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

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
July 12, 2022.

I hereby appoint the Honorable AL GREEN 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:

Holy God, as we set our sights on the week ahead, we pray Your guidance and strength to accomplish the work and the responsibilities You have set before us.

Ready our minds for action. May we prove to be doers of Your compelling will. May our thoughts center not just on the concerns of our constituents, but may we open ourselves to the broader purpose to which You have called us, that we would commit all our efforts to the common good.

Give us self-discipline, that as timelines and schedules, committee meetings, and caucuses all vie for our time and attention, that we would be discerning in our endeavors to use our gifts, talents, and energy as You would have us do.

Sustain us by the hope You set before us. Open our eyes to the multitude of opportunities and possibilities You so richly provide.

Then may we never rest, satisfied in our own accomplishments or on human approbation, but may we find our purpose in Your divine plan and our identity grounded in the grace found only in You.

We offer to You our plans for the week ahead and pray with certitude that we are, indeed, undergirded by the power of Your sovereign name.
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 the Virgin Islands (Ms. PLASKETT) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. PLASKETT 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.

ROE MUST BE THE LAW OF THE LAND

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

Ms. BROWN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, last week I was heartbroken when I learned a 10-year-old rape victim from my home State was forced to cross State lines for an abortion because of Ohio's 6-week ban, which became law when the Supreme Court overturned Roe.

Grief quickly became anger because I know she will not be the last victim of an extreme agenda to criminalize abortion nationwide. The overturn of Roe was a direct attack on Americans' reproductive rights, and it is clear that too many support criminalizing contraceptive care, arresting doctors for offering reproductive care, and even charging women with murder because of their fundamental right to decide.

We must make Roe the law of the land to restore women's fundamental rights and protect other victims from harboring the ramifications of rape.

FLEXIBLE APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMS

(Ms. FOXX asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, we must equip workers with the tools for success by empowering employers to play a more influential role in our Nation's workforce development system. To do this, we must embrace a flexible, employer-driven apprenticeship model.

Under the previous administration, a task force composed of business leaders, educational institutions, and trade associations recommended reducing the regulatory burden faced by businesses, allowing them to be flexible in their apprenticeship program requirements to meet the varying needs of different industries.

Industry-Recognized Apprenticeship Programs, IRAPs, help cut through the overly prescriptive and burdensome red tape many new and small businesses face. But the Biden administration killed IRAPs and is actively working to limit job creators' input by doubling down on registered apprenticeships and foolishly ignoring any alternatives.

Ending this innovative and successful program will hurt students, jobseekers, and job creators.

DEMOCRATS STAND FIRMLY WITH WOMEN

(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 to recognize the efforts by House Democrats to protect women from the extreme Republican antiwomen agenda.

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I say to my colleagues that Republicans across our Nation seek to criminalize abortion nationwide with no exceptions, not for rape, not for incest, and they are very determined.

But while they seek to control women and their personal choices, President Biden and House Democrats firmly stand with women. We trust women.

Just last Friday, President Biden signed an executive order aimed at protecting access to reproductive health services. This week, House Democrats are passing legislation to protect a woman's ability to travel freely and voluntarily throughout the United States, including for reproductive health.

We trust women because that is who we are as Democrats. We are the party that stands by women and their human rights. We trust women.

RIISING INFLATION HURTS EVERYONE

(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 address the record-high inflation hurting working families in Iowa caused by the Biden administration.

When President Biden took office in January 2021, inflation was at 1.4 percent. As of May 2022, inflation is 8.6 percent, the highest in 40 years. President Biden has been exclaiming that the rise in inflation would be a temporary problem, but the data does not reflect his claims.

Inflation is hurting families in Iowa and all across the country. With food and housing prices increasing, families are having to make sacrifices to make ends meet. It is unacceptable for the Biden administration to advocate for more government spending that caused inflation rather than addressing these pertinent issues, such as rising prices.

This rising inflation in fuel prices is hurting rural farmers in Iowa. Gas and diesel prices are now expected to cost farmers an extra \$900 a year, and \$500 to families, as well.

