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**The Associated Press**

**House to restore solar panel tariffs**

WASHINGTON — The House voted Friday to reinstate tariffs on solar panel imports from several Southeast Asian countries.

President Joe Biden paused them in a bid to boost solar panel installations in the U.S., a key part of his climate agenda. The 221-202 House vote sends the measure to the Senate, where lawmakers from both parties have expressed similar concerns about what many call unfair competition from China.

The House vote would overturn Biden's action last year pausing for two years threatened tariffs that had led to delays or cancellations of hundreds of solar projects across the United States.

The U.S. industry argues that imported panels are needed so solar installations can meet increased demand for renewable energy.

**A pastor, politician is gunned down**

SAYREVILLE, N.J. —

Family members of a slain New Jersey pastor who served on her town council say they do not know of anything that had been troubling her.

The parents and new husband of 30-year-old Eunice Dwumfour worry her death will go unsolved as officials say little about the investigation.

They are still reeling from the Feb. 1 evening when Dwumfour was gunned down as she arrived home in Sayreville, a suburb about 30 miles from New York City.

Dwumfour's 11-year-old daughter says her mother had just returned from grocery shopping with a friend from her church, Nigerian-based Champions Royal Assembly.

**Military helicopter crashes in training**

There have been three U.S. military helicopter crashes and a rollover recorded so far this year, in Alabama, Kentucky, and Alaska.

Military officials are still investigating the causes of the crashes, which involved Black Hawk or Apache helicopters.

A total of 14 soldiers have died and three have been injured, all in training missions. Separately, a recent U.S. Government Accountability Office report of Army and Air National accidents from fiscal years 2012 and 2021 made eight recommendations, including improvements in risk analysis pilot training.

**'Serious concerns' raised in visa lottery**

BERKELEY, Calif. — U.S. authorities say the number of applications for visas used in the technology industry soared for a second straight year, raising "serious concerns" that some people are manipulating the system to gain an unfair advantage.

U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services said Friday that there were more than 780,000 applications for H-1B visas in this year's computer-generated lottery, up 61 percent from last year. The previous year's applications were up 57 percent. Each year, up to 85,000 people are selected for H-1B visas, a mainstay for technology giants such as Amazon, Google and Facebook.

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**Boy stops school bus with ill driver**

WARREN, Mich. — A seventh-grader in suburban Detroit is being hailed as a hero.

Dillon Reeves grabbed the steering wheel on his school bus and hit the brakes after the driver passed out Wednesday.

Warren Consolidated Schools Superintendent Robert Livernois is calling it an "extraordinary act of courage."

Bus video shows the driver fanning herself with a baseball cap and informing the transportation office that she needs to pull over.

Seconds later, Dillon jumped into action, hitting the brake pedal and clutching the steering wheel.

Dillon then yelled to other kids on the bus to call 911. Steve Reeves says his son is a "little hero."

**Report: Airlines at fault for cancellations**

Congressional investigators say airlines themselves are responsible for a rising percentage of canceled flights — more often than before the pandemic, when bad weather was the most common problem.

The Government Accountability Office said Friday that most of the increase in flight cancellations during the travel recovery has been due to things airlines can control.

That includes cancellations for maintenance issues, or because there wasn't a crew available.

Much of the increase in airline-caused cancellations has happened at low-fare airlines, but the biggest carriers are also causing a higher percentage of their own cancellations, according to government data.

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