

law-abiding potential immigrants around the world. People with actual asylum claims and real persecution are told, well, they are out of luck if they can't just walk across our border. Sorry about your civil war or your religious persecution. We are out of space. The system is just too clogged up now.

Let's stop pretending about all of it. Let's start telling the truth so we can actually solve this crisis.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to refrain from engaging in personalities toward the President.

CRADLE-TO-GRAVE SOCIALISM WILL BANKRUPT OUR COUNTRY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Illinois (Mrs. MILLER) for 5 minutes.

Mrs. MILLER of Illinois. Madam Speaker, from the cradle to the grave, the mission of House Democrats is a socialist transformation of America, which will bankrupt our country and make the U.S. dollar worthless, diminishing the buying power, savings, and pensions of regular Americans.

House Democrats want to fund their \$3.5 trillion spending spree by raising our taxes and increasing the debt on our children and grandchildren. After opening our southern border to allow 200,000 illegal immigrants to cross every month, they are now attempting to ram through amnesty so foreign nationals can vote in our elections.

The crisis in Del Rio, Texas, is the direct result of failed open border policies of the Biden-Harris administration, which put human traffickers and cartels in control of our border.

The Bernie Sanders spending plan was produced by socialist Democrats who have never run a business, signed a paycheck, or kept to a budget.

Our Nation's taxpayers deserve the utmost respect when it comes to our Federal budget. The Federal Government has no money, except for what they extort from us and the future of our children and grandchildren.

Fiscal responsibility is vital for a stable, strong, and long-lasting economy. Under the Biden administration, inflation continues to skyrocket and the price of everything from gas to groceries has gone up.

Gas prices are at their highest since October 2014. Fertilizer prices are the highest since the financial crisis of 2008.

Crime, especially homicide, is on the rise in our cities, where these Democrats have pushed to defund the police.

The American people do not want failed politicians who have created crises upon crises, from our borders to ruinous cities, in charge of everything and every aspect of our life. We reject the House Democrats' cradle-to-grave socialist takeover.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair

declares the House in recess until noon today.

Accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 19 minutes a.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 at noon.

PRAYER

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

You have called us, O God, and we have answered. From cities and towns across the country, with enthusiasm for a life of service and a commitment to faithful citizenship, all who labor in these hallowed halls have responded to Your summons to serve and preserve the noble ideals of this Nation.

And so we offer to You everything we are, lay before You all we hope to accomplish, and pray for what we lack: The ability to represent the concerns of our compatriots in this challenging forum of debate and decision; the resilience to maintain a grueling schedule while staying above water in the storms of frustration and animosity; the compassion for an issue or group of people, and the need to broaden that empathy to hear the voices of those with whom we do not agree; the wisdom to know when a cause is justified but the discernment to refrain if the timing isn't right; and the discipline to rise above the fray of harsh discourse.

O Lord, we pray Your guiding presence amidst the protectors and guardians of the laws of this land, the defenders of the marginalized, and the safe keepers of the virtues, freedoms, and opportunities on which this Nation was founded. May we prove worthy of Your trust in us.

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

THE JOURNAL

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Mr. AUCHINCLOSS 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.

REMEMBERING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF FRANK BURSTEIN

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

Ms. DEAN. Madam Speaker, just 4 months ago, I rose to remember a Montgomery County favorite, Denise Burstein, and today, with a heavy heart, I remember her husband, my friend and community leader, Frank Burstein.

Frank passed away last Saturday. Montgomery County will not be the same without his enthusiasm, his service, and his generosity.

Frank embodied service. As a young man, he proudly served in the Army Medical Unit, and even in his career as an executive, he was a local political leader and advocate for foster children.

Frank was known for his hospitality, a wonderful chef who regularly welcomed the community to his famous brunches. People would come from miles around for his signature lemon blueberry French toast, which he taught me to make.

Frank and Denise's welcoming way was felt in enthusiasm and smiles. They were two halves of the same smile.

My prayers are with his sons, Martin and Marshall, his daughter-in-law, Annie, his beloved grandson, Isaiah, and his entire family. May you and may we find comfort in knowing that Frank and Denise are together again. May their memory be a blessing.

CRISIS ON OUR SOUTHERN BORDER

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

Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas. Mr. Speaker, while the President was vacationing at his beach house, and the Border Czar Kamala Harris enjoyed a football game, our Border Patrol agents were working around the clock to address the over 12,000 migrants who illegally crossed the Del Rio International Bridge this week.

This is on top of the more than 200,000 apprehensions Border Patrol agents encountered in August, a 317 percent increase from the same time last year.

So what has changed?

The Biden administration's reckless repeal of President Trump's successful border policy and the Biden open border agenda. Even the Democratic Mayor of Del Rio, Texas, admitted that "this is beyond crisis. This is urgent. This is dire."

The President campaigned on open borders and free health care for illegal immigrants. Americans need to wake up to the socialist policies that are destroying our Nation and undermining the rule of law. The Biden experiment has not worked and will not work and it is a total failure.

In my State of Texas we are always open for business. Now we are open to illegal behavior every single day, thanks to President Biden.

In God we trust.

ONGOING CONFLICT IN THE TIGRAY REGION OF ETHIOPIA

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

Mr. QUIGLEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to discuss the ongoing conflict taking place in the Tigray region of Ethiopia.

