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

### DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,  
April 25, 2023.

I hereby appoint the Honorable ANTHONY D'ESPOSITO to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

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

### MORNING-HOUR DEBATE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of January 9, 2023, the Chair will now recognize Members from lists submitted by the majority and minority leaders for morning-hour debate.

The Chair will alternate recognition between the parties, with time equally allocated between the parties and each Member other than the majority and minority leaders and the minority whip limited to 5 minutes, but in no event shall debate continue beyond 1:50 p.m.

### RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF THE HONORABLE BUD SHUSTER

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. JOYCE) for 5 minutes.

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, for nearly three decades, Chairman Bud Shuster represented the people of central Pennsylvania here in the Halls of Congress.

After leaving Congress in 2001, Chairman Shuster returned home to Bedford County, Pennsylvania, where he remained active in his service, teaching

at a university level, working on his farm, and spending time with those he loved.

When I first decided to run for office, I called Bud and asked him for his advice. For the next hour, he talked to me about what an honor it is to serve in the United States Congress, what an honor it is to sit in committee, what an honor it is to work on the issues that matter most to the families in Pennsylvania.

Bud Shuster ran unopposed for his seat eight times in the decades that he served, a testament to how much the communities that he represented cared for him and recognized that they would have no greater champion in Washington.

For 6 years, Chairman Shuster held the gavel on the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, where he fought to build roads, bridges, and waterways that Americans still rely on each and every day.

His drive and determination helped to bring our infrastructure into the 21st century, paving the way for innovation and new development in Pennsylvania and across the United States.

When I would drive home to Pennsylvania on Interstate 99, the road that Bud Shuster built and the road that bears his name, I would often call the former chairman and, once again, ask for his advice. We would talk about his farm, what votes had occurred, and when votes were upcoming the next week.

I will miss those calls, and all of us will miss the man known simply as Mr. Chairman.

Over 4 billion trips are taken on American highways each year, and each one of those travelers owes a certain amount of respect to the commitment that Bud Shuster showed to transportation and infrastructure in America.

Personally, my wife, Alice, and I will miss Mr. Chairman and miss what he

did for those of us in central Pennsylvania.

### YOUR SPEAKER OR YOUR SENIORS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Texas (Ms. CROCKETT) for 5 minutes.

Ms. CROCKETT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today appalled by the Speaker's debt ceiling bill. Right now, the Speaker stands alone, threatening to not pay bills we owe to advance his personal policy preferences.

If we don't pay our bills, there will be catastrophic consequences for everyone. The interest rate would skyrocket, making it nearly impossible to afford a home or car and closing opportunities for upward mobility for millions of Americans.

The stock market will crater as investors lose faith in the ability of our government to perform even the most basic function because of the Speaker's bill. The result would be millions of Americans' retirement accounts wiped out.

For years, the threat of such economic catastrophe historically made even the threat of default off-limits, but the Speaker knows that what he has is an extreme minority in his caucus and that what he wants is deeply unpopular, so he is trying to hold our government hostage.

He stands alone because he knows that no Democrat will support this ransom, so he needs each and every Republican to fall in line behind him.

I hope my colleagues on the other side of the aisle know that their constituents are watching, watching to see who their Representative came to Congress to fight for, your Speaker or your seniors.

The Speaker's bill will add additional work reporting requirements for seniors in their fifties in order to receive basic food assistance. Across the country, there are no less than 3 million

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seniors who could lose food assistance because of this bill.

My colleagues must make a choice: your Speaker or your seniors.

Because everything in D.C. is filled with jargon, I want to pause for a moment to make sure we all understand who the Speaker's bill is targeting.

The people the Speaker is targeting are seniors in their fifties who don't even have \$6 a day for food. That is all SNAP pays, \$6 a day for food, but the Speaker's bill would deny even that paltry aid to hundreds of thousands of our constituents.

Soon, those on the other side of the aisle must decide who matters more to them, your Speaker or your seniors.

Make no mistake: This isn't about getting people to work. If you worked twice what was required, a full 40-hour week at minimum wage, which, frankly, is most of what is on the table for these seniors, you would still be on SNAP.

The only way the Speaker's bill saves money, which he does say, is if people have their benefits stripped away, if seniors go hungry.

Each of my colleagues must ask who matters more, your Speaker or your seniors?

The Speaker's bill will kick seniors off SNAP rolls. Many seniors can't find a job at all because they face age discrimination. There is a reason that current law exempts those over 49. To expect them to have the same odds of finding a job as a young recipient is callous and cruel.

Ask yourselves, who did you come to Congress to serve, your Speaker or your seniors?

Even though the bill is only supposed to apply to able-bodied adults without dependents, that claim is laughable.

Many of our constituents in their fifties are grandparents. They have childcare responsibilities even if the child isn't their dependent. Requiring them to neglect their grandchild or else go hungry is cruel and heartless.

