

Auburn Police Department at (253) 931-3080. Together, we can deliver justice for Ruthie and for the thousands of indigenous women who have been victims to this crisis.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until 11 a.m. today.

Accordingly (at 9 o'clock and 25 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 1100

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mrs. DEMINGS) at 11 a.m.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

Blessed be Your glorious name, and may it be exalted above all blessing and praise. You made the heavens and all their starry host, the Earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them. You give life to everything.

Almighty God, how humbling it is to consider how You are indeed the source of our lives and all that surrounds us.

Truly, when we consider the whole of life—not just our own affairs, not just today's concerns—but the very existence of the universe, how can we not yield our whole selves to Your care and direction?

So we ask that You, in Your mercy, would receive our prayers and forgive our indifference to Your authority; our arrogance that convinces us that our rightness exceeds Your righteousness; our wandering hearts which cause us to explore our personal liberties and ignore Your law; our stubbornness which refuses to see the good in the other and disregards the God in their soul.

Our God, may we bind ourselves to You this day. May we repent from our follies and remain ever faithful to Your covenant and steadfast love.

In the mercy of Your name, we pray. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 11(a) of House Resolution 188, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The SPEAKER pro tempore 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.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 3 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 1546

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Ms. ESCOBAR) at 3 o'clock and 46 minutes p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

BIDEN BORDER CRISIS

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

Mr. MCCARTHY. Madam Speaker, over the past week we have seen tragic images coming from Del Rio, Texas. Caravans of migrants wading across the Rio Grande. Families sleeping under bridges. Border Patrol who are overworked and overwhelmed.

These images don't show a border under control, as President Biden promised. Instead, they are a picture of chaos, incompetence, and crisis.

When President Biden picked Vice President Kamala Harris to be border czar, he assured us she was "the most qualified person to handle the job." He also said she had a plan to "stem the surge of migrants."

Was the plan to dismantle Title 42 and return to Mexico, which would have prevented this crisis?

Was the plan to release hundreds of thousands of migrants into the country each month without a COVID test?

Was the plan to effectively give the cartels control over the border and disrupt local communities?

If that was her plan, we can't afford it anymore. This is more than a disaster; it is a direct threat to Americans' safety.

The Vice President often says we need to examine root causes to solve the border crisis. Well, the chaos in Del Rio confirms that the root causes are Democrats' radical immigration policies. It is time for Congress to hold this administration accountable and secure the border.

We need to hear from those responsible for this failure, starting with the Vice President. Right now, it seems she is more interested in visiting talk shows and football games than visiting the border.

Madam Vice President, this isn't a news cycle to hide from, it is a humanitarian, national security, and public health crisis that must be stopped.

The American people need action and answers, not the largest amnesty plan in American history. Do your job before the crisis gets even worse.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to direct their remarks to the Chair.

NATIONAL DEBT

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

Mr. KELLER. Madam Speaker, later this afternoon the House is set to consider a continuing resolution on the Federal budget. Instead of taking time to hold meaningful discussions about budget offsets and reforms, Speaker PELOSI released bill text less than 24 hours before the scheduled vote.

Make no mistake, Speaker PELOSI and House Democrats have no interest in reining in Washington's outrageous spending or addressing our national debt, now well over \$28 trillion, which our children and grandchildren will have to repay.

Earlier this year, House Democrats rammed through a partisan appropriations package that cracked the door open for their far left priorities. Today, they are blowing the hinges off that door and setting the stage for their \$3.5 trillion tax-and-spend package, which will devastate America's families and send the skyrocketing inflation soaring to even greater heights.

That is not responsible. That is not good governance, and it is certainly not good stewardship of Americans' taxpayer dollars.

RECOGNIZING WORLD ALZHEIMER'S DAY

(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. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize September 21 as World Alzheimer's Day.

Alzheimer's is a cruel disease that attacks a person's quality of life. People living with Alzheimer's lose their memories, their independence, their relationships, and ultimately their lives.

Beyond the patients, caregivers and loved ones endure immense emotional and financial difficulties. In 2019, 16 million Americans provided 18.5 billion hours of unpaid care for a loved one living with Alzheimer's disease or other forms of dementia.

At this very moment, as I am speaking on the floor, another American has developed this deadly illness. We have the resources and the great scientific minds to find a cure for Alzheimer's. We must invest to find innovative treatments and cures. Americans deserve a healthcare system that can treat Alzheimer's better than we do today.

In honor of those who have battled and continue to battle this disease, let's work together to raise awareness

and promote innovative treatments. We must fight relentlessly for our constituents and their families impacted by Alzheimer's.

A RADICAL ASSAULT ON THE SANCTITY OF LIFE

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

Mrs. WAGNER. Madam Speaker, I rise in strong opposition to H.R. 3755, the deceitfully named Women's Health Protection Act. This legislation constitutes a radical assault on the sanctity of life and the dignity of the most vulnerable Americans.

