

committee and action on the floor before this session ends.

Madam Speaker, without action on these bills, our forests will continue to burn. Our constituents will continue to see their homes and livelihoods destroyed, and rural communities across the West will continue to suffer.

In the House this year, we hear about this being a do-nothing Congress and how it has been the least productive. The House of Representatives has been doing its job.

When we have 384-plus bills sitting over in the Senate languishing, waiting for action, then it is a misnomer that action is not going on in this House; indeed, it is a do-nothing Senate.

The people of the West in the line of these fires are suffering and demand action of their government. When they are not getting it, they are the victims.

Madam Speaker, before the end of this year, we need to take serious action on the management of our forests by allowing timber to be cut and processed in order to achieve forest health. We have an overload. We have an inventory in our forests.

There is much more that can be sustainable, on the number of trees per acre, on what is safe and healthy for the trees as they compete for limited water supply underground, therefore, stressing the trees, causing them to be susceptible and more in danger of insects that weaken and kill the trees; it is, thereby, a self-perpetuating prophesy of forests that are weak and then burn.

Madam Speaker, my constituents in Siskiyou County and last night in Weed, California, have suffered from this mismanagement—the nonmanagement—the incompetence and even what some people feel is criminal treatment they are getting from their Federal Government because of inactivity.

Madam Speaker, it is high time we pass these measures and do what we need to do to make our forests healthy and safe, as well as help the economy for those people. Certainly, in Congress and our government, we use a lot of wood and paper products. Why should they not come from California or from our Western States?

REMEMBERING JOAN D'ALESSANDRO

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. GARRETT) for 5 minutes.

Mr. GARRETT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Joan D'Alessandro and to recognize her mother, Rosemarie, for her tireless dedication to victims' rights and child safety.

In 1973, Joan D'Alessandro was sexually molested and murdered by her neighbor, Joseph McGowan, after she simply went to his house to deliver Girl Scout cookies. Joan's body was found 3 days later, on Easter Sunday, in New York States' Harriman State

Park. Joseph McGowan was later convicted of first degree murder and sentenced to life in prison.

Joan was 7 years old when she was murdered. This month, she would have celebrated her 49th birthday. In the four decades since her death, her mother, Rosemarie, has used the tragedy of her daughter's death as a motivation to ensure the protection of other children.

She has mounted several successful campaigns to keep her daughter's killer behind bars, and she has worked tirelessly to strengthen laws against child predators.

In the 1990s, Rosemarie launched a grassroots movement to pass what is called Joan's Law. This legislation imposes a life without parole sentence on anyone convicted of molesting and murdering a child under 14. Governor Christine Todd Whitman signed the bill into law in 1997. President Clinton signed a Federal version of this law in 1998.

Even with these successes, Rosemarie continues to do even more. Earlier this year, she unveiled a butterfly sculpture and garden in Hillsdale, New Jersey. This sculpture is a tribute to Joan's life. It also serves as a reminder to each and every one of us to be diligent about keeping our own children safe.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in coming together to remember Joan's birthday; moreover, I ask you to join me in thanking Rosemarie for all she has done to protect countless other children.

We will never fully understand the grief that she has suffered all these years, but we hope that she finds comfort in knowing that we are inspired by her determination to make the world a safer place.

RECESS

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

Accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 58 minutes a.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 at noon.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer:

Loving God, we give You thanks for giving us another day.

In these waning days of deliberation before Members leave to focus on the upcoming election, bless them with focus on the pressing matters of these days. May they be filled with wisdom and a spirit of goodwill and cooperation that good solutions to unfinished business might be arrived at together.

Finally, bless our world with peace and all those seeking an end to violence.

May all that is done be for Your greater honor and glory.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. WOLF) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. WOLF led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will entertain up to 15 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL RICE MONTH

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

Mr. CRAWFORD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to highlight one of my favorite months of the year, initiated in 1991 by Congress. September is known as National Rice Month.

With its healthy attributes, it should be no surprise that the typical American will consume, on average, 25 pounds of rice this year.

Mr. Speaker, I represent the largest rice-producing district in all of America, and I also am cochairman of the Congressional Rice Caucus. I have seen firsthand for several years the hard work that producers in the First District of Arkansas put into making a crop year after year that feeds not only us here at home, but also feeds countless others across the world.

So, as we stop and consider all the products here at home we have come to enjoy that include rice, let us also remember that our rice producers will export over 2 million metric tons of rice to markets all over the world this year. Our rice producers are feeding us here at home, Mr. Speaker, and they are also feeding the world.

UKRAINE PRESIDENT'S UPCOMING ADDRESS TO JOINT SESSION OF CONGRESS

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

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, this week the men and women through their Representatives in Congress will welcome an ally and a friend. When Ukraine's new President, Petro Poroshenko, addresses a joint session of Congress on Thursday, he will do so at a pivotal moment in his country's history.

