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The House met at 2 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer: Loving and gracious God, we give You thanks for giving us another day.

Help us this day to draw closer to You, so that with Your spirit and aware of Your presence among us, we may all face the tasks of this day.

Bless the Members of the people's House. Help them to think clearly, speak confidently, and act courageously in the belief that all noble service is based upon patience, truth, and love.

You know well the pressing issues facing our Nation, most particularly the COVID pandemic. Local and State resources have been overwhelmed throughout. Grant our national leaders, especially, the wisdom and magnanimity to do what is best, and may we all join in a common will for the benefit of all constituencies, even though this will take some sacrifice.

May all that is done be for Your greater honor and glory.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to section 4(a) of House Resolution 967, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Nevada (Mr. HORSFORD) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. HORSFORD 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.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will entertain up to 15 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

EXPIRING UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE PROVISIONS

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

Mr. HORSFORD. Madam Speaker, this global pandemic has devastated Nevada's economy, forcing thousands of Nevadans to be laid off from work.

Nevada's unemployment rate was last reported to be 11.8 percent. My hometown of North Las Vegas reported the State's highest unemployment rate at 14.6 percent.

Nevada's families are hurting.

Constituents contact my office every single day about their unemployment insurance concerns, especially regarding the Federal unemployment compensation benefits which expire at the end of this month.

Now that this pandemic is ravaging our country again, many States and localities are considering more stay-at-home orders.

We in Congress must act to make sure Americans who are unable to work because of this virus receive the Federal unemployment compensation that they need to survive until we get a vaccine that is free and available to everyone.

It is my hope that any COVID relief package that becomes law provides extended unemployment insurance benefits, direct cash payments, and additional State and local funding so that we can provide support to people who need it the most.

TRUMP COATTAILS APPRECIATED

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

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Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, the defeated Democrat candidate for Senate acknowledged South Carolina Republicans swept to remarkable victories on the local, State, and Federal levels due to the coattails of President Donald Trump and Vice President MIKE PENCE, providing the largest Republican majorities at every level in 140 years.

Despite biased fake news, our citizens appreciate the lowest unemployment in history for African Americans, Hispanics, and Asian Americans, with the highest employment ever for women and youth.

Peace through strength has been maintained with rebuilding the military, and Promises Made Promises Kept, the American Embassy is now in Jerusalem.

Out-of-State contributions of unlimited millions to Democrats enriched political consultants as Democrats lost, while outspending every Republican.

Senator LINDSEY GRAHAM survived the over \$150 million onslaught in America's most expensive Senate race.

The most expensive House race ever led to Congresswoman-elect Nancy Mace becoming the first female Republican Federal official in history.

My opponent spent 15 times more than my prior opponent to receive the exact vote of 42 percent.

We appreciate the voters.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September the 11th in the global war on terrorism.

HONORING LAVONNA LEMONS

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

Mr. WATKINS. Mr. Speaker, Kansas recently said good-bye to a very, very

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special woman, Lavonna Lemons. She was a tough Kansas woman who spent most of her 71 years helping out other people.

You see, she was a rape counselor. She also helped at a homeless mission, and she took in abused children. She would often open her home to anyone in need.

She was a fearless fighter, and the world is a better place because of it.

On behalf of my family, particularly my mother, Barbara; two of my dear friends; your daughters, Lora and Leia; from the floor of the United States House of Representatives to you in Heaven: We love you. We miss you. We will see you soon. God bless.

CONGRATULATING TRUITT EAVENSON

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

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Truitt Eavenson from Carnesville, Georgia, on his retirement after 36 amazing years at Georgia Power.

Truitt began his career at Georgia Power in 1984 as a distribution engineer, and he remained faithful to the company's values and operations ever since.

He held a variety of leadership roles within Georgia Power, including, most recently, serving as the southeast region vice president since 2017.

He was instrumental at fostering good working relationships with elected State officials, other Georgia companies and industries, and Georgia Power field office managers when he served as their vice president of governmental and regulatory affairs.

He has been a leader in his community throughout his work with numerous organizations, including the Ossabaw Island Foundation, Savannah Area Chamber of Commerce, Savannah Economic Development Authority, and the University of Georgia Alumni Association.

