

PRAYER

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

Sovereign Lord, whose great strength and outstretched arm made the Earth and all who live thereon, look out upon Your creation and grant us Your divine compassion. You show mercy to those You want to, and You harden the hearts of those You choose to harden. Show mercy to the victims of the war in Ukraine, but we ask that You soften the hearts of those in whose power it is to bring peace, once again, into this war-torn region.

How long, O Lord, will You allow innocents to remain subject to needless violence and ruthless aggression? Are not 500 days long enough, 9,000 deaths enough, for the Ukrainian people to suffer? How long, O Lord, will You hide from us the just and righteous pathway to peace in the region?

Yet, O Lord, You have revealed to us in this interminable war what it means to reach to the depths of faith in the face of hopelessness. No wisdom, no understanding, and not even the most brilliant battle plan can succeed against You, our Lord, for in these promises have the Ukrainians found the font of their strength. You are their strength and shield, the source of their unwavering resilience.

Reward them, O God, for their faithfulness in the face of the indiscriminate hostility of their adversary. In their struggle not just against flesh and blood, not only against powers and principalities of this world, but in the spiritual conflict against the forces of evil rampant in this world, may all who believe in You take up the full armor You provide and find our deliverance in You.

In the power of Your name, we are bold to 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 Massachusetts (Mr. MCGOVERN) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. MCGOVERN 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

The SPEAKER. The Chair will entertain up to 15 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

REMEMBERING THE LIFE AND
LEGACY OF DR. DON BEACH

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

Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Dr. Don Beach, who left a lasting impression on everyone that had the privilege to know him.

Dr. Beach dedicated his life to education. His love for the classroom began with teaching science and biology to high school and elementary school students. In 1981, after 8 years at UT Arlington, Dr. Beach joined Tarleton State University as the dean of the School of Education and Fine Arts, but he could not be kept out of the classroom, later returning to full-time teaching as the professor of educational leadership.

Today, we are joined by doctoral students from Tarleton State University here on their annual education doctoral trip, originally created by Dr. Beach. His dedication and guidance have inspired the students sitting here today who deeply mourn his absence.

Dr. Beach is remembered by many of us as one of the most impactful faculty members in Tarleton history. His contributions to Tarleton, both as a faculty member and as a mentor, will never be forgotten.

In God we trust.

TRUE NATIONAL SECURITY MEANS
EVERY AMERICAN HAS ENOUGH
TO EAT

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

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, this week, in the name of "national security," Congress will likely approve a nearly \$1 trillion National Defense Authorization Act, but the 35 million Americans who don't know where their next meal is coming from won't feel any more security because for struggling families in this country, Republicans are cutting food benefits.

I find it unconscionable that Members of Congress are okay cutting programs that help hungry kids, like SNAP and WIC, supposedly in the name of deficit reduction. Meanwhile, they are fine sending almost a trillion dollars to an agency that can't pass an audit and to defense contractors who pad their pockets by fleecing America's taxpayers.

Let's broaden our definition of national security to include more than bullets and bombs. Let's include the security of our people, their health, well-being, and economic stability.

True national security ought to mean that every American has enough to eat.

No more blank checks to the Pentagon. Let's reinvest in our people to end hunger now.

REINING IN EXECUTIVE
OVERREACH

(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, House Republicans are following through on our commitment to hold government accountable. Whether it be passing the REINS Act or the Separation of Powers Restoration Act or compelling many Biden administration officials to testify for the first time in over a year, the American people can see we are hard at work.

There is still work to do. Since the President took office, he has finalized 644 new regulations, which come with a \$376 billion price tag that negatively impacts our economy and requires more than 230 million additional hours of paperwork.

Instead of burdening our job creators, House Republicans want to get government out of their way through legislation like the CHOICE Arrangement Act. We are also working to get government out of our kitchens, which is why we passed the Save Our Gas Stoves Act.

This administration has never met a regulation it didn't like, but rest assured, the House will continue reining in the Biden administration's executive overreach.

SUPPORTING DOMESTIC SHIP-
BUILDING AND OFFSHORE WIND
INDUSTRY

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

Mr. AUCHINCLOSS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in opposition to a provision in the Coast Guard reauthorization that would decimate the offshore wind industry and prevent the United States from reaching President Biden's clean energy goals.

If passed, all offshore wind installation vessels will be required to be U.S.-flagged and crewed, but there aren't any existing vessels that meet these requirements. We must support our domestic shipbuilding and mariner capacity, but this provision would constrict offshore wind construction in the short term and would sacrifice union jobs and energy independence in the long term.

We will not reach the President's goal of 30 gigawatts of offshore wind by 2030 if this provision passes, and halting offshore wind production would jeopardize the creation of up to 83,000 domestic jobs by 2030.

In committee, I offered a solution that would ensure offshore wind can thrive in the short term and create a pathway to more American offshore wind jobs. A prevailing wage requirement ensures that American mariners are not being passed up for jobs that we have the ships and workforce to perform ourselves.

