

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Ms. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I was unable to be present to cast my votes on rollcall 60 and rollcall 61 today. Had I been present, I would have voted yea on rollcall 60 and yea on rollcall 61.

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Mr. SCHIFF. Mr. Speaker, due to events in California, I was unfortunately unable to cast my vote for legislation considered on the House floor today. Had I been able to be present, I would have voted according to the following: "yea" on H.R. 3391—Gabriella Miller Kids First Research Act 2.0, as amended; and "yea" on H.R. 3838—Preventing Maternal Deaths Reauthorization Act of 2023, as amended.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the unfinished business is the question on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal, which the Chair will put de novo.

The question is on the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PROVIDING FOR A JOINT SESSION OF CONGRESS TO RECEIVE A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Mr. SCALISE. Mr. Speaker, I send to the desk a privileged concurrent resolution and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the concurrent resolution, as follows:

H. CON. RES. 93

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring). That the two Houses of Congress assemble in the Hall of the House of Representatives on Thursday, March 7, 2024, at 9 p.m., for the purpose of receiving such communication as the President of the United States shall be pleased to make to them.

The concurrent resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H. RES. 902

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to remove the gentlewoman from North Carolina (Ms. MANNING) as a cosponsor of H. Res. 902.

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

There was no objection.

PERMISSION FOR MEMBER TO BE CONSIDERED AS FIRST SPONSOR OF H.R. 4506

Mr. WEBER of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that I may hereafter be considered the first sponsor of H.R. 4506, a bill originally introduced by Representative JOHNSON of Ohio, for the purpose of adding cospon-

sors and requesting reprintings pursuant to clause 7 of rule XII.

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

There was no objection.

RECOGNIZING DAVID AND NATALIE BROYLES AND BACK YARD BURGERS

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

Mr. BURCHETT. Mr. Speaker, I remind Members it is a little crowded back there, but we have a few more seats down front if you all want to come down here.

Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the folks at Back Yard Burgers, which recently closed its doors after 35 wonderful years.

The managing partners, David and Natalie Broyles, are a dynamic duo. They are a wonderful couple and loving parents to their kids, Kelsey and John, and great business partners.

When I was county mayor, I would host employee appreciation luncheons for my staff. We would always eat Back Yard Burgers because they were delicious, and I knew it would put a smile on my employees' faces.

I also saw David and Natalie at my nephew Charlie's football games, where their son played as well. We would sit together in the stands and hurl insults at the referees when they made bad calls.

David and Natalie used Back Yard Burgers to serve the community in lots of different ways. They hosted the Back Yard Burgers Bowl, which was a football game between Alcoa High School and the Christian Academy of Knoxville. They would donate a \$1,000 scholarship to each school for a graduating senior that year and also raised funds for the Knoxville Area Rescue Ministries.

They also held a pillow fight event one year to collect pillows for the Knoxville Area Rescue Mission and collected over 600 pillows for them.

The Knoxville community will miss Back Yard Burgers. I wish David and Natalie the best in their retirement, as well as everyone else who is moving on to the next chapter in their lives.

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PRESIDENT BIDEN AND HOUSE DEMOCRATS

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

Mr. PAYNE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to discuss the great work of President Biden and the House Democrats.

We are putting people over politics to grow the middle class.

We have created better-paying jobs and continue to make communities safer.

We have capped the price of insulin at \$35 per month for seniors, and we are working to make that price set for all diabetics.

We continue to grow the middle class with investments in infrastructure and investments in technologies to prevent climate change.

We are working to make corporations and the wealthiest 1 percent of Americans pay their fair share in taxes.

We passed the first gun safety law in a generation, and we will keep fighting to keep guns out of the hands of dangerous people.

In addition, we want women to make their own reproductive healthcare choices, and we will continue to put people over politics in all our policy choices.

RECOGNIZING BOB HOUGHTON

(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. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the remarkable career of Bob Houghton.

Bob is a giant in Georgia broadcasting and has worked with over 500 Georgia television and radio stations during the span of his career.

Bob is retiring as president of the Georgia Association of Broadcasters, a position he has held since 2012.

Although born and raised in Chicago, Bob chose to make Georgia his home.

Bob has been a live announcer for college football, baseball, and basketball in Georgia. He fondly refers to the University of Georgia as his "adopted college" and served for several years on the Grady College Board of Trust before being named a Grady Fellowship Recipient in 2022.

During his career, Bob has held management positions at WGST radio, CBS, Georgia Public Broadcasting, and he has advocated extensively for the continuation of AM radio.

Bob has earned a tremendous amount of respect in his field, and I hope you join me in congratulating him on a well-earned retirement.

REMEMBERING DANIEL HANTMAN

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

Mr. TAKANO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to remember the life of a man with a big heart: Daniel Hantman.

Dan was a lawyer, leader, and tireless civic volunteer—earning him the title of "Mr. Riverside."

I was one of many people who knew Dan, who knew that friendly smile and his deep unshakeable desire to make his community a better place.

He embodied that commitment of "tikkun olam," meaning "repairing the world."

He volunteered his time in so many ways: from serving on civic boards at

the Chamber of Commerce to picking up litter in a big sombrero. He made our little corner of the world a better place, and for that, I am one of many in Riverside who will miss him deeply.

My thoughts are with his family, friends, and our community. May his memory be a blessing.

WORK STUDY VOTING SCHEME

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

Ms. FOXX. Madam Speaker, the Biden administration is desperate to shore up support before the November election.

It is so desperate, in fact, it has announced its intent to co-opt the Federal Work-Study Program and begin paying college students to register voters and to work at the polls.

