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## Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, May 16, 2022, at 3 p.m.

## House of Representatives

FRIDAY, MAY 13, 2022

The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Ms. UNDERWOOD).

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,  
May 13, 2022.

I hereby appoint the Honorable LAUREN UNDERWOOD 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:

Breathe on us, breath of God. Fill us with life anew. It is by You whom we have been created and for You whom we live. And even as we enjoy this gift of life that You have given us, may we realize that You have entrusted us with its living and You hold each of us accountable to Your intent.

Breathe on us, breath of God, until our hearts are pure. Reveal to us Your desires as we come to understand Your will. Would that we dedicate our efforts, not to please ourselves, but to be faithful to Your gracious plan for all Your creation.

Breathe on us, breath of God, that we shall never fail. And when we are called to account for our days, when our decisions are questioned, our motives test-

ed, may we prove worthy of the moments You have provided us and the lives You have so graciously given us.

In You, O Lord, do we live and move and have our being.

By the power 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 gentleman from Kansas (Mr. ESTES) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. ESTES 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 five requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

### DON'T MESS WITH WOMEN'S REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS

(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. Madam Speaker, I rise in outrage due to recent attacks on women's reproductive rights and now, as we have seen, maybe plans to attack other fundamental rights.

Republicans are using this leaked opinion as fuel to take their extreme policies even further. I say to my fellow colleagues, if Republicans overturn Roe, they will take aim at other privacy rights, such as same-sex marriage and access to contraception.

Indeed, in Texas, Governor Greg Abbott now wants to overturn a Supreme Court decision that ensures public education for immigrant children.

In West Virginia, a white nationalist wants to take aim at Brown v. Board of Education, which outlawed racial segregation in public schools.

I ask you, what comes next?

Madam Speaker, we are fighting to protect a woman's freedom to make her own healthcare decisions. But we will also be fighting the fight of all fights to protect all our freedoms.

Don't mess with women's reproductive rights.

### RECOGNIZING NATIONAL CHARTER SCHOOL WEEK

(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. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize National Charter School Week.

National Charter School Week is a time to recognize that every student

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should have access to high-quality education. It is also a time to celebrate the educators who work tirelessly to make sure that that happens.

Every family should have the ability to choose the best education that fits the needs of their child, regardless of ZIP Code. Charter schools are an important part of school choice.

Last year, I joined Senator TIM SCOTT to introduce the CHOICE Act. This commonsense bill would provide families with greater options with regard to their children's education.

When I left home to go to college at the age of 16, I did so to pursue the best educational opportunities available. I believe that students should always have the opportunity to succeed, no matter where they live, and I will always fight for them.

I would also like to take a moment to wish a happy birthday to my sister. Happy birthday, Mariette.

#### REPRODUCTIVE CHOICE IS PERSONAL, PRIVATE, AND SERIOUS

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

Ms. ESHOO. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of every girl and woman whose rights, lives, and futures are on the line if Roe v. Wade is struck down.

For the first time in our Nation's history, the Supreme Court is poised to take a constitutional right away from the American people, creating a time when America's daughters will not have the rights their mothers had. The Court's intent to turn back the hands of time by a half century, without the consent of the governed, is devastating.

If Roe falls, there will be a patchwork of States with differing laws and restrictions, causing societal chaos. Twenty-six States are likely to ban abortion, few with exceptions for rape and incest, subjecting more than 36 million women and girls to the black markets of back-alley abortions.

House Democrats will gather on the steps of the Capitol today, across the street from the Supreme Court, to stand with the millions of women whose basic reproductive rights are being stripped away by this ruling.

The Supreme Court is now surrounded by protective fencing. I think the Justices are fenced off from reality.

This is private, personal, and serious, and women should be able to make their own decisions.

#### RECOGNIZING NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

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

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, this weekend, tens of thousands of law enforcement officers from across the country will arrive in Washington for National Police Week.

Established by a joint resolution of Congress in 1962, National Police Week pays special recognition to those law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty for the safety and protection of others.

National Police Week is a collaborative effort of many organizations dedicated to honoring America's law enforcement community. The National Peace Officers' Memorial Service and Candlelight Vigil will take place later this evening, allowing the Nation to pause and remember the officers who have made that ultimate sacrifice.

This week honors the men and women in blue who gave everything to protect their country and their communities.

Earlier this year, Pennsylvania mourned the loss of two State troopers, Martin Mack III and Branden Sisca, who were killed in the line of duty on March 21, 2022.

Our officers put on their uniforms each day knowing that they can be in harm's way at any moment.

On behalf of a grateful Nation, thank you to all our officers who serve.

#### HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF TIMOTHY KLEIN

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

Mr. ESPAILLAT. Madam Speaker, last week, family, friends, and thousands of fellow firefighters gathered to bid a final farewell to fallen FDNY Firefighter Timothy Klein.

We lost Tim in the line of duty, where he made the ultimate sacrifice in the face of incredible danger, responding to a fire in the borough of Brooklyn.

Tim was a 6-year veteran of the department. He came from a family of firefighters, including his dad. He made an impression on everybody he worked with, the junior men who he trained and the senior men and women who he impressed.

Tim was the American Dream, fueled by the will to put on his uniform, run toward danger, and put his life on the line to save others.

New York City rises today in Congress to honor his life, his service, and the memory and legacy Tim left behind.

#### PRESIDENT BIDEN'S ENERGY CRISIS

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

Mr. LAMALFA. Madam Speaker, the Biden energy crisis doesn't just extend to gas and diesel in this country. It also extends to our power grid, shutting down our hydroelectric plants, et cetera.

We also have in California a nuclear power plant known as Diablo Canyon,

which produces just under 10 percent of all of our power in California, slated to be shut down in 2024.

The California Independent System Operator warns of a critical inflection point to the stability of the grid and would require a shift to—get this—more fossil fuel, which would then require more CO<sub>2</sub> to be produced, even though we know CO<sub>2</sub> is only 0.04 percent of the atmosphere.

Summer blackouts were predicted by the California Energy Commission and the ISO just last October in information they released, so this would make a greater reliance on imported electricity from other States.

The Biden administration needs to do all it can to help have the NRC, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission renew the licenses for Diablo Canyon for at least 20 years.

#### PROTECT ROE V. WADE

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

Mr. TAKANO. Madam Speaker, I am outraged.

I am outraged because, in 2022, women are still fighting for their reproductive rights.

I am outraged that women do not have autonomy over their bodies. Their bodies belong to them, not Supreme Court Justices, not politicians, and not anyone else.

I am outraged that, despite the fact that the majority of Americans support legal abortion, the Senate has voted against the bill that codifies Roe and protects access to abortion.

What these political hacks on the Supreme Court and politicians do not realize is that striking down Roe v. Wade will not end abortion. It will simply end safe access to abortion, and women's lives will be at risk.

If you are not equally enraged, you are not paying attention.

#### HONORING THE SERVICE OF RALENE BERGQUIST

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

Mr. ESTES. Madam Speaker, I rise on behalf of the people of the Fourth District of Kansas to pay tribute to Ralene Bergquist as she retires after 10 years of service in our congressional district.

Ralene has been faithfully serving the people of Kansas' Fourth District for 10 years. She began with my predecessor, Congressman Mike Pompeo, before he went to be the CIA Director.

Ralene was very familiar and a constant voice to help make sure that we had a smooth transition when I became a new Member of Congress for the Fourth District.

Ralene's dedication and work have been very much appreciated and a