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The House met at 12 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. CARSON).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
September 15, 2022.

I hereby appoint the Honorable ANDRÉ CARSON 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, come alongside us this day for in Your presence there is fullness of joy. So fill us with Your joy this day that we cannot help but reflect Your goodness and mercy in all we do, in all we say, in all our decisions, and in all our encounters with one another.

At Your right hand is pleasure to be found forever more. All that we need or desire, You provide. From the wealth of the satisfaction we find in You, may an abundance of gratitude flow from us that others would share in Your generous grace.

In You, love is found, for You are love. Let us then love one another for love comes from You.

And so may Your love shine forth in us this day, that your compassion, concern, forbearance, and faithfulness be evident in this place this day.

In Your steadfast and loving name we pray.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the

last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1 of rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Texas (Mr. WILLIAMS) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas 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.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Ms. Byrd, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed without amendment a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 7500. An act to authorize major medical facility projects for the Department of Veterans Affairs for fiscal year 2022, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the Senate has passed bills of the following titles in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 533. An act to require a guidance clarity statement on certain agency guidance, and for other purposes.

S. 4057. An act to develop a comprehensive, strategic plan for Federal electric vehicle fleet battery management, and for other purposes.

S. 4235. An act to amend the Controlled Substances Act to fix a technical error in the definitions.

The message also announced that pursuant to Public Law 117-81, the Chair, on behalf of the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Armed Services, appoints the following individual to serve as a member of the Commission on the National Defense Strategy:

Alissa M. Starzak of the District of Columbia.

The message also announced that pursuant to Public Law 117-81, the Chair, on behalf of the Republican Leader, in consultation with the House Minority Leader, appoints the following individual to serve of the Afghanistan War Commission:

Dr. Colin Jackson of Rhode Island (co-chair).

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 4 of rule I, the following enrolled bills were signed by the Speaker on Wednesday, September 14, 2022:

H.R. 5754, to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve the ability of veterans to electronically submit complaints about the delivery of health care services by the Department of Veterans Affairs;

S. 3103, to amend title 18, United States Code, to eliminate the statute of limitations for the filing of a civil claim for any person who, while a minor, was a victim of a violation of section 1589, 1590, 1591, 2241(c), 2242, 2243, 2251, 2251A, 2252, 2252A, 2260, 2421, 2422, or 2423 of such title;

S. 4785, to extend by 19 days the authorization for the special assessment for the Domestic Trafficking Victims' Fund.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to 15 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

NATIONAL POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY

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

Ms. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, more than 81,000 servicemembers have been

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designated as prisoners of war or missing in action. On September 16, National POW/MIA Recognition Day, we recognize their heroism.

Some of these great Americans are honored at memorials like the Northwood Gratitude and Honor Memorial in my home community of Irvine. I have proudly voted to invest in the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency, which helps fulfill our Nation's promise to leave no servicemember behind.

This key agency is responsible for returning the remains of our troops to their loved ones and to a grateful Nation. Supporting our Orange County veterans and their families is how we honor their service. We cannot and will not forget our troops' sacrifices.

Mr. Speaker, I will continue working to protect their legacy.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF LEON WALLACE

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

Ms. MALLIOTAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of my constituent, Leon Wallace, who recently passed away at the age of 85, and to share with the Nation his contributions to our community and country.

Leon was a native Staten Islander who grew up in West Brighton and Mariners Harbor, attended P.S. 18, and graduated from McKee High School in 1956.

Leon enlisted in the U.S. Air Force where he served as a jet mechanic while stationed in Guam and later returned to service with the Army National Guard's 117th Cavalry. He put his life on the line for our country at a time when our country did not afford him equal rights as an African American. That shows you how truly special he was.

Not only was Leon a dedicated member of our military but he was a steward of outstanding service to our community. After his time in the Air Force, Leon dedicated his time to helping individuals with developmental disabilities and their families. He was also a member of the NAACP, USIVO, and the 369th Veterans Association, as well as St. Philips Baptist Church, and recently, even completed the New York State chaplains' course to minister to other vets in need.

