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Trump-backed time change bill passes House

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WASHINGTON – The House of Representatives voted on July 14 to allow states to enact daylight saving time year-round, moving to prevent Americans from having to change their clocks twice a year.

The legislation, which passed 308-

117, would largely stop the practice of “springing forward” and “falling back.”

If passed by the Senate and signed by President Donald Trump, it would prompt later sunrises and sunsets during a significant portion of the year over much of the country.

Advocates of the change, which would end the decadeslong custom in the United States unless states preemp-

tively opt out of it, have said changing the clocks contributes to negative health effects and traffic accidents.

“Americans are overwhelmingly supportive of this policy,” Rep. Brett Guthrie, R-Kentucky, said during a July 13 committee meeting to advance the bill. “Locking the clock all year long would have positive impacts on sleep schedules, energy conservation, motor vehi-

cle safety and our economy.”

Introduced by Rep. Vern Buchanan, R-Florida, the Sunshine Protection Act of 2025 has the backing of Trump, who recently called seasonal clock changes a “ridiculous, twice-yearly production.” A similar proposal previously sailed through the Senate in 2022 but never

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Jacob Spina of North Canton plays disc golf at the new course located at Ravenna's Chestnut Hills Golf Course.

Ravenna opens disc golf course at Chestnut Hills Park

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People who enjoy playing disc golf can find a course at Ravenna’s Chestnut Hills Park.

The city’s Parks and Recreation Department has set up a 9-hole disc golf course at the park, located off North Chestnut Street in Ravenna. The course spans about four acres in an area north of the Portage Hike and Bike Trail, east of the assisted living facility near the park, and south of Maple Grove cemetery.

Parks and Recreation Director Chris Bundy said the course is open daily year

round from dawn to dusk. There is no fee to play the course, but each player will need a few discs to play. The discs are similar to Frisbees, but each has a different weight. They are named for common golf clubs, such as a putter or driver. Sets can be purchased at most sporting goods stores.

In disc golf, players aim their discs at baskets rather than a hole. Courses are rated based on par, or scores similar to golf, and degree of difficulty, which is the average number of tosses to get the disc into the basket. Most holes are a Par 3 except for Hole No. 2, which is a Par 4, Bundy said.

Most disc golf courses consist of nine or 18 holes.

When he first started working for the city in September, he visited Chestnut Hills and thought the property would make a “beautiful disc golf course.” Later, he learned the property had once been a Par 3 golf course before being redeveloped as a park.

Bundy, who previously worked for a city that had a disc golf course and helped install a course elsewhere, said the courses are gaining popularity because of the low cost to play.

“Once you get your kit, there’s no cost to play,” he said. “All of the courses are free to play.”

Because discs sometimes get lost,

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UPS, Boeing facing new lawsuit over fatal crash

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A law firm in Louisville has filed a lawsuit on behalf of the estate of a man who died after suffering critical burn injuries in the November crash of UPS Flight 2976, according to Jefferson County Circuit Court records filed July 13.

Matthew Sweets, 37, died Nov. 6, two days after the crash that killed 15 people and left several more injured. According to a complaint filed by Alex White Lawyers PLLC, Sweets was selling scrap metal at Grade A Auto Parts when he was “engulfed in flames and explosions caused by UPS Flight 2976” as it crashed near the Louisville Muhammad Ali International Airport moments after takeoff.

“Matt survived the initial crash and walked out of the flames and explosions; however, he suffered third-degree burns on nearly his entire body,” attorneys John Spalding and Alex White said in a July 13 statement. “Matt endured unimaginable suffering while his family stayed by his side, watching him fight for two days before ultimately succumbing to his injuries.”

The lawsuit, filed on behalf of Sweets’ estate, lists Boeing, UPS, General Electric Company and VT San Antonio Aerospace as companies complicit in the mechanical failures leading up to the fatal crash, which the attorneys say was preventable.

“We believe companies entrusted with the safety of the skies overhead owe everyone below them and everyone aboard their aircraft the highest duty of care there is,” the attorneys said in the statement. “We believe that when they become aware of a known danger, they have an obligation to be forthright and act on it. ... When they fail in that duty, they must face the consequences.”

The complaint alleges the

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