For over 10 months, the Tigray People's Liberation Front and the Ethiopian National Defense Force have clashed in and around Tigray. The TPLF and the Ethiopian government must come to a true ceasefire agreement and move toward peace.

The people of Ethiopia are suffering in the most horrific ways imaginable; starvation, murder, rape as a weapon of war, and other crimes against humanity. They are losing their lives, homes, and security.

Now is not the time to bicker about where the fault lies, with both parties blaming each other for varied and heinous acts. Innocent civilians are suffering as a result of this brutal conflict. Both the TPLF and the Ethiopian government must put the good of the people first.

It is time that we address the needs of the suffering Ethiopian people by prioritizing refugee visas, and aid that actually reaches displaced people. We must support peace in the region.

HONORING CAPTAIN BILL ROBINSON

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

Mr. BURCHETT. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor my good friend, Captain Bill Robinson, as Tennessee's Second District Veteran of the Month.

Captain Robinson was born in Roanoke Rapids, North Carolina. In 1961 he enlisted in the United States Air Force. He was trained as a helicopter maintenance technician and worked at Air Force bases in the United States, South Korea, and Thailand during the Vietnam War.

On September 20, 1965, Captain Robinson's helicopter was shot down over North Vietnam during a rescue mission. He was captured and taken as a prisoner of war. During his time in captivity, Captain Robinson endured inhumane conditions at infamous camps like the Hanoi Hilton and the Briarpatch. By the time he was released on February 12, 1973, Captain Robinson had spent 2,703 days as a prisoner of war, making him the longest-held enlisted prisoner of war in American history.

Captain Robinson credits four faiths for his survival during his 7½ years in

captivity: Faith in himself, faith in his fellow prisoners, faith in his country, and faith in the Lord, Mr. Speaker.

After he returned home, he continued serving in the Air Force until his retirement on December 1, 1984, to Madisonville, Tennessee.

Since his retirement, Captain Robinson has dedicated his life to helping his fellow veterans. He is heavily involved in Chapter 1078 of the Vietnam Veterans of America, which made me an honorary member, which is now named after him.

Thank you Captain Robinson for your service and your sacrifice. It is an honor to recognize you on the House floor and call you my friend.

FUNDING FOR THE NATIONAL MARITIME HERITAGE GRANTS PROGRAM

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

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the amendment to the National Defense Authorization Act authorizing funding for the National Maritime Heritage Grants Program.

The competitive matching grant program, intended to enhance public awareness, education, and appreciation for United States maritime history, has not issued grants for the last several years due to lack of funding.

The Buffalo and Erie County Naval and Military Park in my community is home to several decommissioned Naval vessels that serve as floating museums, allowing visitors to be immersed in the incredible stories of historic military battles and brave U.S. soldiers.

Without resources, ships like these across the country are deteriorating and, in some cases, are literally sinking.

I ask my colleagues to support our amendment authorizing \$10 million for the National Maritime Heritage Grants Program and join me in protecting irreplaceable maritime history from being lost forever.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF SAYED OBAIDULLAH AMIN

(Mrs. KIM of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. KIM of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Sayed Obaidullah Amin, who served heroically in Afghanistan and risked his life as a translator for U.S. forces in Sangam Valley.

Sayed had a pending SIV, P1, and P2 application to get to the United States. He had the help of marines who he served with, as well as the help of my office. Unfortunately, he and his wife were killed at Abbey Gate during the Kabul airport attack fighting to get to safety. Their two infant children survived, and they are P1, P2 applicants, and they need the help of our State Department to get to safety.

My heart continues to be with his children, the marines he served with, and all those who worked so hard to get him to safety. Our mission is not over. We have lives to save.

HONORING THE SERVICE OF CHARLES BOLDEN

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

Ms. KELLY of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a valued member of my team, Charles Bolden, who recently departed my office for a new challenge.

Charles began working in my office in 2016 and has proven himself time and again to be a vital and integral part of the team. He started out as a staff assistant in the office enthusiastically greeting guests and savoring every conversation with constituents. His dedication to serving the people of Illinois' Second Congressional District, which is also his home, stood out.

Charles handled the gun violence portfolio for the office, which is personal to him as he personally lost close friends to gun violence. This is an issue that is so important to both Charles and me, and I am grateful for his many years of service working to save lives and bring gun violence prevention resources to the people of Chicagoland.

While I am so sad to see Charles Mackie Bolden, aka Charlie, to me, move on, I am very grateful for his years of service, and I wish him the best in his next endeavor.

INFLATION UNDERMINES AMERICAN FAMILIES

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

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, American neighborhoods are under terrorist threat due to the Biden catastrophic blunder of the Afghan surrender with an open southern border. This is not his only failure as inflation undermines American families.

Under Biden, borrowing and spending has already caused inflation to surge to the fastest pace in 13 years, according to the Labor Department. Sadly, we have price increases: Gasoline, 42.7 percent; bacon, 17 percent; chicken, 7.2 percent; fish and seafood, 10.6 percent; eggs, 9.9 percent.

Whatever the increase in wages, inflation has wiped out gains. Americans keep less under Biden. Now, Biden proposes \$3.5 trillion in more borrowing, taxing, and spending, which will destroy private sector jobs, add to the debt of younger citizens, and weaken retirement accounts.

In conclusion, God bless our troops who successfully protected America for 20 years, as the global war on terrorism continues moving from abroad to our neighborhoods.