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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. SELF).

### DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,

May 17, 2023.

I hereby appoint the Honorable KEITH SELF 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 11:50 a.m.

### NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICE CENTERS

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

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, one of my most important responsibilities as a Member of Congress is helping the residents of Michigan's 12th District get through everyday challenges and issues that their families are going through.

Creating Neighborhood Service Centers has been the most effective way to change the lives of our residents immediately. From the moment I took office, I made a commitment to be accessible and responsive to those everyday

challenges and needs. The way I have done it is my team and I now operate what we call our Neighborhood Service Centers in both Wayne and Oakland Counties.

Through the Neighborhood Service Centers, we have returned over \$5.2 million in constituent services directly back into the pockets of our neighbors.

Because of this incredible work of our casework team and Neighborhood Service Centers, a senior veteran in Detroit, for instance, was able to come into our office to apply for assistance to stop the garnishment of his Social Security payments and receive assistance to wipe out an outstanding debt of \$8,161 that was being garnished.

Another family in Inkster was under a threat of losing their home, but due to the work of the Neighborhood Service Centers they were able to receive over \$5,000 in property tax assistance to keep them in their home. Again, the Neighborhood Service Center was able to change their lives immediately.

Recently, my team and I also ran a constituent services fair in Wayne County and had the opportunity to help more than 50 residents directly with constituent casework.

We are humbled by the opportunity to serve each of our residents in the 12th Congressional District every single day. I will continue to fight for a thriving, inclusive, and prosperous community for all of us through the Neighborhood Service Centers. I will always have their back.

### RECOGNIZING JOSEPH DEICHELBOHRER

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Joe Deichelbohrer for his 25 years of service with the Dearborn Fire Department in Michigan's 12th District Strong.

Our captain began his career as a firefighter with the Dearborn Fire Department in 1998. Over the years, he rose steadily through the ranks from fire engineer to lieutenant, and ultimately, captain. Captain Joe has been

steadfast in his service and commitment to the community.

Throughout his career he has earned many awards for his outstanding service. He has been recognized multiple times, Mr. Speaker, for his service, bravery, and working to truly change people's lives, and also save them.

Over the past nearly three decades, Captain Joe has put his life on the line for others to serve our community, and we commend him for his service and wish him a happy retirement.

### SUPPORT FOR THE YEMENI PEOPLE

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the recent progress made toward peace in Yemen and highlight what we need to be doing right now to support the Yemeni people.

The recent progress and statements from those involved offer new hope that peace in Yemen is possible, but obstacles remain that require careful, thoughtful engagement from this Congress and our President.

This is why today, Congressman RO KHANNA and I are leading over 30 of our colleagues in a letter to the President and his Yemen team outlining how the U.S. should engage with the peace process to maximize the chance at success.

Now more than ever, Mr. Speaker, the U.S. must push hard to ensure that the blockade is completely lifted. While peace negotiations are ongoing, it is critical that the U.S. must not obstruct peace by offering further military assistance, weapons, or security guarantees to any country while trying to maintain its support for the U.N. arms embargo.

The message needs to be crystal clear, no aid of any kind will be considered while Yemen starves. If this diplomatic process breaks down, my colleagues and I are prepared to introduce new legislation to end this awful war.

As always, we cannot allow our hope for current peace talks to distract us from the massive humanitarian crisis.

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Mr. Speaker, 14.8 million Yemenis are on the verge of starvation and cannot wait for lifesaving humanitarian aid from the international community. A month ago, I led two dozen of our colleagues in requesting at least \$1.2 billion in U.S. humanitarian aid to Yemen in the upcoming budget. I repeat that call here today.

Mr. Speaker, this is our moment. Let's call for peace and stretch out a helping hand and be there for the Yemeni people when they need us most.

#### RECOGNIZING THE 288TH BIRTHDAY OF AMELIA COUNTY, VIRGINIA

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

Mr. GOOD of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 288th birthday of Amelia County, Virginia.

Located in the rolling hills of Virginia's southern Piedmont region, Amelia County was founded in 1735 and named in honor of Princess Amelia, the daughter of King George II.

Amelia County has since contributed to the rich history of the United States, appropriate for it being located in the Commonwealth of Virginia, the most historic of all States.

In fact, the Speaker of the House of Representatives from 1843 to 1845 for the 28th Congress, John Winston Jones, was born in Amelia County.

During World War II, the county's Morefield Mine provided significant strategic minerals that were very important to the successful American war effort.

Just a few days ago, on May 13, I was honored to be able to join Amelia County for its annual Amelia Day Festival to celebrate the historic founding of this great county, now 288 years old.

