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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:

We draw near to You this day, O God, in deepest reverence. For You alone are God, the creator of the universe, the giver of our lives.

Holy are You, the Lord of hosts. The Earth is filled with Your glory. You are both transcendent and imminent, above and around us, among and within us.

In Your magnificent presence, we are in awe to stand before You, vulnerable before Your power, undeserving of Your regard.

Humbly, then, we offer ourselves to You, confiding in Your mercy, hopeful for Your grace, finding in You our refuge and strength.

Touch our unclean lips with Your purifying word, that we would be cleansed of our wrongdoing and redeemed of our unworthiness.

Send us forth and we will serve You with gratitude for our healing and wholeness. May we give our time and effort to Your service and live our lives in faithfulness to you.

In your sovereign 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 North Carolina (Mr. MURPHY) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. MURPHY of North Carolina 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.

## HONORING GARY BEIKIRCH

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

Mr. MORELLE. Madam Speaker, I rise in recognition of a Rochester, New York, legend and beloved veteran, Gary Beikirch, who sadly passed away December 26 at the age of 74.

With little regard for his own safety, Sergeant Beikirch's conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action at the risk of his life, above and beyond the call of duty, earned him the prestigious Medal of Honor in 1973.

Sergeant Beikirch's story of selfless valor is so revered in Rochester that our Vietnam Veterans Memorial at Highland Park bears his name.

Sergeant Beikirch went on to become a pastor and beloved school counselor whose presence, empathy, and service will impact our community for generations to come.

I close with the words of General George Patton: "It is foolish and wrong to mourn the men who died. Rather, we should thank God that such men lived."

I thank God for the life of Gary Beikirch.

## BIDEN'S YEAR ONE DISASTER

(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. Madam Speaker, Biden took office only a year ago, and under a one-party Democrat rule, America is experiencing unprecedented adversity.

Today, jobs are being destroyed, and we face crises in energy, education, crime, national security, the border, and more.

Bidenflation is at the highest in 40 years, resulting in real wage decreases with job destruction.

Energy independence has been replaced by energy dependence, raising gas prices by 50 percent.

Remote learning is catastrophic for students and teachers.

Defunding police leads to homicide rates at record highs.

National security is endangered from feeble responses to China, Iran, Putin, and terrorists.

Two million illegal aliens, including murderous terrorists, have crossed into America.

Today is a tragic, historical landmark as our children are burdened by a \$30 trillion debt.

America needs new positive leadership.

In conclusion, the Democrat elite think they are smarter than everyone and believe Democrat voters and Democrat media are ignorant to accept \$5 trillion cost zero dollars.

## MAKE MORE THINGS IN AMERICA

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

Mr. PAPPAS. Madam Speaker, as an original cosponsor of the Homeland Procurement Reform Act, I am grateful that this legislation has been included in the America COMPETES Act. I will offer an amendment later today that strengthens provisions that support domestic manufacturing and American small businesses.

It is of the utmost importance for our economic and national security interests that we make more things in America. That should be a priority when it comes to purchases made by the Department of Homeland Security for protective equipment for frontline personnel. Purchasing more of these items from qualified American small businesses would be a win for workers and companies that manufacture their products here in the United States.

Small businesses receive less than 26 percent of Federal Government contracts. My amendment will help close that procurement gap and at the same time create good-paying jobs, support domestic manufacturing, and strengthen our supply chains.

I urge my colleagues to support this amendment and the America COMPETES Act.

## HONORING DR. DONALD H. TUCKER

(Mr. MURPHY of North Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. MURPHY of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of my friend, Dr. Donald H. Tucker of Greenville, North Carolina.

An altruistic and humble husband, father, and friend, Dr. Tucker was considered by many to be the gateway to healthcare in eastern North Carolina.

Dr. Tucker completed his undergraduate and medical studies at Duke University, and following completion of his residency in internal medicine at Cornell, he then returned to Duke for a cardiology fellowship.

Dr. Tucker then would serve as the director of the cardiopulmonary catheterization lab at the Portsmouth, Virginia, naval hospital, earning the rank of lieutenant commander.

Dr. Tucker then returned home to Greenville and eventually opened up a multispecialty physician clinic called Quadrangle Physicians, which eventually turned into Physicians East, the largest multispecialty private group in eastern North Carolina.

Dr. Tucker was a pillar of our community, a leader in his church and multiple charitable organizations, and a leader who helped bring a medical school to rural eastern North Carolina. Dr. Tucker advocated for all those around him and unfailingly strived to advance the well-being of our State and community.

Madam Speaker, I was honored to know Dr. Tucker as a friend and physician colleague. I ask that everyone today please join me in honoring the incredible life of Dr. Donald Tucker.

## SPREADING GOOD NEWS

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

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Madam Speaker, over the last 2 months since we passed the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs

Act, House Democrats have been spreading the good news.

In fact, we have had over 1,000 events across this Nation where House Democrats bring home to Americans what we have done with the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, strengthening our water systems and sewer systems, rebuilding our roads and our bridges.

We just had a catastrophic bridge failure in Pittsburgh that brings home the need to do these things.

