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Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, July 18, 2022, at 3 p.m.

House of Representatives

FRIDAY, JULY 15, 2022

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

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
July 15, 2022.

I hereby appoint the Honorable JAHANA HAYES 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, holy, holy Lord, fill the Earth with the knowledge of Your glory. As the waters cover the sea, the stars inhabit the celestial heavens, the birds fill the air with their song, the majesty of the animals roam the forest and plains, so may Your sovereign presence reign in our lives, in this place, and in our Nation.

Lift up our eyes to the hills that we may discover from whence our help does come. You who made Heaven and Earth, speak Your creative word into our discourse, Your compassion into our engagements with one another.

Lord, You are our keeper, You watch over us so that the harshness of the day will not overtake us, the dark of the night will not overwhelm us.

Keep us, then, from all harm. Guard our comings and goings within Your eternal grace plan that we may live to sing of Your praises and accomplish the work You set before us.

In Your merciful name we pray and by Your grace we live.
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 Pennsylvania (Mr. THOMPSON) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania 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.

CONGRATULATING MARK FLEGENHEIMER ON HIS RETIREMENT

(Mr. KILDEE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. KILDEE. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize a longtime leader in our community, Mark Flegenheimer, as he retires from Michigan Sugar.

Mark has been in the sugar industry for 40 years. He first started with Michigan Sugar in 1994 before quickly moving up to become president and CEO in 1998, where he succeeded his father.

At one point, the sugar beet industry was on the brink of collapse in Michigan, a fate that many other communities across the country suffered, but through Mark's leadership and the determination of the beet growers and those who work with him, they got through these really difficult times. During Mark's tenure, in fact, Michigan Sugar has doubled its output while using 40 percent less energy to save costs and to protect the environment.

In mid-Michigan, we have thousands of family farms, including sugar beet growers. Every day they work with and depend on Michigan Sugar, and so we thank Mark for all he has done over the years.

Mark is not only a great businessman but also a really good guy, a great part of our community. He volunteers his time as a member of the Delta College Foundation board of directors and as vice chairman of the board at the Midland Center for the Arts.

Mark, thank you for your dedication to mid-Michigan, and congratulations on your retirement.

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SMITH FAMILY CELEBRATING 400 YEARS IN AMERICA

(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, I rise today to recognize the Smith family ahead of their 400th anniversary of arriving to the United States.

In 1622, William Smith traveled across the ocean from England and made landfall just north of Plymouth. Mr. Smith, like so many of the original Pilgrims, left England in search of a new life as a result of religious persecution. Being Methodist in a mostly Puritan colony meant he and his family were considered strangers and outsiders in their English community.

The Smith family eventually made their way to Jefferson County, Pennsylvania, in 1816, which they have now called home for more than 200 years.

Madam Speaker, this weekend, the Smith family will gather in Clarion, Pennsylvania, to mark 400 years in the United States in the form of a family reunion. Their uniquely American story deserves to be celebrated, and I want to extend my sincerest congratulations to the Smith family for their longstanding history in the United States.

LET'S REPAIR THE WORLD

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

Ms. DEAN. Madam Speaker, we all feel horror, sadness, and anger as we learn more about the horrific shooting in Uvalde, Texas, and the police officers' lack of response.

I wondered, what were they afraid of? One part of the answer is clear: semi-automatic weapons.

For the sake of us all, we must pass the assault weapons ban, just as we did in 1994.

Let us remember, the ban was backed by three former Presidents: Gerald Ford, Jimmy Carter, Ronald Reagan. And it was supported by police leadership then as it is today.

Republicans in 1994 had the courage to stand up to the gun lobby, and yet Republicans in 2022 cannot find such courage. I don't know why. Instead, they blame DAs and mayors and really anyone but themselves, ourselves.

We are Members of Congress with the power to ban weapons that civilians are using to murder neighbors, strangers, children, and even police officers.

No more decapitated children.

No more slaughtered shoppers or parade goers.

Let us find the courage to act. Tikkun olam, as the Jewish tradition teaches. Let us repair the world.

VETERANS-TO-CLASSROOMS PROGRAM

(Mr. BUDD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BUDD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend the much-needed pay raise for our military, passed yesterday in a bill that provides critical resources to confront the national security threats from China and from Russia.

I would also like to highlight one of my amendments. Simply put, my amendment provides funding to help veterans pursue careers in education—as teachers and as school resource officers.

The House passage of this amendment is a win for everyone:

For veterans who want to pursue a career in education.

For schools who need more qualified teachers and resource officers.

And for students who will be able to learn from worthy role models about service, sacrifice and patriotism.

The Veterans-to-Classrooms program will be an excellent opportunity for veterans to continue to serve our country.

SAFEGUARDING WOMEN'S RIGHTS

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

Ms. MANNING. Madam Speaker, in the Supreme Court decision to overturn *Roe v. Wade*, Justice Thomas wrote an alarming concurring opinion explicitly calling for the reconsideration of the constitutional right to contraception.

Republican State lawmakers have attempted to restrict birth control for years, and this concurring opinion serves as a rallying call to escalate attacks on access to contraceptives.

I will not stand idly by and watch extreme politicians obstruct women's private healthcare choices and diminish reproductive freedom. Access to birth control is key to achieving gender equality, improving health outcomes for women, bolstering educational and economic opportunities for all, and ensuring people are in control of their family planning.

That is why this week I introduced the Right to Contraception Act. My bill would codify the right to access birth control into Federal law and put a stop to violations of Americans' right to this essential reproductive healthcare.

I urgently ask my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to support my legislation to protect birth control and safeguard women's right to make their decisions about their own bodies and futures.

REMEMBERING ARTEZ BENTON

(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. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of

the life of a young man from my alma mater, Artez Benton.

A talented baseball player at Young Harris College, Artez tragically lost his life this past month while in Atlanta.

Born in Scottdale, Georgia, Artez was a star on the Druid Hills High School baseball team. He chose to continue his athletic career at Young Harris as an infielder for the Mountain Lions.

Artez was wise beyond his years, hardworking, and was working to become a certified electrician with dreams of owning his own home. He would begin his days at 4:00 in the morning, studying for his apprenticeship, and despite his busy and long days, Artez was sure to make time to help his father with his landscaping company and to teach his young nephew the sport he loved so dearly.

This tragedy has rocked the Young Harris community and has stolen a bright future from a young man and his family. My heart aches for the Benton family, and my prayers reside with them in this terribly difficult time.

ABORTION RIGHTS MUST BE CODIFIED

(Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Madam Speaker, 1973 *Roe* is decided. From that day forward, Republicans have been desperate to overturn it. Twenty-one days ago, a rightwing majority on the Supreme Court overturned *Roe v. Wade*.

Make no mistake, these rightwing extremists are not pro-life, but pro-controlling the bodies of women, girls, and anyone who can become pregnant.

Abortion is now illegal in 16 States, and anti-abortion legislators are following suit, threatening to make abortion inaccessible for roughly 33 million women across America. And they are not done. Republicans have been clear they will not stop until abortion is banned nationwide.

Later today, the House will pass an updated version of the Women's Health Protection Act, which would establish a Federal statutory right to abortion. The Senate must follow suit and abolish the filibuster, and we must secure pro-choice majorities in the House and Senate. Our lives depend upon it.

MEXICAN CARTELS GROWING MARIJUANA IN CALIFORNIA

(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 administration's open border policies are wreaking havoc across our Nation, causing crime to spike, even in my home district in northern California.

Hidden under the cover of our magnificent, forested wildlands, Mexican