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

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,

April 20, 2023.

I hereby appoint the Honorable MIKE FLOOD to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

KEVIN MCCARTHY,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

### PRAYER

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

God, our creator, by Your divine hand You fashioned the world, hanging the stars and the heavens and causing the land to emerge from the waters.

The Earth and all that dwell therein attest to Your handiwork. The fullness of the Earth is the magnificence of Your own making.

We give You thanks for the amazing creation that surrounds us, the thick canopy of trees, the richness of the soil, the majesty of the mountains, the roar of the oceans. You have established every bird that flies in the sky, every animal that moves in the forests, the fish that fill the waters.

Who then are we to be so graced with the enjoyment of the fruits of Your bounty? How do we deserve to stand in the midst of Your garden of generosity? Who of us is worthy to come before You in the power of Your presence?

We pray that You would grant us the purity of heart that our intentions to serve You on this Earth would be worthy. Purify the work of our hands, that our labor would receive Your blessing.

Open our eyes to the wonder of Your creation that we would with our mouths proclaim the goodness of Your provision and honor You with the devotion of our whole selves.

In Your sovereign 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 the approval thereof.

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

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Mr. OGLES 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.

### GO WOKE, GO BROKE ACT

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

Mr. OGLES. Mr. Speaker, you would hope that during a time of high inflation and energy prices, that the U.S. Treasury Department would focus on promoting economic policies that support the American taxpayer. Unfortunately, common sense is not a common trait with the Biden administration.

Instead, the hard-earned tax dollars of the American people are being spent by the Treasury Department to promote garbage, exclusionary, and profoundly racist DEI ideology. This evil and grotesque concept threatens to tear our country apart, and this President clearly couldn't care less.

Efforts to promote so-called equity and diversity have already contributed to the failure of businesses and banks in the private sector. We have just seen that. Yet, this administration is unfazed and as focused as ever on pitting fellow citizens against each other on the basis of race. The Democrats' woke, radical agenda is hurting our children, it is hurting our families, and is destroying the American economy.

Mr. Speaker, the American people deserve better. Woke garbage is not—I repeat, is not—a substitute for fiscal policy.

### MIFEPRISTONE

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

Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I come to the floor exhausted and fearful—fearful for women who watch every month as their rights are stripped away, fearful for my daughters-in-law, my granddaughters and yours as we deal with the fallout of the Supreme Court's Dobbs decision, removing decades of freedom, privacy, and dignity.

After the Dobbs decision, we warned that other freedoms would follow. Now, a Texas Federal judge is openly undermining the FDA; a Federal judge, not a doctor. Control and cruelty is the point, and they are only getting started. Today, it is an abortion drug. Tomorrow, it is IUDs or hormonal implants, then birth control medications. All of these things, which are used to prevent pregnancy or end one, are life-saving medical tools that can treat a

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variety of painful, devastating conditions, including miscarriages.

Judges have no right to overrule the personal and professional choices of women and their doctors. Politicians have no right to take options and freedoms away.

I trust FDA's 23-year approval. Most-ly, Mr. Speaker, I trust medical professionals, and I trust women.

#### TIKTOK'S ACCESS TO THE WHITE HOUSE

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

Mr. ALFORD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to stand against the push for TikTok to infiltrate our White House. My colleagues and I have sent a letter expressing our deep concern that the President is considering inviting TikTok influencers into the White House to promote his agenda and give them their own briefing room.

This action poses a serious national security threat. It is tantamount to the rooster inviting the fox into the henhouse.

CCP is spying on millions of American citizens. By allowing these influencers access to the White House, we could be facilitating espionage efforts.

TikTok has access to your pictures, your text messages, your keystrokes, your microphone, your camera, your search history, and so much more.

Mr. Speaker, I am sad to say it has come to this, but we are literally begging the President of the United States not to use a spy tool developed and created by the CCP.

This administration owes the American people a response to our letter.

#### CELEBRATING THOMAS STREET HEALTH CENTER

(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 today to celebrate Thomas Street Health Center's legacy as the first free-standing HIV clinic in Houston and the Nation.

