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The House met at 2 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
February 1, 2022.

I hereby appoint the Honorable HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr. to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

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

Lord, be gracious unto us. Be gracious to us and bless us. Bless us with the warmth of Your countenance. Make Your face to shine upon us.

Then may we reflect Your saving power, that it would be known throughout the world. May we mirror the love You have for each and every person, imitate the grace You offer to all peoples.

May ours be a nation that lives into Your grace plan. May we not reject Your design but allow it to influence our every decision. Flavor every word from our mouths, guide our deeds, and inspire our hearts.

Holy God, You have richly blessed us to carry forth Your divine and loving purpose.

Thus blessed to be a blessing, may we live into the grace and mercy You have bestowed on us.

We open ourselves this day to delight in Your presence, and we sing with gladness in Your company.

In 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. Will the gentlewoman from Texas (Ms. GARCIA) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. GARCIA of Texas 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 will entertain up to 15 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

BUILDING BACK BETTER NOW AND FOR THE FUTURE

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

Ms. GARCIA of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to discuss the jobs created by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.

By passing this historic piece of legislation, we have set in motion adding two million jobs a year for the American people. High-paying, stable jobs filled by skilled, union, American workers.

These are the jobs that hold families together. They put everyday people in control of their future for themselves and for their children.

We are building the roads, bridges, high-speed internet, ports, and airports

we need. We are strengthening our frail electric grid.

We are building back better now and for the next generation to come, for all our children.

SKYROCKETING ENERGY PRICES

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

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to address the crisis that is causing energy prices to skyrocket and hurting Pennsylvanians.

This year it is estimated that Americans will pay 32 percent more to heat their homes than they did last year. This sudden spike in prices is the result of President Biden's war on affordable energy sources, sources like oil, natural gas, coal, and the Marcellus shale that is so readily available in Pennsylvania.

Instead of promoting these affordable baseload power sources, the Biden administration has doubled down on their failed policies. So far, President Biden has canceled projects, including the Keystone XL pipeline. He has refused to sign new drilling leases that would ultimately lower the cost of energy for my constituents.

President Biden and his far-left administration are fighting against American businesses and against American families.

The dead of winter is not the time to implement the Green New Deal. The coldest months of the year are no time to raise heating costs. These reckless policies must end.

CLIMATE CHANGE SOLUTIONS

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

Ms. UNDERWOOD. Mr. Speaker, climate change presents an existential

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threat to our environment, our economy, and our future. That is one of the reasons I was so proud to support the bipartisan infrastructure law, a generational investment in clean energy jobs and technology, like solar.

This investment is critical for the communities I represent, which are already working to advance clean energy technologies at home in Illinois. Just last week Mundelein, Illinois, was awarded the Department of Energy's SolSmart Silver award for making it faster, easier, and more affordable for communities to utilize solar energy.

We owe it to our families, communities, and future generations to create climate change solutions. Thanks to the bipartisan infrastructure law, that is exactly what we are doing.

CONGRATULATING PRESIDENT AMIRIDIS

(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, I appreciate the University of South Carolina Board of Trustees selecting Dr. Michael Amiridis as the new university president. As established by Dr. Harris Pastides, he continues the importance of Greek heritage so meaningful for the people of South Carolina.

Having previously spent over 20 years on the USC campus, President Amiridis returns from the University of Illinois at Chicago, where he has been chancellor. As President Amiridis is already familiar with the university community, I am confident that the school, branch campuses, and students will benefit from his appreciation of the extraordinary Gamecock traditions.

Shortly after being selected, President Amiridis said, "Through academics, research, and its vibrant culture, the university system is critically important to the people of South Carolina and to the State's future. I feel privileged to be able to lead this great institution."

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

REMEMBERING MIKE DUFFY

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

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life of a well-known and generous man from Davenport, Iowa. Mike Duffy passed away peacefully on January 21 surrounded by his loved ones.

For the overwhelming majority of his life, Mike called Davenport home. He began working at the age of 11 and did not stop until his retirement. He helped his father, John, grow the fam-

ily business, Per Mar Security, into an Iowa institution.

Mike worked a number of jobs throughout his life, and he always treated everyone from all walks of life with equal respect. That is just who Mike was, and he has made the lives of everyone around him better because of it.

Mike's long list of accomplishments include being recognized by the Iowa Business Hall of Fame, the Quad Cities Area Junior Achievement Hall of Fame, and the Security Industry Hall of Fame. Mike served the Quad Cities around the clock, serving on multiple boards and committees, including the Davenport Chamber of Commerce, St. Ambrose University, and the Handicapped Development Center, just to name a few.

Even at his visitation, his employees told his wife, Linda, about his selfless service in delivering the Sunday paper to them for the coupons, even though he read it online. Mike worked his entire life to support his family, his friends, and his community.

Mike's wife, Linda; their children; and 31 grandchildren are in my prayers.

CONGRATULATING DOUG WEATHERS

(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 honor the accomplishments of Doug Weathers, the longtime WTOC Savannah broadcaster who was recently inducted into the Georgia Association of Broadcasters Hall of Fame.

Doug has been a titan of Georgia broadcasting since 1962, when he first began presenting the news.

Starting in 1954 as a film editor, Doug worked his way through running the projector, operating studio cameras, and helping with production until he was tapped to host. When it comes to news, Doug truly is a jack-of-all-trades.

Doug helped WTOC news reach the top of their local ratings and remain there during his tenure. In 1973, Doug left WTOC for WJCL because they had the ability to broadcast in color, and he helped springboard them to number one in the local ratings.

When Doug eventually returned to WTOC, he helped bring their evening news back to number one, where it remained until his retirement in 2001.

Having worked in every aspect of a television studio, Doug has helped modernize and popularize local news throughout our State. We are very grateful for his years of service and congratulate him on this historic accomplishment.

Congratulations to my friend and my neighbor.

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.

JOHN R. LEWIS POST OFFICE BUILDING

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 5577) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3900 Crown Road Southwest in Atlanta, Georgia, as the "John R. Lewis Post Office Building".

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 5577

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

SECTION 1. JOHN R. LEWIS POST OFFICE BUILDING.

(a) DESIGNATION.—The facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3900 Crown Road Southwest in Atlanta, Georgia, shall be known and designated as the "John R. Lewis Post Office Building".

(b) REFERENCES.—Any reference in a law, map, regulation, document, paper, or other record of the United States to the facility referred to in subsection (a) shall be deemed to be a reference to the "John R. Lewis Post Office Building".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentlewoman from Florida (Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ) and the gentleman from Kansas (Mr. LATURNER) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Florida.

GENERAL LEAVE

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on this measure.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from Florida?

There was no objection.

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of H.R. 5577 to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 3900 Crown Road Southwest in Atlanta, Georgia, as the "John R. Lewis Post Office Building".

John Lewis was born on February 21, 1940, in Troy, Alabama, to Willie Mae and Eddie Lewis.

Inspired by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., he attended the American Baptist Theological Seminary in Nashville, Tennessee. Lewis then went on to earn his bachelor's degree in religion and philosophy from Fisk University.