Members from the Amelia County Public Schools band, Amelia Academy chorus, and the Amelia County High School chorus performed to commemorate this wonderful occasion.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to represent the great people of Amelia County, and I appreciate all that they contribute to Virginia's Fifth Congressional District and our great Commonwealth.

#### SHRINK WASHINGTON AND GROW AMERICA

Mr. GOOD of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I commend our Speaker and this House, this very body, for negotiating and passing a responsible bill to raise the debt limit in exchange for spending cuts and reforms.

While the White House and the Senate stood on the sidelines for 90 days, this very body came together in initiating a debt limit increase. While many of our Members did not want to increase the debt limit, we negotiated that with responsible and reasonable spending cuts and reforms.

Democrats in the White House and here in Congress would, if they had their way, raise the debt ceiling by some \$4 trillion with no reforms or spending cuts, promising to do what

Washington never does, cut spending in some future undefined date.

Certainly, a default will occur if we continue on the current track when we can no longer borrow, we can no longer sell our debt, and we can no longer service our debt. Republicans here in the House are determined not to let this happen, and that is why we have done our job.

What have we passed out of this House?

Returning spending to pre-COVID levels for nondefense discretionary spending. We put 1 percent caps on future growth in spending. We have eliminated hundreds of billions of dollars in woke climate environmental extremism that is in the phony inflation increase act and the phony Inflation Reduction Act.

We have eliminated the half-a-trillion-dollar student loan transfer scheme, eliminated the expansion of the IRS, and rescinded unspent COVID funds, which are tens of billions of dollars more. Most Americans understand that those are reasonable, and all of these should be rescinded and eliminated.

We also have reinstated work requirements for able-bodied Americans of working age without dependents in return for Federal assistance. This is important not just to save tens of billions of dollars, but to grow our economy and get back to the Trump-growth of 3 to 4 percent a year, instead of the Biden growth of 1 percent a year.

We have got the REINS Act, which will require a floor vote on every significant rule or regulation coming out of the regulatory bodies, the unaccounted bureaucrats who run our agencies and departments.

We also have H.R. 1, our energy bill, which will return us to American energy independence, which is critical for our national security, as well as our economic security.

Default will not happen June 1, or any time thereafter, unless it is willfully caused by the Secretary of the Treasury, who chooses not to prioritize payments toward the obligations on our debt, Social Security, Medicare, our veterans, and our defense.

As a matter of fact, I authored a letter to Secretary Yellen, joined by many of my colleagues, asking: What is her plan to ensure we don't have a default and to prioritize payments?

What will happen if we don't raise the debt ceiling? You would have the forced reduction of \$100 billion on a monthly basis in discretionary spending.

Democrats in the House, the Senate, and in the White House will not allow that to happen. We need to hold the line and have the Senate pass the Save, Limit, Grow Act, which was passed 3 weeks ago in this very body. They need to do their job and avoid whatever consequences there might be for reaching the debt limit.

What we ought to do in this House body, rather than negotiate down and

weaken the bill that we passed, we ought to be adding H.R. 2, our border security bill, as we see the hundreds of thousands of migrants on a monthly basis that are invading our country as a result of this President's border policies.

I applaud my House colleagues for doing our job to protect the financial integrity of the United States, which is our number one responsibility as the House of Representatives, and passing this responsible spending bill that will avoid any consequence from not raising the debt limit and will put us on a path of future fiscal responsibility.

#### FOOD INSECURITY IN AMERICA

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

Ms. BONAMICI. Mr. Speaker, the House Republicans released their proposed agricultural funding bill this morning, and there is no doubt that they are ready to cut nutrition benefits.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to defend the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, or SNAP.

When I worked my way through college, I used assistance—called food stamps at the time—so I would have enough to eat.

My experience is not unique. More than 34 million people in the United States are food insecure. Every day millions of Americans rely on SNAP to help them put food on the table for themselves and for their families.

SNAP is our most effective anti-hunger program, and we should be improving its vital benefits. Unfortunately, my colleagues across the aisle are doing the opposite.

Under the House Republicans' budget bill, which should be called the default on America act, many people across the country, including many seniors, will lose access to this critical assistance.

My colleagues claim their benefit cuts will get people back to work and reduce our national debt, but taking food assistance away from vulnerable Americans will not help anyone find work, it will just make them hungry.

Balancing the budget on the backs of low-income seniors is shameful. Unlike the default in America act, the bill I will soon introduce will increase access to SNAP benefits for our Nation's most vulnerable seniors.

My Senior Hunger Prevention Act will reduce food insecurity and raise the value of SNAP benefits so seniors can live and age with dignity.

Additionally, the first bill I introduced this Congress is designed to eliminate barriers for college students accessing SNAP benefits.

Students of any age can't learn when they are hungry, and we know that they are more likely to succeed in the classroom when they are not worried about where their next meal is coming from.