Ukraine is facing an existential threat from Russian aggression. President Putin's incitement of violence in eastern Ukraine and arming of separatist rebels there must stop.

The United States has responded with tough sanctions. I will push for even tougher sanctions if President Putin continues to disregard Ukrainian sovereignty.

The people of Ukraine are fighting for democracy. The United States stands behind them in their efforts.

Let this week's address only strengthen the longstanding alliance and friendship between the United States and our friend Ukraine.

ANTI-SEMITISM AROUND THE WORLD

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

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, I rise to submit for the RECORD a statement on my concerns about the troubling increase in anti-Semitism in the Middle East, Europe, and, I regret to say, here in the United States, particularly on college campuses in recent years.

Some have likened the freedom and safety of the Jewish people to "the canary in the coal mine" of a nation's religious freedom and tolerance, meaning, if the Jewish population is threatened, so too will others in time.

For the religious freedom and safety of all people, we must speak out against these disturbing trends and anti-Semitic acts around the world.

I am also calling for the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights to update the 2006 report on anti-Semitism on college campuses to review recent trends and look at what recommendations, if any, have been implemented.

CONDEMNING NFL ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

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

Ms. HAHN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to express my concern and disgust at the NFL's belated and inadequate response to violence against women and children by its players.

If the league were serious, it could use its significant resources to have a positive impact and help change how society views the issue, just as teams have raised money and awareness to fight breast cancer.

But I am not convinced that the NFL commissioner, owners, coaches, and players want to change. Are they sin-

cere or just doing damage control before continuing business—by the way, highly profitable, but tax-exempt business—as usual?

I believe the buck, not just the big bucks, stop with the commissioner. Because he has failed, I think Goodell must go—either resign or be ousted by the owners. My colleagues and I will be watching to see whether the NFL truly reforms, and we will be revisiting congressional oversight and legislation related to the NFL.

KRAUTHAMMER CORRECT AGAIN

(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. Mr. Speaker, in last week's Washington Post, columnist Charles Krauthammer analyzed the President's plan to defeat ISIL:

"Beyond the strategy's halfhearted substance is the author's halfhearted tone. Obama's reluctance and ambivalence are obvious. This is a man driven to give this speech by public opinion. It shifted radically with the televised beheading of two Americans. Every poll shows that Americans overwhelmingly want something to be done—and someone to lead the doing."

ISIL's conquest in Iraq and Syria is a consequence of the administration's failed policies that do not achieve peace through strength. The President ignored evidence of increasing terrorist safe havens across North Africa, the Middle East, and Central Asia, as the southern border is now porous.

The United States must effectively defeat ISIL to stop attacks on American families. I hope the President shows real leadership and takes effective action to achieve victory over those who vow mass murder of American families.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and the President should take action remembering September 11th in the global war on terrorism.

MILITARIZATION

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

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to urge this House to stop the free flow of excess Defense Department military weapons and equipment to local law enforcement.

Our neighborhoods need to be protected, but Americans oppose blurring the line between the police and military. When law enforcement uses military MRAPs on Main Street, that changes the relationship with the public.

Our country is not a war zone, and it should not feel like one. That is why Representative Raul Labrador and myself are introducing the Stop Militarizing Law Enforcement Act. This is a

commonsense and bipartisan bill to reform the Department of Defense 1033 program to stop the free flow of this equipment from foreign battlefields directly to the streets of America.

I urge all of my colleagues to support this bill.

INTRODUCTION OF THE CLEAN AIR STRONG ECONOMIES ACT

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

Mr. OLSON. Mr. Speaker, EPA will soon propose a new lower ozone standard. We have made important gains in air quality, but this new proposal is so low that most of America, including all but five national parks, will be out of compliance.

This new rule will mean lost jobs and lost opportunities. It means no new permits for Mom and Pop and their American Dream. They will struggle to grow. That is why tomorrow BOB LATTA of Ohio and I are introducing the Clean Air Strong Economies Act. This commonsense bill requires EPA to protect health and consider whether a new rule can be met.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to help us balance clean air with a strong economy and American jobs.

REPUBLICAN OBSTRUCTION

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

Mr. VEASEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call on House Republican leadership to stop playing games and start governing.

We are scheduled to debate 36 bills this week, but many are just repeated failed attempts that went nowhere beyond this House because they will do nothing to create jobs or strengthen the economy.

Instead of working to pass comprehensive immigration reform or raising the minimum wage or decreasing income disparity between men and women, we are instead repackaging and repassing partisan talking points and special interest handouts.

This Congress is on track to be the least—the least—productive in U.S. history.

We have seen valuable time and tax dollars wasted in trying to sue the President, over 50 failed attempts to repeal the Affordable Care Act—including the 2-week Republican government shutdown over the same issue—and attempts to legitimize flimsy conspiracy theories.

House Democrats stand ready to work with House Republican leadership when they decide to stop playing games and get back to work. We are ready to jump-start our economy, make it in America, reunite families, and bring back jobs from overseas.