To many across our community, he was referred to as Uncle Leon. He was well-known for his uplifting sayings and positive perspective. Whenever you asked him how he was doing, he would smile and say, "I am too blessed to be stressed."

I was proud to call Leon a friend. This is our last photo together from June. I know I speak for so many in our community when I say that his presence will be missed.

A WOMAN'S RIGHT TO CHOOSE

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

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, and still I rise. I rise today to defend a woman's right to choose. I rise to say that I am totally, completely, and absolutely opposed to Senator GRAHAM's bill.

I rise to say that Senator GRAHAM's bill would deny a woman the right to choose, that it is a bill that is antithetical to the best interests of women.

I stand with the women. I support their right to choose. A woman ought to have the opportunity to consult with those who are closest to her, including her physician, to make this medical decision. Senator GRAHAM would deny this.

I stand with the women, and I stand for a woman's right to choose.

THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY OF FORT HOOD

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

Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Fort Hood on their 80th anniversary marked this week.

Recognized as "The Great Place," Fort Hood has a rich history and is composed of great patriots who selflessly and honorably serve this country.

This largest Active-Duty armored post has answered the call to serve throughout our country's military history and has been an invaluable installation for Army soldiers, advanced weaponry, and the local community.

Whenever I am asked where the next generation of greatness is and leaders will be, I say: Go with me. Go to Fort Hood. That is where they are.

Fort Hood is a special part of Texas' 25th District, and it is my distinct honor to represent them in Congress and fight on behalf of the brave soldiers and their families each and every single day in Washington.

Congratulations to Fort Hood for 80 years of exceptional service to the United States Army and dedication to defending our freedoms at home and abroad.

In God We Trust.

SUPPORTING WOMEN'S REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS

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

Mrs. TRAHAN. Mr. Speaker, 81 days. That is how long it took for Republicans to change their position from abortion as a State issue to supporting a nationwide abortion ban; 81 days to put their hypocrisy on full display for every American—every woman—to see.

Mr. Speaker, this is what it looks like when lawmakers show their true

intention. Their intention is to go beyond the Supreme Court's disastrous decision to overturn *Roe v. Wade*. Their intention is to go beyond the horrific State laws that have already stripped millions of women and young girls of their reproductive rights. Republicans backing this new proposal want to ban every woman in America from seeking abortion care—no exceptions.

Make no mistake, Mr. Speaker. If Republicans get their way, women's lives will be at risk, and many will die from delayed or denied care.

For our daughters, we cannot—we will not—let them win.

BORDER CRISIS

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

Mr. CLINE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak to the human tragedy that is President Biden's border crisis.

From day one, the Biden administration has blatantly ignored U.S. immigration laws and policies that are designed to keep America safe. The consequences from the human trafficking, the sex trafficking, and the drug trafficking are devastating.

Under the incompetent administration of Biden and his Border Czar, the Vice President, and DHS Secretary Mayorkas, savage drug cartels now control our U.S. border and are sending massive amounts of deadly fentanyl illegally into our communities, including mine in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia. Worse, they are now smuggling rainbow-colored and candy-flavored drugs across our border in an effort to target our children.

Biden's disastrous open border and amnesty policies have made this crisis worse every single day, but he is blind to see the chaos at our border. Americans are justifiably outraged by his failed leadership.

Border Czar KAMALA HARRIS recently said that the border is secure. The only thing that is secure is the cash flow to the drug cartels so long as Biden's border crisis continues.

LOWERING HEALTHCARE COSTS FOR AMERICANS

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

Ms. BROWNLEY. Mr. Speaker, I know the American people are feeling the effects of higher prices. That is why Congressional Democrats continue our work to provide relief to America's working families who are struggling to make ends meet by putting people over politics and passing the Inflation Reduction Act. This historic life-changing legislation significantly lowers healthcare costs for America's seniors by enabling Medicare to negotiate prescription drug prices and by capping Medicare out-of-pocket expenses to \$2,000 every year.