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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker.

### PRAYER

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

We turn to You, O Lord, claiming Your promise to bring good news to the poor, bind up the brokenhearted, proclaim freedom for the captives, and release from darkness for the prisoners.

Send the goodness of Your transforming word to those in Ukraine and throughout the world who, because of the oppression and hardships they face, cannot afford a meal or heat for their homes. May they know the wealth of Your divine provision.

Attend to those whose hearts are broken at the loss of loved ones by the hands of the enemy. May they feel Your tender love upholding them in these days.

Grant release to the prisoners of war who are being held captive for crimes they did not commit but who fought against brutal ideologies they could not tolerate. May they soon be freed into the arms of their loved ones, embraced by their communities once again.

And for those who sit imprisoned by the darkness of despotism, whose hearts are bound by selfish desires for power and control, shine Your light into their souls, that they would be disarmed by Your peace, redeemed by Your love, that they would put down their weapons and foreswear their malevolent ways.

In Your sovereign name, we pray.  
Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the Chamber her approval thereof.

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

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. NORCROSS) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. NORCROSS 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

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

### PAYING TRIBUTE TO THE HONORABLE JAMES J. FLORIO

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

Mr. NORCROSS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to my late Congressman and Governor, Jim Florio, a dedicated public servant who cared deeply for those in New Jersey and the Nation.

He served our country in the Navy. He continued that service when he returned home in the New Jersey Assembly for 4 years, followed by 15 years in this House of Representatives. Then, he returned to our State to become the 41st Governor.

He was an environmentalist long before it was popular. Here in Congress, he authored the Superfund Act, one of the most remarkable pieces of legislation in terms of cleaning up hazardous sites across the country. As Governor, he signed the Clean Water Act, one of the strictest in the Nation at the time. Combined, these achievements saved countless lives across this great country.

He did not work through political division but by doing what he knew was right. That is why he received the Kennedy Profiles in Courage Award.

On behalf of myself, the State of New Jersey, and the Nation, we are grateful for his service to our State. We lost one of the greatest champions, and he will be missed by all who had the honor of knowing him. My deepest sympathies to his family, his loved ones.

### STANDING WITH PEOPLE OF IRAN

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

Mr. MCCLINTOCK. Mr. Speaker, for 2 weeks now, the long-suffering people of Iran have taken to the streets to confront the thugocracy that has oppressed them for more than 40 years.

Today, America must stand with the people of Iran. H. Res. 118 has 257 cosponsors, representing both political parties, expressing its support for the Iranian resistance. I urge the leadership to bring it to the floor immediately for a vote.

It is time for the United States to step forward with material support for the freedom movement. They need direct satellite access to the internet that the regime has denied them on the ground. They need us to restore economic sanctions against the regime.

This time, in this hour, let the United States stand with the people of Iran and, by so doing, honor those proud words on our Liberty Bell: "Proclaim liberty throughout all the land and unto all the inhabitants thereof."

### HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF DAVID ST. PIERRE

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

Mr. TAKANO. Mr. Speaker, I honor the life and lasting legacy of an

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LGBTQ pioneer in my district, David St. Pierre.

David was the longtime owner of The Menagerie, a welcoming LGBTQ nightclub and restaurant in downtown Riverside.

Since taking ownership in 1999, David made it his purpose to cultivate an inclusive safe haven for the LGBTQ community of Riverside and the surrounding Inland Empire, while adding in a touch of fun, lively entertainment.

He did that for just over 20 years. With his passion for throwing an extravagant party, his experience in generating crowd enthusiasm as the host of many events, and a keen eye for craft and style from his background in theater, David was always the life of a fabulous time.

He made a name for himself within the LGBTQ community and was highly regarded for standing up to hate crimes and injustice and declaring that homophobia will have zero tolerance in our community.

In the words of Harvey Milk, "I know you can't live on hope alone, but without hope, life is not worth living." David, you gave our community hope, hope to live freely, be accepted, and continue to fight for LGBTQ rights. You will be greatly missed but never forgotten. On behalf of the constituents of California's 41st Congressional District, thank you for your commitment to the LGBTQ community and to our community as a whole.

#### CELEBRATING RUSH COUNTY'S BICENTENNIAL

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

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Rush County on the grand occasion of its bicentennial.