I am grieved and shocked beyond words that Democrats are moving to force States across the country to accept abortion on demand, right up until the moment of birth. Along with so many Americans, I believe that life is beautiful, and that all babies must be given the opportunity to thrive. And yet, my colleagues on the other side of the aisle want to eradicate every legal protection these little ones have, rather than welcoming them with the love and joy and hope that they deserve.

This bill gives abortionists the ability to decide which precious infants are "viable" and worthy of life. It prioritizes the profitability of the abortion industry over genuine and compassionate care for mothers and children.

No baby should be discarded because they were allegedly unwanted, and no mother's needs should be subjugated to the demands of the abortion lobby.

This is an incredibly urgent time in our Nation. I implore each and every one of my colleagues to stand up and fight for those who cannot protect themselves.

Madam Speaker, I urge a "no" vote on H.R. 3755.

IMPORTANCE OF CARING FOR OUR SENIORS

(Mr. HIGGINS of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today in support of provisions of the Build Back Better Act that will help substantially our seniors in western New York.

The bill moving through the House recognizes the importance of human infrastructure, of care infrastructure, and this includes making big investments in our seniors.

The bill provides Medicare coverage for hearing, dental, and vision benefits.

It provides a Medicaid funding increase so seniors can live safely at home.

It recognizes the importance of caregivers by providing a tax cut to support families who struggle to care for their loved ones.

It addresses critical shortages in our health workforce so seniors, when they are in a nursing home or hospital, have

access to the best professionals available.

And it will cut prescription costs by using the leverage of the Federal Government to get a better deal for Medicare beneficiaries.

These are all important investments in our seniors and those who love them, and they need our support.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support the provisions as Congress moves toward passage.

CRISIS AT THE SOUTHERN BORDER

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

Ms. FOXX. Madam Speaker, every day the American people wake up to more concerning news at the southern border, and they are beyond outraged. Thousands of illegal immigrants continue to overwhelm ports of entry, the flood of illicit narcotics continues to skyrocket, and yet, this administration refuses to act.

Over 1.2 million illegal immigrants have been apprehended at the southern border since February of this year, and in August, President Biden released close to 44,000 illegal immigrants into the U.S.

Madam Speaker, this is yet another failure that President Biden can add to his growing list. If this administration does not act with a sense of urgency, America's communities are in danger. It is time for action.

EXPANDING JOB TRAINING PROGRAMS AND LOWERING THE COST OF HIGHER EDUCATION

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

Ms. SCANLON. Madam Speaker, this weekend, I ran into a constituent whose story is a model for what we plan to deliver for more Americans through the Build Back Better Act.

I met a mom in Media, from a solid middle-class family, and she was so excited to share the news about her son's new job. After completing the new maritime career development program at Delaware Community College, he attended a job fair and landed one of the new jobs at the Philadelphia shipyard, where he will be making \$27 an hour and receiving full benefits.

The Build Back Better Act will expand these kinds of opportunities and make them available to more Americans. It will expand job training programs and lower the cost of higher education by funding 2 years of tuition-free community college and increasing the value of Pell Grants.

Using our Nation's network of community colleges as the pipeline, this bill will help connect more Americans to good paying jobs.

The policies in the Build Back Better Act are urgently needed, they will

strengthen our economy, and they are popular. It is time to deal working people back in.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF STEVE HEPP

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

Mr. FITZGERALD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute and celebrate the life of Steve Hepp, who passed away after a hard-fought battle with cancer.

Steve dedicated almost his entire life to public service. He enlisted in the United States Marine Corps after he graduated from high school, where he served proudly from 1972 until 1976. This was just the beginning of his lifetime of dedicated public service.

Steve continued to serve the Watertown community in southeastern Wisconsin in plentiful and meaningful ways on numerous city committees. But I would be remiss if I didn't mention what he is remembered most fondly for, and that is being a small businessman, and the Silver Eagle Saloon, which remains in Watertown and is operated by his family.

I invite the Watertown community to raise a glass to celebrate the life and legacy of Steve Hepp for his resolute patriotism, his unparalleled contributions to those around him, and his undying love for his wife Sue, his daughters Shae and Summer, and his grandchildren Carlos and Jocelyn.

Madam Speaker, I offer my heartfelt condolences to his family and to anyone who called Steve their friend. He will be sorely missed.

BIDEN BORDER CRISIS

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

Mr. CLINE. Madam Speaker, almost exactly 8 months ago Joe Biden kicked off his presidency by signing an executive order that weakened our border security and promised a pathway to citizenship for millions of illegal immigrants. These actions and his reversal of the previous administration's policies have directly led to the worst illegal immigration crisis the United States has faced in decades.

Since the President took office, at least 1.2 million illegal aliens have crossed our border and the numbers are getting worse.

His response? Continuing to double down on the current failed policy.

Just last month, nearly 209,000 illegal aliens were encountered crossing the border, which is a 317 percent increase from August 2020. On top of this, August marks the sixth straight month of illegal crossings, over 170,000 migrants.

The latest saga, more than 12,000 migrants living in makeshift encampments under a bridge in Del Rio, Texas. This humanitarian, economic, and