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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. DUNCAN of Tennessee).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
July 23, 2015.

I hereby appoint the Honorable JOHN J. DUNCAN, Jr. to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

JOHN A. BOEHNER,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

Reverend Brian Bohlman, The Harvest Church, Lexington, South Carolina, offered the following prayer:

O God, our help in ages past and our hope for years to come, we assemble today with humility in our hearts as we ask for Your blessing upon the affairs of this House.

We also remember the words of President Lincoln, when he said: "I have been driven many times upon my knees by the overwhelming conviction that I had nowhere else to go."

So, Lord, we thank You, that when we lack wisdom and strength, that You give generously to all who ask without finding fault.

May our elected officials and leaders work together towards the common interests of the American people. May they act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with their God.

Lord, we also ask for Your protection over our servicemembers and families, both abroad and at home. Strengthen them when they are weary, increase their power when weak.

Continue to bless our Nation and the work of this House. For your honor and glory, O Lord, we pray.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. 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.

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to clause 1, rule I, I demand a vote on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8, rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. TROTT) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. TROTT 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.

WELCOMING CHAPLAIN BRIAN BOHLMAN

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. WILSON) is recognized for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I am grateful to recognize a

constituent, Chaplain Lieutenant Colonel Brian Bohlman, as our guest chaplain today.

Chaplain Bohlman, a native of Bel Air, Maryland, now resides in West Columbia, South Carolina. Lieutenant Colonel Bohlman is a dedicated member of the South Carolina Air National Guard.

After enlisting in the Air Force in 1992, he faithfully served in the Air Force and Air Force Reserves before joining the South Carolina Air National Guard. On Active Duty, Chaplain Bohlman provided ministry at home and abroad during Operations Noble Eagle, Enduring Freedom, and Iraqi Freedom.

He is the author of "So Help Me God," which is a historical review of the oath of the military office, and "For God and Country," which discusses the call for military chaplaincy.

In recognition of his service and pastoral care, Chaplain Bohlman was awarded the Samuel Stone Award as the Air National Guard Chaplain of the Year in 2013, a well-deserved honor.

Chaplain Bohlman is also the founder and director of Operation Thank You, a nonprofit dedicated to inspiring our servicemembers and military families.

As a 28-year veteran of the National Guard and grateful parent of three members currently serving in the Guard, I know firsthand of Chaplain Bohlman's dedicated service.

I am grateful to welcome Chaplain Brian Bohlman, his wife, Shelley, and his daughter, Mary Ellen, to the Capitol today.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and the may the President, by his actions, never forget September the 11th in the global war on terrorism.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to five further

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OPPOSE THE IRAN NUCLEAR DEAL

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

Mr. TROTT. Mr. Speaker, this headline is dated July 21, 2025. It is what our children and grandchildren will read in the history books in 10 years. “Due to Obama Agreement, Iran Develops Nuclear Arsenal. Rogue Nation Now Threatening To Strike United States, Destroy Israel, & Attack Other U.S. Allies.”

In addition to creating a nuclear Iran, this deal will also create an arms race. It will create a means through which to finance more terrorism. It will create more tension because we only have “managed access inspections.”

What this deal will not change is Iran’s behavior. They will continue to hate us. They will continue to call for “death to America.”

This deal is a big gamble, a gamble the United Nations is apparently willing to take, but one that we in Congress must reject.

I urge my colleagues to join me in opposing this deal. We can never allow this terrible headline to become a reality.

CONGRATULATING PRATT & WHITNEY ON THEIR 90TH ANNIVERSARY

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

Ms. ESTY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Pratt & Whitney on their 90th anniversary.

Since 1925, Pratt & Whitney has been a cornerstone of Connecticut’s and the Nation’s economy. In the last 90 years, men and women from across the country and in my State have designed and produced the most technologically advanced and dependable engines on the market.

Their F-135 engine powers Lockheed Martin’s F-35 Joint Strike Fighter, and their new geared turbofan engine is setting the standard for performance in commercial aviation.

Pratt & Whitney’s engineers, manufacturers, designers, and technicians have fostered Connecticut’s innovation ecosystem for almost a century. We could not be more proud that they call Connecticut home.

