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Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 6, 2023, at 3 p.m.

House of Representatives

MONDAY, JUNE 5, 2023

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

DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,

June 5, 2023.

I hereby appoint the Honorable MICHELLE FISCHBACH 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.

NATIONAL DAIRY MONTH

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

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, this June, we celebrate Na-

tional Dairy Month and recognize the farmers and the producers across Pennsylvania who provide healthy dairy products for our children who need that as they grow and mature.

Pennsylvania's 13th District is home to the greatest number of dairy cows in the entire Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. For generations, family-owned-and-operated dairy farms have been at the heart of our rural communities.

This year, Congress will work to pass a farm bill. To prepare for this legislation, I have been traveling across our district to hear from the farmers who will be affected most by this legislation.

Over the past years, we have seen inflationary policies lead to rising prices on the grain, the fertilizer, and supplies that our farmers rely on, and they are faced with imitation products that continue to put a strain on the dairy markets right here in America.

Last year, dairy substitutes made over \$2.8 billion in sales, directly harming these locally owned dairy farmers in Pennsylvania.

The attacks on our dairy farmers have been going on for far too long. We have seen liberal policies dating back to the Obama administration that have yanked whole milk from school cafeterias and have pulled away the nutritious product that growing young men and women need.

This decision is directly harmful. We know the nutritional benefits to bone, to muscle, and brain development that only whole milk can provide. Now, our students are missing out on these benefits.

National Dairy Month allows us to recommit to returning whole milk back into the schools, back to the kids who need it.

Let's pledge to end the false labeling of fake dairy products, and let's commit to standing with our dairy farmers.

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 12 o'clock and 4 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 1400

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker at 2 p.m.

PRAYER

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

We draw near to You, O God, before we begin the legislative business of this day and pray that You will abide with us as we address the matters that will be brought before this body.

Would that we wash our hands of malice and mean-spiritedness, ire and indignation. Cleanse us of all that detracts us from Your noble intent.

Would that we examine our motives, that they would be free of selfishness or indifference. Search us and know us,

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that with singleness of purpose, we would live to serve You with integrity.

Would that we present to You our hearts for the work of this Congress. Inspire us that what we aim to accomplish would reflect Your grace plan for our communities and our country.

O Lord, consecrate the work of our hands. Clarify the judgment of our minds. Direct the desires of our hearts that all we do today would be worthy of this opportunity we have been given to serve You in this place.

In the righteousness of Your name, we pray.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. 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. Will the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. WILSON) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina 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.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF BETTENDORF MAYOR ANN HUTCHINSON

(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 recognize the extraordinary life of former Bettendorf Mayor Ann Hutchinson, who passed away at age 74 this past week. She dedicated her life to the Bettendorf community, serving as mayor for 16 years, until 2003.

When Mayor Hutchinson took office, Bettendorf was struggling to survive financially. She got the city back on sound economic footing and accomplished a wide range of projects, including revitalizing downtown Bettendorf, building the Learning Campus with a library and the Family Museum, and started plans for the new I-74 bridge, which just opened last year.

After her time as mayor, Ann served the region in multiple leadership roles with the Eastern Iowa Small Business Development Center, the Girl Scouts of Eastern Iowa and Western Illinois, and served as the president of the Iowa League of Cities.

Mayor Hutchinson played a major part in making the Quad Cities what they are today, and she will be greatly missed. My thoughts and prayers are with her family at this time.

I would also like to wish my brother, Richard, a very happy birthday. Happy birthday, Richard.

SPEAKER MCCARTHY STRENGTHENS AMERICA

(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, America is stronger with KEVIN MCCARTHY as Speaker of the House.

Matthew Continetti, the founding editor of the Washington Free Beacon, wrote in the Friday edition: "Since becoming Speaker in January, McCarthy has faced a test. Could he strike a fiscal bargain with President Biden that would earn Republican support and avoid a breach of the debt ceiling and a government shutdown? Well, the grade is in. He aced the exam. . . . Kevin McCarthy is shaping up to be the most effective House GOP leader in decades. . . . Kevin McCarthy is the rare Republican who both understands and is satisfied by the role that he has been given and the responsibilities it entails. He wants nothing more nor less, and he is winning."

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

CALIFORNIA INSURANCE OPTIONS LIMITED

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

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, in California and in the Western States, we see massive wildfires year in and year out due to the nonmanagement or mismanagement of our forests.

The result here lately has shown that, in California, you are seeing major insurers pulling out of the State. They are either no longer offering new insurance policies to homeowners or are even withdrawing old ones upon their expiration, which means costs go up for the remaining companies, fewer choices for consumers, and even more disaster in the fact that insurance will no longer be affordable at all for any of them as they have seen skyrocketing costs.

What do we do about this? What should government do? Well, it probably shouldn't be getting into the insurance business. Indeed, the California one called FAIR is already expensive and hard to get, beyond what the private ones are.

It comes down to forestry, having positive forestry that makes the level of risk in line, as well as not fees and mandates on top of what it takes to build a home already too costly in California, and making land available instead of getting sued over using the land in order to build new housing.

Now, you are going to hear the regulators say: It is all due to climate change.

No, it is other government actions that are doing this.

CELEBRATING PRIDE MONTH

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

Mr. NICKEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate Pride Month.

From trailblazing activists and leaders who fought tirelessly for equality to artists and entertainers who shattered barriers and inspired generations, the impact of the LGBTQ community is felt in every aspect of our culture.

While we commemorate the progress we have made, we must acknowledge that attacks against the LGBTQ community from State legislatures have reached an all-time high.

It worries me that these attacks most directly impact LGBTQ youth, so we must continue to uplift young people and reaffirm our commitment to equality in America. In North Carolina, y'all means all.

I will continue to work to build a world in which everyone can live safely and openly as themselves and where everyone is treated equally, no matter who they are or who they love.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. CLINE) laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, June 2, 2023.

Hon. KEVIN MCCARTHY,
Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on June 2, 2023, at 9:56 a.m.

That the Senate passed S. 769
That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 3746

That the Senate agreed to without amendment H.J. Res. 45

With best wishes, I am,
Sincerely,

CHERYL L. JOHNSON,
Clerk.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 4 of rule I, the following enrolled bill was signed by Speaker pro tempore MCHENRY on Friday, June 2, 2023:

H.R. 3746, to provide for a responsible increase to the debt ceiling.

CELEBRATING NATIONAL TRAIL DAY

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