I support the intent of the crewing requirement language and am eager to support the development of our domestic shipbuilding and crewing capacity, but I cannot support the Coast Guard reauthorization with this language included.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Ranking Member LARSEN for his commitment to working to resolve this issue, but I urge my colleagues to oppose this language in any legislative vehicle.

REINSTATING SERVICEMEMBERS

(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, we know from the Bible, under John 15:13, the phrase, "There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends," which is very applicable to our military willing to enlist and serve in that way to defend our country.

So, what is the reward? When the COVID farce hit, they were told initially by the President that we are not going to require injections, but that turned to: If you don't take this injection for COVID-19, you are going to be removed from the military.

That is what, indeed, happened to many servicemembers who said: I don't really wish, in this free country, to take an untested injection.

So, provisions we are making in the NDAA having to do with the COVID-19 vaccine so-called discharges continue the prohibition on adverse action for any servicemember that refused to take it but also gives them a path back to service.

We want to invite them to come back to serve. Recruitments are actually down during the summer season, but usually there is an uptick in people coming into the military. We need to do everything we can to provide an incentive and a welcoming atmosphere to come back to our military.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BERGMAN). The time of the gentleman has expired.

Mr. LAMALFA. We need to treat time away from service for anybody that had to be kicked out and then reinstated as just a career intermission so it does not impact their future promotions negatively.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The time of the gentleman has again expired.

Mr. LAMALFA. It prohibits the DOD from requiring cadets to repay tuition if they had to miss a period of time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman is no longer recognized.

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HONORING GICELA ALEMAN

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

Mr. ALLRED. Mr. Speaker, on May 6, our north Texas community was left scarred by the shooting at the Allen Premium Outlets. Nine people were killed, and seven others were injured.

Today, I rise to talk about the bravery and service of Gicela Aleman, a nurse and unsung hero, who that day was shopping at the outlet mall with her daughter.

After the gunman opened fire, he severely wounded Preeti Patel, a woman who was visiting family in north Texas and, like so many others, was just trying to do some shopping.

Amidst the chaos and violence, Gicela sprang into action. Using her training as a nurse, she grabbed Preeti and tried to slow her bleeding. After seeing that ambulances were struggling to get through security, she called the hospital and drove Preeti in her car with her daughter to the hospital in time to save her life.

Preeti is alive today because of Gicela, an amazing story that deserves a hero's praise. She and her daughter should not have had to be heroes that day, but they were and are. We thank them for representing the best of north Texas.

BIDENFLATION COSTS FAMILIES

(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, the irresponsible decisions of Biden and the liberal Democrats have caused inflation to reach a 40-year high, leaving American families in financial distress and jobs lost.

Bidenflation has increased the cost of everyday goods and services, reducing the annual purchasing power of families.

Worse, Biden unintentionally revealed the reality of these policies. Recently, describing his economic policies, Biden said: I don't know what Bidenomics is, but it's working.

The facts are inflation has caused costs to increase over the year. Lunch meats are up 6.2 percent. Margarine is up 23 percent. Flour is up 17 percent. Cereal and bakery products are up over 11 percent.

The Republican House majority is working to correct this by having recently passed the Fiscal Responsibility Act to rein in government overreach and limit inflationary spending, creating jobs.

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.

HIGHLIGHTING PRECISION GRAPHICS

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

Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise to highlight Precision Graphics, a family-owned electronics manufacturing and fulfillment facility in Snow Hill, North Carolina, my hometown.

It fills me with tremendous pride to witness our local business' growth and positive impact.

Precision Graphics, located just a block from my grandmother's home where I was raised, holds the resilience and strength of our community. While they have encountered supply chain challenges, the outlook is improving.

It is of utmost importance that we continue to support businesses like Precision Graphics and our STEM programs. We must restore hope and help young people across eastern North Carolina, rural America, and our country to live the American Dream.

Let's come together and work toward empowering our local businesses, fostering job creation, and contributing to the prosperity of our Nation.

SHORTAGE OF ELECTRIC UTILITY TRANSFORMERS

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

Mr. FULCHER. Mr. Speaker, electric utility transformers provide a service that plays a pivotal role in the lives of Americans. Right now, there is a critical shortage of those transformers that enable America's electric grid. This shortage is keeping homes from being completed and hindering grid reliability as power utilities, co-ops, and energy producers try to keep up with demand.

Why is the Department of Energy hurting American consumers more by making a transformer shortage worse?

Mr. Speaker, that is why I rise as a proud supporter of the Protecting America's Distribution Transformer Supply Chain Act, which will delay the Department of Energy from imposing unnecessary mandates.

Our power sector, builders, and contractors need a ready supply of electric transformers. We must stop the administration from turning the lights out on American families, including my constituents in Idaho.

RECOGNIZING THE BALD EAGLE AREA HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL TEAM

(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 with immense pride to recognize the extraordinary achievement of the Bald Eagle Area High School baseball team.

On June 17 at Penn State's Medlar Field at Lubrano Park, this team ascended to the PIAA AA throne after defeating Mount Union 11-0. BEA completed a 3-game sweep of Mount Union