I call upon the Biden administration to take necessary steps to address inflation, such as increasing domestic energy production and stopping wasteful government spending. The Biden administration's policies are hurting the families it is meant to serve.

I would also like to take this time to wish a happy birthday to Michael Pinette, and I wish my sister Mari-Eleanor Martino a very happy birthday.

PRESIDENT BIDEN MUST DO BETTER

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

Mr. ROSE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today as middle Tennesseans struggle to af-

ford record-high gas prices caused by the Biden administration's antienergy prices.

If you recall, in April of this year, President Biden announced he would be raiding the Strategic Petroleum Reserve to help "ease the pain American families are facing at the pump."

Since then, the average price of a gallon of gasoline has risen from \$4.20 a gallon to over \$5 a gallon, while putting our national security at risk as the Strategic Petroleum Reserve is now at its lowest level since 1985.

What is even more alarming is a new press report stating that 950,000 barrels of the oil Mr. Biden took from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve were sold to a state-owned Chinese company. If this is true, it is difficult to find the words to adequately describe how utterly outrageous it is.

President Biden must do better, and he must answer questions associated with this apparent sale of oil from our Strategic Petroleum Reserve to our most dangerous geopolitical adversary, China.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JEANNE WOOD

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

Mrs. KIM of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of the late Jeanne Wood, who reached age 100, in our Chino Hills community.

Jeanne dedicated herself to serving others. During World War II, she enlisted as a second lieutenant Army nurse and was quickly promoted to first lieutenant. She worked 18 to 24 hours per shift, with bombings and air raids around her, to care for injured and starving servicemembers.

After the war, Jeanne continued her career as a registered nurse and became the only female commander in the history of American Legion Post 299 in Chino.

I am so glad Jeanne was able to celebrate her 100th birthday in Chino Hills with her family and friends before she passed. My heart is with her loved ones as we mourn this loss and celebrate a life well lived.

RELEASE OUR ENERGY

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

Mr. CARL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to address the situation that President Biden has us in right now on fuel.

On April 27, according to his texts, he is going to help bring the price of fuel down. The price of fuel has gone up since April 27.

In his texts, he is going to release fuel from our reserves. All it did was put money in Chinese pockets—950,000 barrels of oil—and someone has got to be answerable for that.

This gentleman pictured on the end, Mr. Seals, is an offshore oil producer, and Mr. Seals wants his job back.

Let's spend our time trying to get our energy released.

Don't go to Saudi Arabia, Mr. President. Let's stay here and let our people, Mr. Seals, get and drill. Release our energy.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to direct their remarks to the Chair.

DEPLETING THE STRATEGIC PETROLEUM RESERVE

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

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, our Strategic Petroleum Reserve is meant to be preserved for an actual emergency, such as in the case of catastrophic weather or in times of war. But President Biden has started the largest ever loan from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve.

From that loan, we have seen he has shipped 5 million barrels of oil, not for lowering the prices, as they thought that putting some of that oil on the market might affect the price. No, they are actually shipping it to foreign countries, including China. A million barrels of oil is allegedly going to China out of our Strategic Petroleum Reserve, which is supposed to be for us in case of emergency, not playing markets, not trying to make some money.

It is unreal. Since day one, President Biden walked into office and started shutting down our energy industry, the pipeline, exploration permits and leases. They have gone this direction.

That makes our fuel more expensive for everybody on the whole supply chain: Farmers, manufacturers, people taking their kids to school, people going to the store. It is hurting everybody.

They are sending it now to China.

Whose side is President Biden on?

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PROTECTING ALL LIFE

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

Mr. GOOD of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, finally, mercifully, the most destructive Supreme Court decision in history has been reversed, something many of us believed we would never live to see, after decades of disappointment.

Not only was the Roe decision without constitutional merit, but no other decision in the history of the Court caused so much destruction, so much carnage, so much devastation, with 63 million lives lost.

Sixty-three million lives, about the population of France, more than the population of Italy, Ukraine, or Canada. Sixty-three million lives, 1.4 million a year, more than the 2-year amount attributable to the China virus, for every year for nearly 50 years, all of them 100 percent attributable and 100 percent preventable.