

and safety planning, and can directly connect calls to a seamless referral system of more than 4,500 community programs across the United States.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this bipartisan legislation. Domestic violence has no place in our society, and we must stand up for victims and work to eradicate domestic violence for good.

CELEBRATING A TREMENDOUS VICTORY LAST NIGHT BY THE WASHINGTON CAPITALS

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

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, it is warm in here.

Mr. Speaker, there is joy in the Washington Capital Region today.

When I get up in the morning every day and I read the front page of the Washington Post, I say: Oh, my goodness.

Today, I read the front page of the Washington Post. "At last, Capitals," with Alex Ovechkin holding the Stanley Cup high, celebrates.

Mr. Speaker, I was in the Maryland State Senate in 1973, and one of the great citizens of our region, Abe Pollin, said to us, to me, and to others: We want to build an arena in Prince George's County. It was called the Capital Center.

And in 1974, Abe Pollin brought hockey to the Washington Metropolitan area.

Abe Pollin died not too long ago. Before he died, he sold the Caps to Ted Leonsis. Abe Pollin and Ted Leonsis are ecstatic today.

Forty-four years, and now we are the national champions. Mr. Speaker, I rise with great joy and excitement to celebrate the tremendous victory last night by the Washington Capitals in the Stanley Cup finals.

The Caps had an extraordinary season and brought home a victory for the national capital region; its first major sports championship since 1992.

When team captain Alex Ovechkin raised the Stanley Cup over his head last night, he did so on behalf of thousands upon thousands upon thousands of Caps fans across our region, including, of course, my district.

That moment came after a 4-3 victory over an extraordinary team, the Vegas Golden Knights, who, in their first season as an expansion team in the National Hockey League, became the first team to come to the finals in that status. They had a magnificent season and their own exciting path to the finals during their inaugural season.

As the celebrations continue from last night into today and over the coming days, I want to offer my congratulations to the players, coaches, managerial staff, and my thanks to all the fans who made the Caps' victory possible.

I hope my colleagues, dare I say even the ones from Nevada, will join me in congratulating them as well.

Alex Ovechkin was chosen as the most valuable player, having scored 15 goals in the playoffs.

Mr. Speaker, I want to say one last thing. My father was born in Denmark. Lars Eller, a member of the Washington Capitals, was born and lives in Denmark, scored the winning goal.

The colors of the Danish flag, as some of you may know, are red and white. How appropriate. How wonderful. How grateful we are for the vision of Abe Pollin and the sponsorship of Ted Leonsis.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will remind Members to appear on the floor in proper attire.

COMMEMORATING THE 136TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE YAKAMA TREATY

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

Mr. NEWHOUSE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 136th anniversary of the Yakama Nation Treaty of 1855.

On June 9 in 1855, the United States entered into an agreement with the confederated tribes and bands of the Yakama Nation. This treaty marked the beginning of a successful relationship between the Yakamas, the Federal Government, and the people of Central Washington State.

I am proud to display a copy of the treaty of 1855 in my office here in Washington, D.C. as a reminder of the Federal Government's obligations.

The Yakama Nation's presence and influence is evident in my district. The Yakama Nation Museum and Cultural Center provides students and visitors an inside look at the history and the values of the Tribes. The newly opened Yakama Warriors Association's Veterans Center provides resources and assistance to veterans on or near the Yakama Reservation. Events and celebrations bring communities together to honor and preserve the Yakama Nation's cultural traditions.

Mr. Speaker, I am grateful for the Yakamas' input as I work to represent all of Central Washington, and I look forward to continuing to ensure their voices are heard on the important decisions that affect the land that we all love.

RENAMING THE OYSTER BAY NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE TO THE CONGRESSMAN LESTER WOLFF NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

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

Mr. SUOZZI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the illustrious public service career of a former Member of this body, Congressman Lester Wolff, who will soon be celebrating his 100th birthday.

In recognition of his monumental contributions to the preservation and protection of our environment, especially on Long Island's beautiful North Shore, I am proposing the renaming of the Oyster Bay National Wildlife Refuge to the Congressman Lester Wolff National Wildlife Refuge.

These precious wetlands, at Congressman Lester Wolff's urging, were protected in 1968. In 1967, the New York state legislature had, at the insistence of then-Governor Nelson Rockefeller and master planner Robert Moses, authorized a bridge across the Long Island Sound.

Lester immediately saw this bridge would spoil the pristine and precious resource of the Long Island Sound, and soon found himself at the center of an enormous political fight. Lester won, and the Oyster Bay Wildlife Refuge was born.

Lester's efforts in 1968 are an important part of our Nation's environmental history. I urge my colleagues to support the renaming to the Lester Wolff National Wildlife Refuge, and I wish Lester a happy 100th year and many more.

SUPPORTING THE MILITARY CONSTRUCTION AND VETERANS AFFAIRS APPROPRIATIONS BILL

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

Mr. DUNN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Appropriations bill.

Providing robust funding to the VA is a step in the right direction to ensure our veterans receive the best possible care.

This legislation increases funding to the VA to the highest level ever. That funding will go towards providing for America's heroes. We are increasing funding for homeless veterans' services, mental healthcare, suicide prevention, opioid abuse, traumatic brain injury research and treatments, and rural health initiatives, just to name a few.

As the son of an Army family and an Army surgeon, I have seen firsthand many issues that our veterans face. As chairman of the VA Subcommittee on Health, I am working to instill real changes at the VA. This means better care for our men and women who have served our Nation.

Funding these important initiatives is a crucial part of repaying those who fought for our freedoms. I urge all of my colleagues to support this important legislation.