That is right, the Federal Government will be handing out cold, hard cash for students to scoop up votes.

Vice President HARRIS in recent remarks billed this scheme as non-partisan and one that will promote voter participation for students. Nobody is buying that pitch, Madam Speaker.

Here is the truth: The Biden administration is turning the Federal Work-Study Program into a vote-buying sweepstakes.

Enough with the smoke and mirrors already. The American people are not fooled.

HONORING TERRY BRIGGS

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

Ms. BUSH. Madam Speaker, St. Louis and I rise in honor of the life and legacy of Bridgeton, Missouri, mayor, Terry Briggs.

Mayor Briggs was a loving husband, father, and dedicated public servant. As a three-term mayor of Bridgeton in St. Louis County, he cared deeply about his community and those in it.

One issue we worked together on was the cleanup of Manhattan Project waste dumped in Westlake Landfill and surrounding areas. Together, we fought not only for the cleanup of this waste but also for compensation for those impacted.

Mayor Briggs was also a champion for the rights of those living with disabilities. He worked to ensure that everyone was treated with dignity and given the resources to thrive through his service on the Productive Living Board, Special Olympics Board, Special School District Board of Education, and the Municipal League of Metro St. Louis.

Mayor Briggs was deeply loved, and his legacy will live on through the lives he has touched. My heart goes out to Mayor Briggs' family and friends and all of Bridgeton. May he rest in peace.

BIDENOMICS ONGOING FAILURE

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

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. During the State of the Union speech on Thursday, Biden will falsely claim that his policies are working, but in reality, Bidenomics is a failure.

When Biden took office, inflation was 1.4 percent. Since then, inflation has risen by nearly 18 percent.

Inflation is a tax on all families paying more for goods and services since Biden took office, including: electricity up 29 percent; food up 21 percent; auto insurance up 21 percent—just to name a few basic examples.

Americans for Prosperity reveals the truth at Bidenomics.com.

House Republicans led by Speaker MIKE JOHNSON will continue fighting to reduce inflation and create jobs.

In conclusion, God bless our troops who successfully protected America for 20 years as the global war on terrorism moves from the Afghanistan safe haven to America. We do not need new border laws; we need to enforce existing laws. Biden shamefully opens borders for dictators as more 9/11 attacks across America are imminent, as warned by the FBI.

READ ACROSS AMERICA DAY

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

Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, as students sat criss-cross apple sauce intently listening, I began reading "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" by Eric Carle.

The book was about a caterpillar that continued eating and eventually built a cocoon.

He pushed his way out as a beautiful butterfly.

Read Across America encourages educators and parents to highlight the significance and fun of reading.

March is National Reading Month.

Madam Speaker, Ms. Sarah Joyner, a former student of mine is the teacher of this fantastic class. Ms. Sarah's class is as beautiful as a butterfly. I am so proud of Ms. Sarah for devoting herself to her students and transforming their lives for over 30 years.

I congratulate Sarah on a successful teaching career and her upcoming retirement.

ENFORCING IMMIGRATION LAWS

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

Mr. LAMALFA. Madam Speaker, maybe soon we will actually get serious about enforcing our border and the immigration mess we have down there.

We see what is happening with sanctuary cities, and certainly, Mayor

Adams from New York City is feeling the heat on that, as well, and actually starting to talk the right language.

On top of that we have San Francisco that is not only fully embracing illegal alien sanctuary but starting this November—get this—they will let illegal aliens vote in their local school board elections.

Right.

So how can we even think that that is constitutional? How is that going to make San Francisco elections and the legislators they would send to Washington, D.C., or Sacramento in the eyes of the voters in the rest of the country, how do they have confidence in that?

Texas can't enforce their laws on illegal immigration invasions into their State, but San Francisco can ignore Federal law and allow illegal aliens to vote in their local elections and set up ultimately to legitimize them in their eyes to vote in Federal elections? That will lead to this body having to invalidate their elections for Congress and Senate and for the White House.

AIRDROPPED HUMANITARIAN AID IN GAZA

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

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, I rise to raise awareness of not only the desperate humanitarian situation in Gaza, but also, the fact that Israeli hostages that probably number over 100 have not been freed by Hamas.

Every means at our disposal, including U.S. sea and airdrops, should be airlifted to get all necessary aid to civilian populations trapped and in dire need of supplies.

I applaud the Biden administration's new mission to airdrop food and other aid directly into Gaza in collaboration with our Jordanian allies and in cooperation with Israeli forces.

If our Nation could lead the Berlin airlift following World War II, surely we can ease the suffering as we urge a truce and work with our allies toward a two-state solution.

I include in the RECORD a proposal for a negotiated truce and a two-state solution that will allow for rebuilding.

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GUEST ESSAY: ESTABLISHING 'GAZA-PALESTINIAN PROTECTORATE' WOULD GO A LONG WAY

(By U.S. Rep. Marcy Kaptur)

Halfway around the world, the war between Hamas' terrorist units and Israel is a piercing global tragedy. It demands a global response. Yet, "Peace and Justice" have eluded solution in this troubled region for over a century. It will be even harder to achieve after this conflagration ends. The extraordinary death toll will resound for generations forward. How does one create a lasting peace borne of such fierce, enduring hatreds?

The invasion Hamas' fighters launched from Palestinian Gaza into Israel on Oct. 7, 2023 broke the cease-fire that had tensely hung over that very troubled region. More than 1,200 innocent Israeli civilians were slaughtered in a barbaric attack, with more