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Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, June 26, 2023, at 2 p.m.

House of Representatives

FRIDAY, JUNE 23, 2023

The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker.

PRAYER

Pastor David Bullock, Luke 4:18 Fellowship, Mobile, Alabama, offered the following prayer:

Heavenly Father, maker of Heaven and Earth, redeemer, generous provider, we are desperately dependent upon You for all things. Bestow Your wisdom on this body and its Members to know and do Your will for our Nation, to abandon unrighteous agendas, to hear and heed Your voice, and to make decisions according to Your Holy Word so that we may practice kindness, develop unity, and walk humbly before You. Bring about unity in our Nation through the power of the holy spirit.

May we, in reverence and through repentance of our sins, return to You. As the psalmist said, "The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and a contrite heart, O God, You will not despise." Father, open up Heaven's windows to bless this Nation as we humble ourselves before You.

In the name of Jesus, 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 Alabama (Mr. CARL) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. CARL 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.

WELCOMING PASTOR DAVID BULLOCK

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the gentleman from Alabama (Mr. CARL) is recognized for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

Mr. CARL. Mr. Speaker, I will take just a moment to thank David Bullock, my pastor, my friend. I sometimes refer to him as a son.

I have known David most all of his life. We grew up in church together. His beautiful family is here in the gallery with us. I am sure you probably can't see them there, but David has come a long way from our old roots in Cottage Hill Baptist Church.

When I say "roots," we are roots. We are family. We all grew up under the ministry of Dr. Fred Wolfe. I gave a speech on brother Fred here a short time ago.

David is the next legacy. He is the next step in the vision of God for our church and for our Nation. It is men like David and women like David's wife, Leslie, and his children that make this country such a special place.

We get on the floor and argue issues down here while we have prayer war-

riors that are at home praying for us—all of us, not just for my side of the aisle, but for all sides of the aisle.

I want to take just a moment to say thank you to the Bullocks and thank you to David for coming and speaking today, and may God bless this assembly.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. NEWHOUSE). The Chair will entertain up to five further requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

CONDEMNING USE OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO HOUSE ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS

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

Mr. ROSE. Mr. Speaker, since President Biden took office, there have been 5.2 million illegal crossings of our southern border.

Now, because of President Biden and his administration's failures to secure our southern border, our schools and children are suffering from the effects of rampant open borders.

When taxpayer-funded facilities in New York were used to house illegal immigrants, President Biden was silent. Even when the mayor of New York City said: "The President and the White House have failed this city," President Biden was silent.

Well, House Republicans won't remain quiet.

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We denounced this wasteful abuse of our schools by passing H. Res. 461, which condemned the use of public schools and facilities to house illegal immigrants. We sent a clear and direct message to the American people and the President that this should never be allowed.

TIME FOR FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO CATCH UP

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

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, 50 years ago this week, Oregon became the first State to decriminalize cannabis. I was honored to be a part of that process.

It is time for the Federal Government to catch up.

We owe it to the generations of Black Americans targeted by the failed war on drugs.

We owe it to our veterans with their wounds, seen and unseen.

We owe it to thousands of workers and their employers who fail drug tests every day because they used State-legal cannabis weeks before.

We owe it to the large and growing cannabis industry, whose employees are targets for violent robbery because we deny them bank accounts.

We owe it to the American public who are not waiting for the Federal Government.

We need that framework to tax and regulate cannabis.

On the anniversary of Oregon's historic step to decriminalize cannabis, it is past time for the Federal Government to be a real partner and not a roadblock on the path forward.

SMALL BUSINESSES NEED AFFORDABLE HEALTHCARE OPTIONS

(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, small businesses in this country have ranked the cost of health insurance as their number one problem for 32 years straight.

Democrat policies like ObamaCare have led to skyrocketing health insurance costs and a broken individual health market. ObamaCare costs taxpayers more than \$1 trillion a year while covering less than 5 percent of the population.

Small businesses are hardest hit by this as they often struggle to afford the absurdly expensive costs of healthcare.