TODAY IS WORLD OCEANS DAY

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

Ms. BONAMICI. Mr. Speaker, in the time I make these remarks, 1 minute,

and every minute after, the equivalent of an entire garbage truck full of plastic will be dumped into the oceans. That is about 8 million metric tons a year, endangering marine life.

Today is World Oceans Day, a good time to recommit to protect, conserve, maintain, and rebuild our oceans and our ocean resources.

The health of our oceans reflects the health of our planet. We have work to do. Oceans absorb CO₂ produced by human activities, and increasing carbon emissions are stressing the oceans and threatening the livelihood of coastal communities.

As oceans become more acidic, shellfish struggle to build shells. Oysters and clams are especially vulnerable. Harmful algal blooms produce acid that accumulates in shellfish, like Dungeness crab, and can be poisonous to humans.

We must invest in research to better understand the challenges to ocean health, like ocean acidification, harmful algal blooms, marine debris, and overfishing.

The ocean is resilient, but we cannot afford to wait. On World Oceans Day, I invite all of my colleagues to join the bipartisan Oceans Caucus. The time to take action is now.

HONORING ISRAEL'S 70TH ANNIVERSARY OF INDEPENDENCE

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

Mr. PALMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Israel's 70th anniversary of independence. The United States has no stronger ally in the Middle East than the State of Israel.

Our relationship is one rooted in shared values and a commitment to freedom and democracy. Israel's dedication to political and economic freedom, free and fair elections, and freedom of religion provides a stark contrast with other regimes in the region.

On this anniversary, I also want to recognize the important relationship between Israel and the State of Alabama.

Few people know that 5 years prior to Israel gaining independence, Alabama became the first and perhaps only State to call for the establishment of a Jewish state.

Seventy-five years ago, on June 10, 1943, in the midst of World War II, the Alabama legislature unanimously passed a joint resolution calling for a Jewish state, and for the Jewish people to have the right to self-government and self-determination.

Since that day, in acknowledgment and support of our mutual values, Alabama and Israel have maintained a special friendship. Indeed, Alabama and the United States are proud to call Israel our ally, and look forward to our continued support of Israel and our continued friendship.

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LET'S WORK TOGETHER TO HELP AMERICAN FAMILIES HAVE HEALTHCARE

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

Mr. KILMER. Mr. Speaker, first, do no harm. That is rule number one for every doctor, and it should be rule number one for this President and this Congress as well. But because of the harmful, partisan healthcare politics in Washington, D.C., next year, a quarter million people in Washington State will have to spend 19 percent more per month on their health insurance.

That adds up for a lot of folks. It will add up to the difference between being able to afford healthcare or not. Families in Washington State will have less money in their pockets because of the choices to do harm by this Congress and this administration.

It is a choice to cut, as this administration did, the Federal payments that make healthcare cheaper for families. It is a choice to obsessively try to dismantle the Affordable Care Act, as this House and this administration have done, creating uncertainty and driving up costs.

Listen, the Affordable Care Act was not perfect, but it meant cheaper healthcare and more people with insurance. Let's fix it rather than harm people.

Rather than partisan attacks that do harm to the healthcare system and harm to family budgets, let's first do no harm, and then let's work together to actually help American families have healthcare.

JUNE 11 WILL BE THE FIRST DAY WITHOUT NET NEUTRALITY PROTECTIONS

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

Ms. ESHOO. Mr. Speaker, Monday, June 11, will be the first day without net neutrality protections, thanks to the Trump administration.

For the last decade and a half, the internet has become the biggest driver of our economy, of education, access to information, and the conduct of commerce. It all happened under net neutrality, because each of us had the freedom to go where we wanted to go, see what we wanted to see, and read what we wanted to read.

On Monday, the rules to protect an open internet will cease to exist. Consumers will no longer be guaranteed that they can choose to go where they want to go or do what they want to do online. Businesses can be made to pay tolls to reach their customers. The huge internet service providers can reign with impunity over the most important tool in our economy and our democracy.

Over all the years I have represented my Silicon Valley district, I have

never had a constituent or a company ask me to turn total control of the internet over to the ISPs.

Congress can act to prevent this takeover. That is why I am a cosponsor of the Congressional Review Act, a bill to disable the administration's giveaway of the internet. Mr. Chair, I urge my colleagues to stand on the right side of history with millions of Americans and do the same.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2019

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. CARTER of Texas. 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 in the further consideration of H.R. 5895, and that I may include tabular material on the same.

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

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 923 and rule XVIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the further consideration of the bill, H.R. 5895.

Will the gentleman from Kansas (Mr. MARSHALL) kindly take the chair.

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IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Accordingly, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 5895) making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, and for other purposes, with Mr. MARSHALL (Acting Chair) in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The Acting CHAIR. When the Committee of the Whole rose on Thursday, June 7, 2018, amendment No. 27 printed in part B of House Report 115-712 offered by the gentleman from Kentucky (Mr. BARR) had been disposed of.

AMENDMENT NO. 28 OFFERED BY MR. CARBAJAL

The Acting CHAIR. It is now in order to consider amendment No. 28 printed in part B of House Report 115-712.

Mr. CARBAJAL. Mr. Chairman, I have an amendment at the desk.

The Acting CHAIR. The Clerk will designate the amendment.

The text of the amendment is as follows:

Page 131, line 7, after the dollar amount, insert "(increased by \$8,000,000)".

Page 132, line 10, after the dollar amount, insert "(reduced by \$8,000,000)".

The Acting CHAIR. Pursuant to House Resolution 923, the gentleman from California (Mr. CARBAJAL) and a Member opposed each will control 5 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California.