Expanding broadband internet into the rural places that need them the most, this is a wonderful thing that is highlighting the fact that Democrats delivered with the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act.

That is not the wonder, Madam Speaker. The wonder in all of this is that we had 200 House Republicans voting no, voting against investing in America and helping our companies and our country compete with China, Europe, and places abroad.

They voted no. They voted against infrastructure, and they need to explain why.

#### HONORING TERRY HORN

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

Mr. RUTHERFORD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Uncle Sam, also known as Pastor Terry Horn, on his longstanding and excellent work serving the children of our northeast Florida community.

Pastor Terry and his wife, Cynthia, run an organization called Metro City Kids, which teaches hope, healing, and patriotism to at-risk youth in inner-city Jacksonville. They teach a faith-based program that is focused on Biblical truths, moral values, good manners, and citizenship.

Uncle Sam and Cynthia are truly making a difference.

In fact, after the first 5 years in ministry in Jacksonville's public housing, juvenile crime, according to the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office, dropped 40 percent on those properties where they minister.

Thank you to Uncle Sam for making northeast Florida a safer and happier place for our youth.

#### DEMOCRATS FIGHT FOR THE PEOPLE

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

Mr. LIEU. Madam Speaker, Democrats are fighting for the people.

Along with President Biden, we enacted the American Rescue Plan and the infrastructure law. That has resulted in the fastest GDP economic growth in nearly four decades, the lowest unemployment rate in five decades, and the fastest 1-year job creation in U.S. history.

Growth is up. Wages are up. Unemployment is down.

And Democrats recently completed over 1,200 events to highlight the infrastructure law, a law that is going to rebuild roads, bridges, highways, airports, and ports; get lead out of our water; put broadband everywhere from rural areas to inner cities and everywhere in between; and create good-paying union jobs, jobs that cannot be outsourced.

These 1,200 events are also a reminder that 200 Republicans voted no on this infrastructure law. That is the difference.

#### HONORING ROY BUOL

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

Mrs. HINSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor one of Dubuque, Iowa's most respected citizens and a fixture in the community, Mayor Roy Buol.

Serving 10 years on the city council and 16 years as mayor, Roy dedicated the last 26 years to shaping the vibrant community of Dubuque.

Roy's leadership and his contributions transformed Dubuque into the "Masterpiece of the Mississippi" and have allowed this community to flourish.

Dubuque truly is a great place to live, work, and raise a family.

Mayor Buol's service to Dubuque is a reminder that effective leadership begins with understanding the community and is best carried out through partnerships and collaboration.

I know I speak for many when I say thank you, Mayor Buol, for your service.

#### FOOD IS A NATIONAL SECURITY ISSUE

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

Mr. COSTA. Madam Speaker, I rise to speak on behalf of the America COMPETES Act of 2022, which makes a critical \$45 billion investment in supply chain resiliency—critical.

Farmers in my district have suffered from a backlog seen in American ports and harbors. The California Farm Bureau estimates that in a 4-month period last year, California agriculture exports fell by \$2 billion—important and significant.

Food, I believe, is a national security issue. This supply chain crisis hurts farmers and only increases food insecurity and prices for those in need; i.e., the American consumer.

That is why I am cosponsoring an amendment in the COMPETES Act that requires the Secretary of Agriculture and Assistant Secretary of supply chain resilience and crisis response to monitor food and agriculture supply

chains and provide Congress with their findings so that we can protect and improve our critical supply chain in this country.

Our country must ensure that we have safeguards in place to keep our supply chains strong, which contributes to success on the global economic stage.

#### HONORING RAYMOND WASHBURN

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

Mrs. BICE of Oklahoma. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of one of my constituents, Raymond Washburn, who passed away on January 16.

On the horrific day in 1995 when a truck bomb blew up the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City, killing 168 people and injuring hundreds more, Mr. Washburn was operating the snack bar he owned on the fourth floor. He not only set himself free from the rubble but was able to navigate and rescue five people from the disaster. What is notable: Mr. Washburn was blind.

Mr. Washburn is a true American hero and will be remembered for the incredible selflessness, integrity, and bravery he displayed by saving lives on that terrible day and for his remarkable contributions to the visually impaired community in Oklahoma.

Though this brave man will be deeply missed, there is no doubt his legacy will live on. Mr. Washburn's story and the way he lived his life should stand as an inspiration to Oklahomans and Americans across the country.

I am thinking of and praying for Mr. Washburn's family and loved ones, that they may find comfort in their loss.

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#### SECURITY OF OUR SOUTHERN BORDER

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

Mrs. MILLER of Illinois. Madam Speaker, the Biden administration wants to defend Ukraine's border but doesn't want to protect our own; leaving our southern border exposed to an invasion coordinated by drug cartels and human traffickers.

I visited the border with President Trump and saw firsthand how Biden's border policies have contributed to a crime wave and a drug overdose epidemic. I supported Articles of Impeachment for President Biden because he is intentionally violating our immigration laws and the security of our border, jeopardizing Americans' lives for political purposes.

If President Biden is actually worried about the threat posed by Russia, why isn't he concerned that in December 2,000 Russian nationals illegally crossed America's southern border?