I hope my colleagues ask themselves who they came to Congress to serve, your Speaker or your seniors, because so many seniors will go hungry if the Speaker's bill becomes law.

As the pandemic SNAP policies are ending, State agencies are responsible for updating participants' information so those eligible for assistance don't go hungry, but in many States, no outreach or only perfunctory outreach was performed.

My concern is that if the Speaker's bill becomes law, tens of thousands of seniors who think they aren't subject to these reporting requirements will suddenly find themselves without benefits. If for any reason these seniors are denied benefits under the Speaker's bill, they will be ineligible for food assistance for the next 3 years.

When we vote on this bill, we will be voting on a very simple question: support your Speaker or support your seniors.

The burden lies with each of my colleagues on the other side of the aisle. It

is within your range, your power, to protect our seniors.

Right now, the Speaker stands alone with a deeply unpopular proposal. Each of my colleagues on the other side of the aisle is asked to starve our seniors. If that is the policy of this House, that responsibility will be entirely on your shoulders.

The choice is now yours. Quite simply, each Republican must answer the question: Who do you fight for, your Speaker or your seniors?

#### RECOGNIZING AARON WARNER

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Iowa (Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS) for 5 minutes.

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Aaron Warner, CEO of ProCircular Inc., in Coralville, Iowa, who was named Iowa's 2023 Small Business Person of the Year.

Mr. Warner founded ProCircular in 2016 with the goal of being a dedicated cybersecurity and compliance firm, offering analysis, testing, governance, risk management, and compliance services. In the company's first year, its revenue grew over 200 percent and has continued to grow steadily year over year. The company now has 69 full-time staff and 19 interns.

In addition to running a booming small business, Mr. Warner is also heavily involved in his community. He volunteers with a number of different organizations, including the Technology Association of Iowa, the Iowa City Area Development Group, Junior Achievement, Rotary International, and the March of Dimes. He and his wife also started a trust to provide scholarships to students in need.

Mr. Warner is truly a pillar of his community and very deserving of this honor. I look forward to seeing what the future holds as his business and activism in southeast Iowa continue to grow.

#### RECOGNIZING POLICE CANINE KILO

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize police canine Kilo, of the Indianola Police Department, for assisting in a drug bust during his first week of being on patrol with his handler, Officer Treyton Nixon.

As the newest member of the Indianola Police Department, Kilo made an immediate impact by helping find over 7 grams of methamphetamine during a traffic stop.

A canine's keen sense of smell helps them to detect items that a human officer might miss, especially drugs and bombs. In a time when record levels of illicit narcotics are pouring in through our southern border and killing American citizens, poisoning them with synthetic fentanyl, it is increasingly important that police departments utilize every resource available to keep their communities safe.

I hope Kilo sets the example and proves the need for canine units across

our police forces, including at the border. If one canine officer could handle this drug bust in Indianola, imagine what a full squad could accomplish at our ports of entry.

Thank you, Kilo, for your service to the city of Indianola. We wish him and the rest of the Indianola Police Department the very best in the future.

#### MONITORING MISSISSIPPI RIVER FLOODING

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to discuss major flooding in seven counties in southeast Iowa along the Mississippi River.

I appreciate Governor Reynolds' efforts to protect these communities, and I encourage residents in these areas to stay cautious.

Each year, as snow north of Iowa melts, it floods the communities along the Mississippi River in Iowa. While these floods can be devastating, we are lucky to be able to predict the severity of floods each year.

In Davenport, crews have been working 24-hour shifts at pump stations for over a week to protect their 9 miles of the riverfront.

As we continue to monitor the flooding, I remain grateful for the close eye of the Governor's office, disaster resources, and the United States Army Corps of Engineers' efforts to ensure pumps are working flawlessly.

I also appreciate the University of Iowa Flood Center to be able to monitor and sense rising waters.

My office remains open as a resource if southeast Iowans are in need of assistance. Together, we can again power through this flooding season.

I want to take a moment to wish a very happy birthday to my sister, Mariette Stanson.

Happy birthday, Mariette.

#### RECOGNIZING THREE HEROES OF GUAM

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Guam (Mr. MOYLAN) for 5 minutes.

Mr. MOYLAN. Mr. Speaker, I will take some time this morning to recognize three heroes of Guam who are celebrating milestone birthdays this month.

First, there is Mr. Troy Moylan, who is an icon within the business community of Guam. A proud son, husband, father, brother, and family man, Troy continues a tradition of the insurance industry, which is synonymous with the Moylan name in Guam and within the Pacific region.

A healthcare czar who has advanced the medical insurance industry in Guam, ensuring greater care for women and children and expanding services to regions with indigent communities, he has helped grow Guam's economy by creating jobs and increasing investments. His generosity to the people of Guam has been evident in many great causes and organizations.

Troy is a great conservative, a decent man, and a proud fan of the Pittsburgh Steelers.