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

DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,

April 4, 2022.

I hereby appoint the Honorable ANN M. KUSTER 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 10, 2022, 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.

CRISES ON PRESIDENT BIDEN'S WATCH

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

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, since President Biden took office, more than 2 million illegal immigrants have been apprehended at our southern border.

Now, Title 42, a key portion of our border security, is set to expire at the same time that our Border Patrol agents are preparing for a record surge of illegal border crossings.

The American people cannot afford President Biden's and proclaimed border czar Vice President HARRIS' failed border policies.

On President Biden's watch, we have seen record-high levels of cocaine, methamphetamine, and fentanyl being trafficked into our communities from across our open southern border. These drugs are deadly, and over 93,000 Americans have died of overdoses just in the past year. These policies have made Americans less safe, and they have made our communities less secure.

In his fiscal year 2023 budget, President Biden failed to even mention our border security crisis, a border security crisis that affects each and every American community. The truth of the matter is, President Biden has no plan to secure our border. President Biden has no plan to secure our communities.

Without the proper funding for our Border Patrol agents, this surge in illegal border crossings will lead to a humanitarian crisis, a drug crisis, and a national security disaster.

President Biden has failed to address the challenges that we are facing today on our southern border. It is time to keep our communities safe. It is time to fund our border security. It is time to reauthorize Title 42, and it is time to secure our southern border. Today, the actions must occur.

UKRAINE MUST BE THE CENTER OF THE UNIVERSE AT THIS TIME

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Pennsylvania (Ms. WILD) for 5 minutes.

Ms. WILD. Madam Speaker, I rise today not just as the Representative for Pennsylvania's Seventh District, but also as the Representative of one of the largest Ukrainian-American communities in our entire country.

Today, my constituents are gutted. These horrific images of Bucha are seared into their hearts and minds for-

ever. When they see these images, they are thinking of their sons and daughters, brothers and sisters, mothers and fathers, and aunts and uncles who have gone from living peaceful lives to being martyrs in an unprovoked war of choice that had absolutely no reason for occurring.

When we see these images, we need to think of an average suburban neighborhood here in the United States and try to imagine what it would be like to have our homes, our families, our neighbors destroyed without provocation, without any cause whatsoever.

I look at this photo of a woman with freshly manicured nails, and as any woman viewing this knows, when she had her nails done, perhaps in anticipation of an evening out with friends, this victim of slaughter wasn't imagining that her beautiful bright red nails were going to be displayed around the world as evidence of carnage.

There is enormous grief in my community, and there is enormous righteous anger and indignation. I am here to echo that anger and that indignation and to say that we will not accept this. We will stand up against it.

The United Nations Security Council must authorize an independent investigation into the crimes that were committed in Bucha. Since Russia will almost certainly veto, it is crucial that we immediately find another path to move forward with such an investigation. This is not up to Vladimir Putin. His crimes are now for the world to judge and for history to record. Now is not the time for messaging resolutions by the United Nations and others. It is time for action by every democratic country in the world. We cannot stand back.

As the Nobel Laureate and Holocaust survivor Elie Wiesel said, "Sometimes we must interfere. When human lives are endangered, when human dignity is in jeopardy, national borders and sensitivities become irrelevant. Wherever

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men or women are persecuted because of their race, religion, or political views, that place must—at that moment—become the center of the universe.”

Ukraine must be the center of the universe right now, for as long as it takes. The Grammy Awards, the NCAA tournaments, and our favorite television shows are a welcome diversion, but let that diversion be short. Don't lose focus of the center of the universe, which right now must be Ukraine.

The work of delivering justice can start here. Every democratic country must investigate and ensure that implicated Russian officials, oligarchs, and their families are barred from entering their borders. Together, the international community must come together to send the message that no country can commit war crimes and see them go unpunished.

I urge President Biden to take the step I called on him to take back in the first week of March. Work with our European allies to take all Russian financial institutions, not just some, off the SWIFT system. The cost of this invasion must be beyond unsustainable for Putin and the oligarchs around him. It must become literally unbearable.

But we must do more. We must provide the Ukrainian people with the full range of military aid that they need—drones, armored vehicles, machine guns, planes, night vision devices, every single weapon of war that they need for their defense. And time is of the essence.

It goes without saying that continued humanitarian assistance must be provided on an ongoing basis. The fact that we have private American citizens—and I know some of them—who are delivering medical supplies and other necessities into Ukraine more quickly than we or our NATO allies are is incomprehensible. But I also laud those citizens.

The extraordinary courage and resilience of the Ukrainian people is a challenge to us all. How much will they have to bear? How long will we let these crimes continue? Enough is enough.