Rush County was founded in 1822 by one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, Dr. Benjamin Rush. Not only is the history rich in Rush County, but so is the hospitality and the heart of its residents.

Rushville, the county seat, was recognized by my State of Indiana as a "Stellar Community," one of only 12 communities to be honored as such.

From its lively history to its heartwarming and welcoming citizens, we invite everyone here today in the House to celebrate with us this bicentennial year for Rush County.

#### MONOPOLY MOMENT

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

Mrs. TRAHAN. Mr. Speaker, we find ourselves in a monopoly moment as a country. Multibillion-dollar corporations have grown into behemoths, eliminating any real competition in their industries and using their dominance to hurt small businesses and consumers.

Meta's monopoly power has enabled it to harm women, children, and people

of all ages without recourse. Amazon has used its dominance to copy competitors' products and run small businesses into the ground.

This slide has happened under the watch of Democratic and Republican governments alike, and it is on us to stop it. That starts with giving the FTC the resources necessary to enforce our antitrust laws.

It starts with the Merger Filing Fee Modernization Act. This bipartisan, bicameral legislation is simple. It requires that a billion-dollar corporation looking to acquire or merge with a competitor pay a fee for the FTC to review the deal. That is it: a one-time fee to help ensure we don't slide further back to the times of the railroad and steel monopolies that abused workers, hurt consumers, and killed competition.

Families are hurting enough right now. They deserve competition, not capitulation to corporate interests.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this long-overdue bipartisan package.

#### RECOGNIZING SEAN O'BRIEN

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

Mr. NEWHOUSE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize a member of my team for his hard work and dedication over the last 8 years.

Sean O'Brien started working for Washington's Fourth Congressional District at just about the same time that I did. He even stepped up to run my first reelection campaign. Luckily for both of us, he was successful, and he served as my legislative assistant, my legislative director, and eventually my deputy chief of staff.

I was proud to step into the role of Congressional Western Caucus chairman with Sean at the helm. With his vision, knowledge, and steadfast support as the executive director, we worked together to build an organization that I am proud to lead.

Sean, as you join the new House alumni association, never forget what you learned in the people's House. The long hours and late nights are worth it. Our work is important, but the real work happens outside the swamp. And never underestimate a supportive team because you will always be an invaluable member of mine.

#### EXTREMISTS TRYING TO BAN ABORTION NATIONWIDE

(Mrs. LEE of Nevada asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. LEE of Nevada. Mr. Speaker, I rise today as leaders of the Republican Party in both the House and the Senate have introduced legislation to ban abortion nationwide.

It doesn't matter if you live in a State where abortion is protected by the voters like Nevada. Abortion would be banned in every State.

The most extreme restrictions would be held in place, and women's healthcare decisions would be taken away from you and handed over to LINDSEY GRAHAM and his Republican colleagues.

The vast majority of Americans support Roe, but the Supreme Court has stripped away our freedoms and overturned 50 years of constitutional precedent.

Since Roe, extremist politicians have introduced nearly 590 bills to ban, restrict, and control our choice. That is right—nearly 600 bills.

They are obsessed with taking away our most personal healthcare decisions, and we can't let that happen. I will do everything in my power to stop the Washington Republicans who want to take away your freedom. We will not be intimidated.

#### FUNDING THE GOVERNMENT

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

Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas. Mr. Speaker, the Democrats have once again failed their job to provide funding for the upcoming fiscal year. They will now kick the can down the road until after the election and pass a continuing resolution to keep the government open until December.

Funding the government in this fragmented fashion is irresponsible, and it does not allow us to respond to the realities facing our country, like a southern border enduring over 7,000 illegal crossings every day, an energy crisis, and rampant inflation.

Additionally, CRs do not allow our military to start any new contracts, which is a real problem right now, considering the uncertainty around this world.

Every year, we know that these deadlines are coming, yet the Democrats have once again failed to deliver for hardworking Americans. In God we trust.

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#### AMERICANS DESERVE TO LIVE IN A SAFE COMMUNITY

(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, Democrats are working for safer communities by investing in safety and justice. We believe that every American deserves to live in a safe community where they and their families can thrive.

That is why we are fighting for strong, commonsense action to give our law enforcement the tools they need to prevent crime. Just this month, Democrats passed the:

Invest to Protect Act, which funds the police with grants to help small, local law enforcement agencies retain and recruit officers.