Since 1989, Thomas Street Health Center has been a vital source of care for over 5,000 patients living with HIV/AIDS.

This outstanding achievement is a testament to the exceptional research and collaboration between healthcare providers, patients, and the broader healthcare community.

Thomas Street Health Center is moving to a new facility next month. This is a significant step forward, opening many possibilities for enhancing the patient experience. We bid farewell to this historic old location as it created many positive memories and contributions to the community.

The Northside community will miss the people and the patients, but the

building will forever remain as a reminder of the work that created such a difference in the lives of so many people at that site.

We look forward to a bright future for Thomas Street Health Center in this new era. We congratulate them and we bid them well.

#### REMEMBERING MAYOR DONNIE WINKLER

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

Mr. BUCSHON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the passing of my good friend and mayor of Rockport, Indiana, Donnie Winkler.

Donnie tirelessly led the Rockport community with a smile and a good sense of humor. For years, his work ethic and sense of duty helped raise the bar for all those living in Spencer County, Indiana.

His motto: "Do what you do; do it well and thoroughly," is something he took with him in all aspects of his life.

From his time spent as a farmer, industrial worker, National Guardsman, husband, father of four sons, entrepreneur, small business owner, general contractor, riverboat cook, building inspector, jailor, visionary, and finally as mayor, you saw this motto in all he did.

I am proud to have had the opportunity to know Donnie Winkler. My heart goes out to his family, friends, and the entire Rockport community during this trying time.

Godspeed, Donnie.

#### CONGRATULATING KAREN OPOKU-APPOH ON WINNING THE 2023 ARIZONA SPELLING BEE

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

Mr. CISCOMANI. Mr. Speaker, I rise to give a big congrats to a very impressive individual from Arizona's Sixth Congressional District.

Last month, Karen Opoku-Appoh, an 8th grader from Marana Middle School, won the 2023 Arizona Spelling Bee.

Karen correctly spelled the word "passage" to beat out 26 fellow competitors and become Arizona's spelling bee champion. Now she has the honor of representing her school, our district, and our entire State at the Scripps National Spelling Bee.

Arizona is proud to have one of the highest spelling bee participation rates in the country, with over 480,000 students competing in private, public, and homeschool classrooms.

For decades, the Arizona Spelling Bee has motivated high-achieving students from across the State to get excited about spelling.

Mr. Speaker, I speak for our community in congratulating Karen on this remarkable achievement. Her hard

work and drive have yielded an accomplishment that makes our entire State proud. Karen has been a shining example of the power of dreaming big.

Mr. Speaker, we will be rooting for Karen at nationals.

#### CONGRATULATING PENN STATE WRESTLING, 2023 NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

(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. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Penn State Wrestling, the 2023 NCAA Division I National Champions and recognize their two individual champions, Carter Starocci and Aaron Brooks.

Continuing their dominance of NCAA wrestling, the Nittany Lions brought their 11th national title to Happy Valley and concluded their seventh perfect dual meet season.

Led by Coach Cael Sanderson, Penn State Wrestling reflects a culture of excellence in their athletic preparation and competition.

Penn State's two individual champions are a testament to not only the strength of their program, but to their personal strength, talent, and determination.

Aaron Brooks took on the number one wrestler from northern Iowa to secure his third straight national title at 184 pounds, while Carter Starocci defended his number one ranking to win his third national title at 174 pounds. Their teammates, Roman Bravo-Young, Levi Haines, and Greg Kerkvliet joined them in the competition at the finals.

As a graduate of Penn State, I am proud to congratulate Penn State Wrestling on winning the 2023 National Championship and their continued success.

#### PROTECTION OF WOMEN AND GIRLS IN SPORTS ACT OF 2023

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 298 and rule XVIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the further consideration of the bill, H.R. 734.

Will the gentleman from Nebraska (Mr. FLOOD) kindly take the chair.

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IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Accordingly, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 734) to amend the Education Amendments of 1972 to provide that for purposes of determining compliance with title IX of such Act in athletics, sex shall be recognized based solely on a person's reproductive biology and genetics at birth, with Mr. FLOOD (Acting Chair) in the chair.