about the process by which we adopt post office namings because I am not sure that the whole Congress, much less the public, understands what we do.

This has been, for decades, a bipartisan process where a Member who is seeking to get a post office named after someone in his or her district will go and get the support of every member of that delegation, whether it is the Kentucky delegation, as in the case of the distinguished chairman, or the Maryland delegation in my case, and so on.

Once all the members of that delegation on a bipartisan basis, if it is bipartisan, have signed off, then it comes to our committee. We package them together and bring them to the floor precisely because we don't want it to be a matter of controversy. It should be a unifying thing for us when the beautiful thing occurs of naming a post office after someone.

Alas, we have a problem, and I am hoping that our experienced and talented chairman will help us resolve it. Apparently, in the Texas delegation, there are people who are refusing to sign on to bills on a bipartisan basis, and that is causing a lot of rancor. It is causing a lot of division, and we don't want this whole thing to blow up. We don't want it to be said that this is the first Congress in decades that can't even name a post office after someone.

I would just urge the chairman to work with us to help our colleagues in Texas get to yes and to return to what has been protocol, policy, and custom in the Oversight Committee for the last several decades.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. COMER. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Before I yield, I might add to what Mr. RASKIN said. There was also a bill that the minority party had that didn't

get all the delegation in his home State of Maryland, but we passed that bill through the committee as well.

I understand what his argument is, but again, both post offices were, I think, of the utmost importance to the sponsors and the majority of each State's delegation.

Mr. Speaker, I yield 4 minutes to the distinguished gentleman from Georgia (Mr. FERGUSON), who will be greatly missed upon his retirement from this great body.

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Mr. FERGUSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of my bill, H.R. 8919, which designates the United States Post Office in Peachtree City, Georgia, as the Sergeant First Class Shawn McCloskey Post Office.

After working in construction since graduating from North Cobb High School, Sergeant First Class McCloskey enlisted in the Army in response to 9/11.

Sergeant First Class McCloskey was killed in action on September 16, 2009. It was during his third deployment in Afghanistan when an IED struck his vehicle. He was conducting a mounted patrol in the Afghan city of Ghur Ghuri in support of operations while serving with Company B, 3rd Battalion, 7th Special Forces Group.

Mr. Speaker, Sergeant First Class McCloskey earned the title of Green Beret as a Special Forces Engineer Sergeant and was awarded the Bronze Star Medal, Purple Heart Medal, Army Commendation Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Non-Commissioned Officer Professional Deployment Ribbon, NATO Medal, Combat Infantryman Badge, Senior Parachutist Badge, Special Operations Diver Supervisor Badge, and the Special Forces Tab.

Sergeant First Class McCloskey left behind his wife, Jessica; his two children, Katie and Collin; as well as his parents, Patrick and Kathryn; and many other friends and family.

Although this Nation can never fully repay Sergeant First Class McCloskey for making the ultimate sacrifice, renaming this post office is a solemn tribute to his courageous service and ultimate sacrifice.

Mr. RASKIN. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I restate our strong support for the post office being named after Mr. McCloskey in honor of his service and his sacrifice and in recognition of the sacrifice of his whole family.

I am sorry to intrude on Mr. McCloskey's time here by just returning to the general problem we are having.

I thank the chairman for his remarks, and I thank him also for helping us to pair together a post office favored by a Member of the minority with a post office favored by a Member of the majority, both of whom did not get the complete support of their dele-

gations. We paired them together and we have decided to proceed in a bipartisan way to make that happen.

I am just addressing the general problem that seems to be spinning out of control a little bit where there are Members who are deliberately blocking unanimous consensus within their State, and that is going to create real problems. We don't want it to be a tit-for-tat situation where we have legislative sharpshooters trying to bring down post office namings in someone else's district or someone else's State.

I hope we can sit together and have a meeting and brainstorm about this for the next session because this is, obviously, at the very lowest level of Maslow's hierarchy of legislative need. However, if we can't even get together to do the postal namings as we have done for decades, it doesn't hold a lot of promise for bigger things like the budget, climate change, and so on.

I do hope the chairman will work with us in trying to address both the specific State eruptions that have occurred, and let's hope that we can keep them from spilling outward. That is not any kind of finger-pointing. We have had the problem on both sides, as the chairman knows. Let's just see what we can do to restore what I think has been a very good tradition, custom, and policy for several decades.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. COMER. Mr. Speaker, I encourage my colleagues to support this bill honoring Sergeant First Class Shawn McCloskey, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. RASKIN. Mr. Speaker, I have no further speakers, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. VALADAO). The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Kentucky (Mr. COMER) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 8919.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

JIMMY AND ROSALYNN CARTER POST OFFICE

Mr. COMER. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 9600) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 119 Main Street in Plains, Georgia, as the "Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter Post Office".

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 9600

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. JIMMY AND ROSALYNN CARTER POST OFFICE.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 119