Congratulations, Pratt & Whitney. We look forward to another 90 years of aviation leadership.

WE MUST ADDRESS SANCTUARY CITIES

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

Mr. JOLLY. Mr. Speaker, the House will soon consider legislation to address sanctuary cities, local policies that skirt Federal policies regarding the detention of undocumented individuals who have broken the law, a policy that led recently to a terrible tragedy. We should address this. It is right we do so.

But I rise out of concern for the enforcement mechanism in the current draft of the legislation. The current draft would penalize sanctuary cities by reducing assistance to law enforcement, the very men and women we rely on each day to keep us safe.

Consider the irony. To promote greater public safety in law enforcement, we are threatening to reduce assistance to law enforcement, when it is commissions and councils that actually adopt policies regarding sanctuary cities. This is simply wrong.

We can do better. I anticipate voting for passage because we need to address this issue nationally, but I ask my colleagues today to work together. Let’s replace this shortsighted provision that wrongfully punishes those who serve us each day on the front lines of law enforcement, men and women that, months ago, we lauded on this House floor during Police Week for the fine work they do.

Let’s not reduce resources for law enforcement. Let’s ensure that we are able to increase and continue to invest in local law enforcement.

SAFE AND ACCURATE FOOD LABELING ACT OF 2015

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

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise in strong opposition to H.R. 1599, which would nullify states’ rights to label genetically modified organisms, commonly known as GMOs. The House will vote on this bill today.

I share the concerns of many of my constituents in California’s 13th Congressional District about the proliferation of untested, genetically modified foods entering our food supply.

I also share the concerns about the risks to farmers, the environment, and public health created by the rushed commercialization of genetically engineered crops and genetically modified food products.

American consumers deserve the best information available when it comes to food choices that they make for themselves and their families. Already, some 64 nations around the world require GMO labeling.

We need to be on the side of transparency and the safety of the people we represent. That is why I support legislation like Representative PETER DEFAZIO’s Genetically Engineered Food Right-to-Know Act, H.R. 913, which would require the labeling of genetically engineered foods at the Federal level.

So I hope my colleagues will defeat H.R. 1599 and move forward with Fed-

eral efforts requiring adequate and clear labeling for the foods American families are eating.

FINDING A CURE FOR DIABETES

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

Mr. GUINTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of the 1.25 million American children and adults with type 1 diabetes.

As Members of Congress, we have the privilege of meeting with individuals from our home States advocating on various issues. All come from different backgrounds and different experiences; however, they all have one thing in common: they come to Washington looking to change our Nation.

Last week, I had the honor of meeting with 11-year-old Skye Archibald from Exeter, New Hampshire, who was in Washington as part of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation’s Children’s Congress. Skye was diagnosed with type 1 diabetes at the young age of 9 and, since then, has been vital in changing the stigma attached with diabetes, raising money to help find a cure, and advocating at both the Federal and State level. In fact, her hard work and dedication has resulted in the signing of a bill by New Hampshire’s own Governor.

It is because of bright and determined advocates like Skye that Washington can begin working better for New Hampshire. And it is because of Skye that I recently signed on to H.R. 1427, a bipartisan bill to help provide increased coverage of a vital tool that monitors sugar levels to help save the lives of those with diabetes.

COMMEMORATING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF MS. TOMMIE WILLIAMS

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

Mr. VEASEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the life and legacy of a very inspirational Grand Prairie resident from the Dalworth community, Ms. Tommie Williams.

Ms. Williams worked as an educator in several capacities next-door in the Arlington Independent School District. She served as a first, third, and seventh grade teacher, a basketball coach, a cheerleading sponsor, and vice president of curriculum at Sam Houston High School. In addition, Ms. Williams was the first African American administrator and the first parent to serve as a community ombudsman in the Arlington Independent School District.

In honor of her outstanding service and education, the Tommie B. Williams Elementary School in Arlington was dedicated in her honor in 1991.

Although we lost a great educator in the Arlington Independent School District and many in the Dalworth community lost a great neighbor, her