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The House met at noon and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Ms. DAVIDS of Kansas).

DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,

November 1, 2021.

I hereby appoint the Honorable SHARICE DAVIDS to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

MORNING-HOUR DEBATE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of January 4, 2021, the Chair will now recognize Members from lists submitted by the majority and minority leaders for morning-hour debate.

The Chair will alternate recognition between the parties, with time equally allocated between the parties and each Member other than the majority and minority leaders and the minority whip limited to 5 minutes, but in no event shall debate continue beyond 1:50 p.m.

CONGRESS MUST WORK TOGETHER

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. JOYCE) for 5 minutes.

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, attempting to push through yet another socialist spending spree this year might be what liberals think will help their polling numbers, but it is not what the American people need.

In reality, this bill would exacerbate our energy crisis and make our country less safe.

The reckless spending in this legislation can best be defined as build back bankruptcy.

Right now, in my hometown of Altoona, Pennsylvania, gas costs over \$3.50 a gallon. That is money coming directly out of Americans' pockets. If this spending spree is passed, that cost will only go up.

So far, the Biden administration has placed a moratorium on new American drilling, canceled the Keystone XL pipeline, and allowed the Russians to produce oil for our allies in Europe. This legislation, unfortunately, doubles down on the Biden administration's war on American energy.

This lengthy piece of legislation overregulates and overtaxes the natural gas, coal, and Marcellus shale industries that provide good wages and low-cost power to American families.

Instead of supporting American energy, this bill hands out green energy tax credits to wind and solar manufacturers that are unable to meet the energy needs of our country. Wind turbines and solar panels are not going to heat our homes this winter.

We need to focus on regaining America's energy independence. We need to focus on lowering energy costs before winter sets in.

This inflation is not transitory. We cannot wish this problem away.

Passing the Green New Deal dressed up as infrastructure legislation is not the answer to the problem that we are currently facing.

Madam Speaker, I encourage all Members of this body to work together to pass an infrastructure bill that would actually rebuild our roads and rebuild our bridges.

In Congress, we must be responsible stewards of the taxpayers' dollars. We need to find a fiscally responsible way to build roads and to repair bridges.

We need to complete the Appalachian regional highway system, and we need to expand internet access to all citizens across the Commonwealths, across the States, and across America. We need to do this without mortgaging our

children's future. We need to do this without ballooning our deficit in a way that would hamstring the American people for decades to come.

PAYOUTS TO ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from North Carolina (Ms. FOXX) for 5 minutes.

Ms. FOXX. Madam Speaker, the American people are wondering: What is the Biden administration thinking?

Last week, The Wall Street Journal reported that the Department of Justice is negotiating a settlement that would give \$450,000 per person to illegal immigrants. For a parent and child, the payout increases to \$900,000.

To put this in context, if a servicemember is killed in action, their next of kin receives an insurance payment of \$400,000. What this means is that the Biden administration will pay illegal immigrants more than the families of America's fallen heroes.

That fact alone is repulsive. These people broke the law by illegally entering our country, and now they are about to receive a payout from the government.

That is the kind of welfare mentality that is corrupting this country and will do nothing but encourage more illegals to try to enter our country.

Shame on President Biden and his administration.

RECOGNIZING MILITARY FAMILY APPRECIATION MONTH

Ms. FOXX. Madam Speaker, behind every man and woman in uniform are family members who exhibit great resilience while their loved ones serve this great country.

No matter their backgrounds or where life's journey has taken them, these families are all connected by service and their collective love for America.

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Madam Speaker, November is Military Family Appreciation Month, a solemn time when we recognize the innumerable military families from all corners of America.

We recognize their support for their loved ones in uniform and the sacrifices that they continue to make every day.

I salute particularly those from the Fifth District of North Carolina and thank them for their service.

The simple truth is that every American owes them and their loved ones both at home and abroad a profound debt of gratitude.

May we never forget that.

WHERE IS THE ACCOUNTABILITY

Ms. FOXX. Madam Speaker, if I laid over 1,500 pages of text in front of you right now, would you be able to tell me quickly what is on every single page? If the answer is no, that is not surprising.

Yet, that is exactly what happened last week when the majority decided to drop the text of the massive socialist tax and spending package at a moment's notice.

Does this sound familiar? It is what happened when House Democrats passed ObamaCare, and nobody had the time to read its text either, although Republicans made an earnest effort to read every page. It is the same irresponsible tactic of passing a bill to find out what is lurking beneath its pages.

Madam Speaker, this process is making a mockery of the people's House, and it is downright shameful. It is time to stop it.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until 2 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 7 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. CASTEN) at 2 p.m.

PRAYER

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

Be forever blessed, O God, in the songs of the saints who have gone before us, who confessed Your name in the living of their days. We praise You, the God of our parents and our parents' parents, the Lord of all who have graced this Earth.

To You, O God, the rock, the refuge and strength of our forebears, You who put their fears to rest that they would stand bravely in their well-fought fight, to You be all praise for You are our hope and stay this day.

Give welcome to the souls of those who have left us to be received into

Your loving embrace. And then grant us Your peace as we hold fast to their memory from day to day, knowing that they have been rewarded for their toil.

Now as we receive the legacy of the faithful, whose names we lift up to You in the silence of our hearts, may our days prove as fruitful and our lives as wholly devoted to the tasks You call us to carry forth, on behalf of all the saints who now rest from their labors.

Remind us that the calm of paradise awaits us. In the hope of this promise and the strength 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.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, October 28, 2021.

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 October 28, 2021, at 8:26 p.m.:

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 5763.

With best wishes, I am,
Sincerely,

GLORIA J. LETT,
Deputy Clerk.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 4 of rule I, the following enrolled bill was signed by the Speaker on Thursday, October 28, 2021:

H.R. 5763, to provide an extension of Federal-aid highway, highway safety,

and transit programs, and for other purposes.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, October 29, 2021.

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, I have the honor to transmit a sealed envelope received from the White House on October 29, 2021 at 10:29 a.m., said to contain a message from the President on the continuation of the national emergency with respect to Sudan.

With best wishes, I am,
Sincerely,

CHERYL L. JOHNSON,
Clerk of the House.

CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO SUDAN—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (H. DOC. NO. 117-69)

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following message from the President of the United States; which was read and, together with the accompanying papers, referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed:

To the Congress of the United States:

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, within 90 days prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent to the *Federal Register* for publication the enclosed notice stating that the national emergency with respect to Sudan declared in Executive Order 13067 of November 3, 1997, is to continue in effect beyond November 3, 2021.

Sudan made strides in its transition toward democracy since 2019, but the military takeover of the government and arrest of civilian leaders now threaten those positive gains. The crisis that led to the declaration of a national emergency in Executive Order 13067; the expansion of that emergency in Executive Order 13400 of April 26, 2006; and the taking of additional steps with respect to that emergency in Executive Order 13412 of October 13, 2006, Executive Order 13761 of January 13, 2017, and Executive Order 13804 of July 11, 2017, has not been resolved. The situation in Darfur continues to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States. Therefore, I