Mr. Speaker, I am thankful for Truitt's years of faithful service to Georgia Power and his community, and I wish him and his family the best as he begins his retirement.

Congratulations, my friend.

CONGRATULATING THE PENNSYLVANIA INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

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

Mr. MEUSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the PIAA on seeing through a successful fall season for Pennsylvania high school sports in spite of the many challenges.

We have some great sports teams in my district of Pennsylvania, and I would like to highlight a few.

North Schuylkill's Spartans won a well-deserved football district championship at the conclusion of an undefeated season.

Palmyra's high school girls field hockey team won a State title in overtime, their first in 15 years; Southern Columbia girls soccer won their second title in 3 years; and Bloomsburg girls soccer won their State title.

Mr. Speaker, Southern Columbia's high school football program is nothing short of awesome. Southern Columbia, under Coach Jim Roth, won their 11th State title. On both sides of the ball, this team dominates, and the Tigers have made their citizens of Columbia County and all of Pennsylvania very proud.

And congratulations to Lake Lehman football. I have known many of the players on this great team since they were 6 years old, playing and learning the game under Back Mountain Bobcats Head Coach Dan Anderson and other great coaches.

Lake Lehman's coach, Jerry Gilsky, led the Black Knights to a great season. They came up short in the district championship game, but they had a season of champions, and we are proud of them.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BUTTERFIELD) laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, December 2, 2020.

HON. NANCY PELOSI,
The Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on December 2, 2020, at 12:26 p.m.:

That the Senate passed S. 1153.

That the Senate agrees to the House amendment to the bill S. 1982.

That the Senate agrees to Conference with the House of Representatives H.R. 6395.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

CHERYL L. JOHNSON,
Clerk.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until approximately 4 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 2 o'clock and 10 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. CUELLAR) at 4 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which the yeas and nays are ordered.

The House will resume proceedings on postponed questions at a later time.

UNITED STATES GRAIN STANDARDS REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2020

Mr. PETERSON. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (S. 4054) to reauthorize the United States Grain Standards Act, and for other purposes.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

S. 4054

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "United States Grain Standards Reauthorization Act of 2020".

SEC. 2. NOTIFICATION OF DISCONTINUANCE OF SERVICES BY STATE AGENCIES.

Section 7 of the United States Grain Standards Act (7 U.S.C. 79) is amended—

(1) in subsection (e)(2)(C)(i), by inserting "and affected customers or applicants for service of official inspection or weighing services provided by the State agency" after "notify the Secretary"; and

(2) in subsection (j)(5), in the first sentence, by striking "2020" and inserting "2025".

SEC. 3. WEIGHING AUTHORITY.

Section 7A(1)(4) of the United States Grain Standards Act (7 U.S.C. 79a(1)(4)) is amended in the first sentence by striking "2020" and inserting "2025".

SEC. 4. LIMITATION ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND SUPERVISORY COSTS.

Section 7D of the United States Grain Standards Act (7 U.S.C. 79d) is amended by striking "2020" and inserting "2025".

SEC. 5. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.

Section 17B of the United States Grain Standards Act (7 U.S.C. 87f-2) is amended by adding at the end the following:

"(d) ENHANCEMENT OF CURRENT REPORTING.—

"(1) INCREASED FREQUENCY OF INSPECTION PROGRAM DATA REPORTING.—

"(A) IN GENERAL.—Beginning not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this subsection, the Secretary shall publish quarterly reports describing data from the tests and inspections for intrinsic quality factors (including protein, oil, and starch) and food safety factors, as reported, in the aggregate, for fiscal years 2014 through 2018 in the tables in section V (relating to providing official grain inspection and weighing services) of the 2016 through 2018 annual reports to Congress by the Federal Grain Inspection Service.

"(B) DELINEATION.—The data from the tests and inspections under subparagraph (A) shall be delineated to reflect whether the tests and inspections were requested of or performed by—

"(i) the Secretary; or

"(ii) a State agency delegated authority under section 7 or 7A or an official agency.

"(2) EXCEPTIONS AND WAIVERS.—Beginning not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this subsection, the Secretary shall publish quarterly reports describing—