The health insurance market is over-regulated, and power is concentrated in just a few large insurers. This is not a free market.

Medicare itself will be on the rocks in just a few years unless we change this tide.

To ease the burden on small businesses, House Republicans will intro-

duce and have introduced the CHOICE Act, which will enhance the flexibility and affordability of healthcare for small businesses.

Small businesses are a cornerstone of our American economy and are essential against corporate tyranny, which we see happening these days.

House Republicans will not let small businesses be crushed to death by rising costs and these failed policies.

CHILDREN IN AGRICULTURE MUST BE PROTECTED

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

Mr. RUIZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to highlight my bill, the Children's Act for Responsible Employment and Farm Safety, or the CARE Act. This bill will protect children in the agricultural industry by creating the same child labor protections that children have in all other industries.

Farm labor is the most dangerous occupation in our Nation, and there are no child labor protections. As a result, three kids get injured a day, and every 3 days, a child dies from injuries sustained in the fields.

Between 2001 and 2015, nearly half of all fatal injuries to young workers occurred in agriculture.

As an emergency physician, the son of farmworkers, and someone who grew up in an impoverished farmworker community with friends who left school to help financially support their families, I want to protect farmworker children across the country.

My bill aims to stop the alarming rate of farm labor injuries and deaths by raising the age of employment and limiting the number of working hours during the schoolday for children—the same as all other industries.

We must protect children. As a father, doctor, and son of farmworkers, I implore my colleagues to join this effort and cosponsor the CARE Act.

NATIONWIDE BAN ON ABORTION IS THE GOAL

(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, tomorrow, the Supreme Court's decision in Dobbs will have been the cruel law of the land for 1 year.

In that short time, 14 States enacted near-total abortion bans, and others are trying to do the same.

Wasn't that the goal?

This is not about being pro-life or being for States' rights. The goal is a nationwide ban on abortion. The goal is control over women and girls. The goal is cruelty.

Healthcare providers, the medical experts actually in the rooms with patients who know them by name, have

said many times, and it bears repeating, abortion care is healthcare.

Yet, one in three women and over one-fifth of the American public is now living without abortion access.

Mr. Speaker, 68 percent of OB/GYNs say the management of pregnancy-related medical emergencies is now worse, and 70 percent say Dobbs has widened the racial maternal healthcare gap.

Dobbs puts the physical and mental well-being of millions at risk.

Judges and legislators are grossly unqualified to make personal medical decisions for millions of women.

I have three daughters-in-law and three granddaughters. I will not rest until their full rights, until the rights of all women and girls in this country, are restored.

CELEBRATING THE 100TH BIRTHDAY OF RUTH YARBROUGH

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

Mr. GOOD of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 100th birthday of Mrs. Ruth Yarbrough of Dry Fork, Virginia.

Mrs. Yarbrough was born on July Fourth, 1923, in Dry Fork, where she continues to be an active member of her Pittsylvania County community.

She is the mother of four sons and has been blessed with an abundance of grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

While raising her four sons, Mrs. Yarbrough accompanied her children to their school, Stony Mill Elementary School, so frequently that the principal offered her a job as a dietician. She held that position for over 30 years.

Mrs. Yarbrough lives a vigorous life, still living independently and hosting many visitors in her home. She is steadfast in her faith in God and is currently serving as a deaconess at Guildfield Baptist Church.

We can all learn from the wisdom that Mrs. Yarbrough graciously shares, often stating that the secret to longevity is to "love the Lord, be nice to others, and smile."

I am honored to represent such outstanding constituents like Mrs. Yarbrough. Please join me in celebrating Mrs. Yarbrough's birthday and the long-lasting legacy that she continues to hold.

CELEBRATING PRIDE MONTH

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

Mr. CÁRDENAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate LGBTQ Pride Month and stand with all members of the LGBTQ community.

June celebrates the LGBTQ community and the Pride movement's progress. It also reminds us of our history.

We have made progress in our efforts to further the LGBTQ movement and