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Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, the right to cast an unfettered vote is central to our democracy.

When the United States Supreme Court invalidated key provisions of the 1965 Voting Rights Act, it invited Congress to update the formula that determines which jurisdictions should be covered. Unfortunately, while Congress has failed to act, we have seen jurisdiction after jurisdiction all across this country attempting to erect impediments to the right to vote.

The Voting Rights Advancement Act, introduced in this body and the body across the Hall, responds to the Supreme Court's invitation. That is why we have labeled our legislative outreach strategy #restorethevote; and because elections are held on Tuesdays, today we are launching #restorationtuesday to organize Member activities online, on the House floor, and throughout our communities.

□ 1230

HONORING OUR NATION'S VETERANS

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

Mr. MARCHANT. Mr. Speaker, in advance of Veterans Day, I rise to honor all of those who have served in the defense of our great Nation.

The 24th District of Texas is home to over 38,000 veterans. They come from many walks of life, but they all have one thing in common, they answered the call to serve when our Nation was in need.

As part of my office's commitment to serving north Texas veterans and their families, we will host our Fourth Annual Veterans Fair this Saturday in Grapevine, Texas.

This event is dedicated to informing veterans about the programs and services that are available to assist them and their families. It is also an opportunity for our community to come together and honor our Nation's heroes.

Thank you to all of our veterans and active military who have put the safety of this Nation before their own. We are forever grateful for your service and sacrifice.

HONORING OUR VETERANS ON VETERANS DAY

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

Ms. ADAMS. Mr. Speaker, next Wednesday is Veterans Day, a day when we honor the brave men and women who served our great Nation.

North Carolina is home to more than 800,000 veterans, and I have the privilege of representing more than 37,000 of them who live in the 12th Congressional District.

I am the proud daughter, granddaughter, niece, and sister of veterans, so I understand the sacrifices that our veterans and their families make.

No veteran should have to jump unnecessary hurdles to receive the benefits promised to them. That is why I introduced the Veterans Benefits Network Act. In the coming days, I will also be introducing legislation to help veterans get closer to achieving the American Dream of entrepreneurship.

Our veterans risk their lives to protect our freedom and our democracy, and we must all remain committed to make sure that they have the resources needed to make a successful transition into civilian life.

Access to quality health care, affordable education, and good-paying jobs should be guaranteed to all who serve honorably in our Armed Forces.

This Veterans Day and every day, we honor the selfless service and sacrifices made by our veterans. It is my honor to be a voice for veterans in this Congress.

NATIONAL FARM TO SCHOOL MONTH

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

Ms. STEFANIK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate and recognize National Farm to School Month.

The USDA Farm to School Program fosters lifelong learning and community building, while providing school children with fresh, healthy foods from local food producers.

Just this year Watertown City School District and the Saranac Lake Central School District in the North Country were awarded grants for their Farm to School projects. These projects will encourage investment during the academic year on locally sourced foods, which will, in turn, support our North Country farmers. I trust their projects will be a success, like so many others across Upstate New York and the country.

We need to empower our Nation's children and their families to make healthy food choices through education that not only introduces fresh produce, but also teaches children about the importance of our agricultural communities.

WEAR RED WEDNESDAY

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

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, tomorrow is Wear Red Wednesday to bring back our girls.

Boko Haram, notorious for kidnapping nearly 300 Chibok girls almost 570 days ago, has used heinous tactics to displace 2.2 million Nigerians and kill 15,000 people in the region.

While our government has condemned these acts and offered noncom-

bat support to the multinational joint tasks force fighting Boko Haram, we must do more.

Mr. Speaker, that is why I have introduced H.R. 3833, to require the U.S. Government to develop a regional strategy to assist the multinational joint task force and address security issues for Nigerian school children, especially girls.

I urge my colleagues to join me as cosponsors to this important legislation.

Mr. Speaker, this bill was already passed in the Senate by Senator COLLINS, S. 1632, and we now need to pass it in the House.

Until these precious Chibok girls are returned, we will continue to wear red on Wednesdays, continue to tweet, tweet, #bringbackourgirls, #joinrepwilson.

CONGRATULATING PARK MAGNET SCHOOL

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

Mr. WESTERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Park Magnet School of Hot Springs, Arkansas, for being named by the U.S. Department of Education as a 2015 National Blue Ribbon School.

This highest of educational honors is awarded yearly to both private and public elementary, middle, and high schools demonstrating overall academic excellence or progress in closing students achievement gaps.

Park Magnet School is 1 of only 5 schools in Arkansas and only 335 in the Nation to be selected this year. Receipt of this award marks the second time that Park Magnet has been named a National Blue Ribbon School, the first time being in 2009.

These achievements acknowledge and validate the hard work of students like Grace Shelor, faculty like Mrs. Carmen Binns, as well as families and communities in creating a culture of excellence wherein students may reach their full, God-given potential.

It is with great pride that I congratulate Park Magnet School on their success today.

OBAMACARE MUST BE REPEALED AND REPLACED

(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, this week I read a story in the Houston Chronicle about Martha Gardenier. Martha is 59. She is a CPA. Two years ago, her bone marrow disease became leukemia. Her doctor said she should start end-of-life care.

The best cancer center in our world, M.D. Anderson, put her into an experimental trial. Her cancer regressed to grade 1. Her drug cocktail costs \$10,000

per month. In September, she was told that her insurance plan was dropping her because of ObamaCare.

