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The House met at noon and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. GALLEG0).

DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
September 19, 2022.

I hereby appoint the Honorable RUBEN GALLEG0 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 7, 2022, the Chair would now recognize Members from lists submitted by the majority and minority leaders for morning-hour debate.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until 2 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at noon), the House stood in recess.

□ 1400

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. MALINOWSKI) at 2 p.m.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

Sovereign God, as the world turns its attention to the final tributes of a

great queen, we pray Your blessing over the leaders of this country. Each day as we renew our oath to support and defend its Constitution, signed 235 years ago, renew in us our "most sacred duty" to maintain "inviolable respect" for the sustaining energy of a free government.

While this document serves as the framework for the "vital principles" of liberty and security, it is You, Holy God, who laid the foundations of the Earth and of our Nation. Uphold us in our governance by the favor of Your grace.

Likewise, as we acknowledge the cornerstone George Washington laid 229 years ago for this magnificent Capitol building, we ask, O Lord, that You remain the foundation for all that takes place within these walls. Remind us that You, the master builder, have laid the footing of faith and virtue that You have tasked us, the American people, to build upon.

May we be worthy of the legacy which we have inherited, and faithful to the privilege to serve in this House and in this country, the care for each You call us to steward with wisdom.

Upheld by the strength of Your 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 of the last day's proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE 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.

OUR UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION

(Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, as the Chaplain just previously mentioned, we recently celebrated the 235th anniversary of the signing of the United States Constitution in Philadelphia.

As the Member of Congress who represents the Independence Hall where it was drafted and adopted, it is a great honor for all of us in my district to know that our city played such an important role in the history and founding of our country.

It is now up to all of us to again read our Constitution and bring it close to not only our minds but our hearts. Every single day we must work to uphold it and uphold our democracy.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Ms. Byrd, one of its clerks, announced that the Secretary of the Senate be directed to request the House of Representatives to return to the Senate the bill (S. 1198) "An Act to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve and expand the Solid Start program of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes."

MAKE FENTANYL A SCHEDULE I NARCOTIC

(Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address

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the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, last year, over 100,000 Americans lost their lives to drug overdoses and 70 percent of those deaths involved synthetic opioids like fentanyl.

These lethal compounds have continued to pour across a southern border that is not secure, and into communities that remain overwhelmed by this terrible onslaught.

Unless we in Congress act, possessing fentanyl will become completely legal in just over 3 months.

Unless we work now to permanently make fentanyl a schedule I narcotic, Americans will wake up on New Year's Day in a country where a drug responsible for tens of thousands of deaths can freely be sold on our streets.

Our communities are counting on us.

We need to pass legislation that permanently labels fentanyl as the deadly drug that we all know that it is.

No more short-term bans.

No more playing politics while lives are at stake.

BIDEN'S BORDER CRISIS

(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 crisis at our southern border.

The Biden administration's inaction and removal of vital policies such as title 42 has caused a massive influx of illegal immigrants into our country.

This past weekend, 1,433 migrants attempted to cross the border and claim asylum. In this group, there were four gang members, one sex offender, and one migrant with an active warrant out for their arrest.

We need to approach immigration with commonsense legislation that prevents bad actors like this from entering our country.

It is disturbing to hear stories from people in the district who have lost loved ones or close friends from fentanyl overdoses and other illegal drugs coming across the southern border.

Today, I would like to reiterate my calls for President Biden to visit the border. Since taking office, I have visited the southern border three times to listen to the stories of our fearless border agents about the Biden administration's ineffective policies. President Biden has proven that he is not interested in or capable of securing or keeping America safe.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to wish an amazing person, my husband, Curt Meeks, a happy birthday. Happy birthday, Curt.

Mr. Speaker, I am also extending my deepest heartfelt sympathies to my sister-in-law, Diana Cogliano, Mari-Eleanor Miller Martino and her husband, Ralph Martino, on the sudden passing of their mother, Josephine Martino,

this morning when she passed. May God's grace go with you as you cross this journey.

INFLATION CRISIS

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

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, inflation has outpaced workers' wages for 17 months in a row under Biden. This has cost the average American worker over \$3,000 in lost income with the price of everyday costs, such as gas, utility bills, and food, reducing pocketbooks of families.

Food costs alone are up over 11 percent, the largest 1-year increase in prices in 43 years. More specifically, a trip to the grocery store will feature cost increases such as: Flour up 23 percent; roasted coffee up 19 percent; lunch meats up 18 percent; milk up 17 percent.

According to a new Fox poll, the inflation is the largest issue facing Americans voters, along with murderous crime, preferring Republicans to handle these issues. Biden inflation is a tax on all Americans.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, who successfully protected America for 20 years as the global war on terrorism continues moving from a safe haven in Afghanistan to America.

Happy birthday, Senator TIM SCOTT of South Carolina.

REQUESTING RETURN OF S. 1198, SOLID START ACT OF 2021

The Speaker pro tempore laid before the House the following privileged message from the Senate:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate be directed to request the House of Representatives to return to the Senate the bill (S. 1198) entitled "An Act to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve and expand the Solid Start program of the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes."

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the request of the Senate is agreed to, and S. 1198 will be returned to the Senate.

There was no objection.

COMMUNICATION FROM DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE, THE HONORABLE MIKE THOMPSON, MEMBER OF CONGRESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from Maira Calderon, District Representative, the Honorable MIKE THOMPSON, Member of Congress:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, September 14, 2022.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MADAM SPEAKER: This is to notify you formally, pursuant to Rule VIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, that I, Maira Calderon, have been served with a

subpoena for testimony issued by the Superior Court of California, County of Napa.

After consultation with the Office of General Counsel, I have determined that compliance with the subpoena is consistent with the privileges and rights of the House.

Sincerely,

MAIRA CALDERON,
District Representative.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BRENDAN F. BOYLE of Pennsylvania). Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or votes objected to under clause 6 of rule XX.

The House will resume proceedings on postponed questions at a later time.

PEACE CORPS REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2022

Mr. MALINOWSKI. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 1456) to amend the Peace Corps Act to reauthorize the Peace Corps, better support current and returned volunteers, and for other purposes, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 1456

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; TABLE OF CONTENTS.

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the "Peace Corps Reauthorization Act of 2022".

(b) TABLE OF CONTENTS.—The table of contents for this Act is as follows:

- Sec. 1. Short title; table of contents.
- Sec. 2. Authorization of appropriations; integration of information age Peace Corps volunteer opportunities.
- Sec. 3. Readjustment allowances; expedited re-enrollment and transition assistance.
- Sec. 4. Health care continuation for Peace Corps volunteers.
- Sec. 5. Access to antimalarial drugs and menstrual products for Peace Corps volunteers.
- Sec. 6. Codification of Executive Order 11103.
- Sec. 7. Volunteers providing virtual services for the Peace Corps.
- Sec. 8. Protection of Peace Corps volunteers against reprisal or retaliation.
- Sec. 9. Comprehensive illegal drug use policy with respect to Peace Corps volunteers.
- Sec. 10. Peace Corps National Advisory Council.
- Sec. 11. Peace Corps volunteers serving within the United States at the request of another agency.
- Sec. 12. Use of official seal, emblem, and name of the Peace Corps.
- Sec. 13. Clarification regarding eligibility of United States nationals.
- Sec. 14. Memorandum of Agreement with Bureau of Diplomatic Security of the Department of State.
- Sec. 15. Reports to Congress.
- Sec. 16. Workers compensation for Peace Corps volunteers.
- Sec. 17. Technical and conforming edits.
- Sec. 18. Determination of budgetary effects.