We will never forget. We will never lose sight of the fact that our shared humanity is at stake in this barbaric invasion. The Ukrainian people and justice and democracy will prevail. The Ukrainians will come out as the heroes of this story when it is told in the history books. But let us, too, come out as the helpers, the ones who did everything we possibly could to help them achieve victory and restore their country.

THE LEFT IS LIVING A LIE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. CAWTHORN) for 5 minutes.

Mr. CAWTHORN. Madam Speaker, the left has ripped away the pen of truth from the author of life. They

have exchanged natural science for a party platform and declared war on biology. Your leftwing movement is forcing children to endure radical expressions of sexuality, and yet, you can't even define what a woman is.

You might amend a bill, but you will never amend biology. Science is not Burger King. You can't just have it your way.

I am the youngest member of the House of Representatives, and I never imagined that one of my sacred duties in this hallowed Chamber would be explaining to the House Speaker the difference between a man and woman.

Take notes, Madam Speaker, I am about to define what a woman is for you: XX chromosomes, no tallywhacker. It is so simple.

And yet today, this proclamation of fundamental scientific fact will cause the woke liberals in Silicon Valley to strip you of your voice and ban you until you bow at their altar of falsehoods. Patriots like Charlie Kirk and Tucker Carlson have been muzzled on Twitter for promoting the dangerous and bigoted ideology called science.

Madam Speaker, you and your party are living a lie. The Babylon Bee is a more reliable source of fact than you. Perhaps it will click when you hand the gavel to Republicans and realize that truth is king. It reigns with the American people; and you, Madam Speaker, never will again.

ACCESS TO LIFESAVING MEDICATION

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Florida (Mrs. CHERFILUS-MCCORMICK) for 5 minutes.

Mrs. CHERFILUS-MCCORMICK. Madam Speaker, I rise to applaud my colleagues for passing the Affordable Insulin Now Act, which will lower costs for hardworking families by capping the out-of-pocket costs for insulin at \$35 per month. This legislation is about putting the health of our citizens before profit.

Rising by 54 percent from 2014 to 2019, the cost of insulin has created an affordability crisis for the 9.8 percent of Floridians living with diabetes, which is roughly 2.8 million residents.

Nobody should be forced to choose between paying for rent and protecting their health. More than half of Americans have less than 3 months' worth of expenses covered in an emergency fund. That total includes one in four Americans who indicate having no emergency fund at all, up from 21 percent in 2020, let alone to have the ability to pay more than \$300 for a single vial for those without adequate insurance.

While the Affordable Care Act has ensured access to healthcare for Americans, the cost of healthcare remains far too high.

This legislation will ensure that Floridians with diabetes pay no more than \$35 for their lifesaving insulin each month. My constituents in Florida's

20th Congressional District feel the effects of rising out-of-pocket costs for their insulin. This bill provides them with appropriate relief at a time when families are struggling to make ends meet.

Americans currently face an average price of \$98.70 for a unit of insulin; 10 times higher than in other wealthy nations. One in four Americans who rely on insulin have been forced to ration doses due to high prices, a last resort with potentially fatal consequences.

Uninsured people in the United States are disproportionately from Black, indigenous, and other communities of color. For those who do not qualify for Medicaid, high insulin prices can be devastating, forcing them to make impossible choices between covering different basic needs.

Unfortunately, throughout the United States, diabetes prevalence has increased over the past two decades, disproportionately affecting low-income populations. Even with health insurance, particularly high-deductible health plans, people can face exorbitant copays and fees that make their medicine unaffordable.

Once the Senate votes in favor of this bill, beginning in 2023, private health plans shall cover at least one of each type of dosage form of insulin and cap cost-sharing for a 30-day supply at the lesser of \$35 or 25 percent of a plan's negotiated price.

Among individuals with private insurance, half would save at least \$19 per month, and a quarter would save at least \$42 per month. Individuals who buy their own insurance will experience the most savings.

This legislation comes as House Democrats continue working to advance comprehensive reform addressing the high cost of prescription drugs. I am committed to ensuring that we continue to protect the health of all Americans.

Madam Speaker, I strongly urge my colleagues in the Senate to pass this critical bill.

CELEBRATING THE LIGHTHOUSE ON WECC-FM

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

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 20th anniversary of 89.3 The Lighthouse on WECC-FM.

Founded in 2002 by husband-and-wife duo Paul and Vickie Hafer, The Lighthouse has been spreading the Word of God 24 hours a day for 20 years.

Founding Lighthouse Ministry in 1998, Paul and Vickie selflessly spread the holy Word of God to as many people as they can. Their radio show on WECC-FM now reaches southeast Georgia, northeast Florida, and a worldwide online audience.

Their ministry also provides other opportunities for their community, such as a ladies' Bible study group and