President Obama told every American that “if you like your healthcare plan, you can keep it.” Martha liked her healthcare plan, and she may die because she can’t keep it, another example of why ObamaCare must be repealed and replaced without broken promises and putting patients like Martha first.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF SENATE AMENDMENTS TO H.R. 22, HIRE MORE HEROES ACT OF 2015; PROVIDING FOR PROCEEDINGS DURING THE PERIOD FROM NOVEMBER 6, 2015, THROUGH NOVEMBER 13, 2015; AND PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS TO SUSPEND THE RULES

Mr. WOODALL. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 507 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 507

Resolved, That at any time after adoption of this resolution the Speaker may, pursuant to clause 2(b) of rule XVIII, declare the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for consideration of the Senate amendment to the text of the bill (H.R. 22) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exempt employees with health coverage under TRICARE or the Veterans Administration from being taken into account for purposes of determining the employers to which the employer mandate applies under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act. All points of order against consideration of the Senate amendment are waived. General debate shall be confined to the Senate amendment and shall not exceed one hour equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. After general debate, the Senate amendment shall be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule. The amendment printed in part A of the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole.

SEC. 2. (a) No further amendment to the Senate amendment, as amended, shall be in order except for an amendment consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 114-32, which shall be considered as pending, shall be considered as read, shall not be debatable, shall not be subject to amendment except as specified in subsection (b), and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole.

(b) No amendment to the further amendment referred to in subsection (a) shall be in order except those printed in part B of the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question.

(c) All points of order against amendments referred to in subsections (a) and (b) are waived.

SEC. 3. At the conclusion of consideration of the amendments referred to in section 2(b) of this resolution, the Committee of the Whole shall rise without motion. No further consideration of the Senate amendment, as amended, shall be in order except pursuant to a subsequent order of the House.

SEC. 4. On any legislative day during the period from November 6, 2015, through November 13, 2015—

(a) the Journal of the proceedings of the previous day shall be considered as approved; and

(b) the Chair may at any time declare the House adjourned to meet at a date and time, within the limits of clause 4, section 5, article I of the Constitution, to be announced by the Chair in declaring the adjournment.

SEC. 5. The Speaker may appoint Members to perform the duties of the Chair for the duration of the period addressed by section 4 of this resolution as though under clause 8(a) of rule I.

SEC. 6. It shall be in order at any time on the legislative day of November 5, 2015, for the Speaker to entertain motions that the House suspend the rules as though under clause 1 of rule XV, relating to a measure authorizing appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for the Department of Defense.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. DUNCAN of Tennessee). The gentleman from Georgia is recognized for 1 hour.

Mr. WOODALL. Mr. Speaker, for the purpose of debate only, I yield the customary 30 minutes to my friend from Massachusetts (Mr. MCGOVERN), pending which I yield myself such time as I may consume. During consideration of this resolution, all time yielded is for the purpose of debate only.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. WOODALL. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. WOODALL. Mr. Speaker, House Resolution 507 is a structured rule for the consideration of H.R. 22. It provides an hour of general debate, and it makes in order 29 amendments.

Now, you might say, Mr. Speaker, that 29 amendments seems like that ought to be the end of the conversation. But my friend from Massachusetts and I are not done with 29 amendments. There have been well over 250 amendments submitted for this legislation. We have included 29 in this base text, and we are going to come back and include more.

This is the very first rule to come out of PAUL RYAN, Speaker, U.S. House of Representatives.

When Speaker RYAN was speaking to the House last week, when he took the Speaker’s gavel into his hands, he said, “We need to let every Member contribute—not once they have earned their stripes, but right now.”

He said, “I come at this job as a two-time committee chair. The committees should retake the lead in drafting all major legislation. If you know the

issue, you should write the bill. We must open up the process. Let people participate. In other words, we need to return to regular order.”

Mr. Speaker, I won’t tell it to you any way but straight. I am not sure what folks mean when they say a return to regular order in this House.

I love a free and spirited debate process. We are going to go deep into the night tonight, deep into the night tomorrow night, and well into the late hours on Thursday. I hope my colleagues are still going to be as enthusiastic about regular order when we are done as they are before we get started.

But regular order doesn’t necessarily mean that you can use dilatory tactics to slow the House down. It doesn’t necessarily mean we need to see the same amendment 25 different times.

What my friend from Massachusetts and I are doing in the Rules Committee, Mr. Speaker, is going through those amendments to make sure that the ideas and the recommendations brought by individual Members of this House have a chance to be heard, but heard once, not heard six different times.

We are going to have a robust debate in the spirit of regular order over these next 3 days. But that will be from a pot of more than 260 amendments winnowed down into those issues that need to be discussed, have an opportunity to be discussed, on the floor of this House.

□ 1245

Mr. Speaker, the transportation system in this country is over 4 million miles, 600,000 bridges, and 270,000 public transit route miles. The scope of the transportation system in this country is vast, and its importance is even more so. There is not a mayor in this country, Mr. Speaker, who doesn’t know that as goes their education infrastructure and as goes their transportation infrastructure, so goes the economy of their community.

Now, we are working on the Elementary and Secondary Education Reauthorization Act, Mr. Speaker, but that is not for today. Today is not education day. Today is transportation day, where we are bringing forward the first 6-year transportation reauthorization that this country has seen in more than a decade. We have been trying. It is not from a lack of trying, Mr. Speaker.

The ranking member, Mr. DEFAZIO, on the Transportation Committee and the chairman, Mr. SHUSTER, on the Transportation Committee have been working diligently not for days, not for weeks, and not for months, but for years to try to bring this piece of legislation to the floor. This rule today gives us that opportunity.

Mr. Speaker, there are those items in the U.S. Constitution that are put upon the United States Government as responsibilities that we must achieve together. Postal roads are among those responsibilities. There are those who say that Republicans are the party of