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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker.

### PRAYER

Dr. Tony Foster, Restoration Worship Center, Greenwood, South Carolina, offered the following prayer:

Our gracious Heavenly Father, thank You for this great Nation that we have the honor to call home. Thank You for the blessings of this Nation for 247 years. The Bible declares: Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord.

Forgive us Lord, as a nation, that we have not always lived up to Your word or Your ways. But nevertheless, the Bible declares in 2 Chronicles 7:14: "If My people, who are called by My name, would humble themselves and pray, and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from Heaven, and forgive their sins, and heal the land."

Only You our God, through the power of Your spirit, can heal our land.

I pray for our leaders today in the U.S. House of Representatives, that we would become again one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### 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.

Mr. DAVIDSON. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to clause 1, rule I, I demand a vote on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The SPEAKER. The question is on the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The question was taken; and the Speaker announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. DAVIDSON. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a

quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to clause 8, rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentlewoman from Pennsylvania (Ms. DEAN) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania 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 GUEST CHAPLAIN DR. TONY FOSTER

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. DUNCAN) is recognized for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to welcome today's guest chaplain, Reverend Dr. Tony Foster of Restoration Worship Center in Greenwood, South Carolina.

Dr. Foster, a personal friend of mine, has faithfully served in Christian ministry for more than 29 years. In that time, he has preached the gospel in the United States and around the world, ministering in the United Kingdom, Canada, India, and other countries.

Pastor Foster is cofounder and copastor of Restoration Worship Center, which began in 2003 with just 25 members and the goal of being a place for the community to worship God while growing in their faith.

He is partnered in ministry by his wife, Joanie, who is watching from the gallery today. Pastor Tony and Joanie also have two sons, James and Trey.

His ministry seeks to equip Christians to stand for righteousness in the nations of the world.

Outside of the pulpit, Pastor Tony lives out his faith and his commitment to helping troubled youth become all God wants them to be by serving on the South Carolina Juvenile Parole Board.

Dr. Foster also serves on the board of directors for the Charter Institute at Erskine, as well as president of Restoration Bible College. Most recently, he took another step to serve the community being sworn in as a magistrate judge in Greenwood County, South Carolina.

I am proud to have Pastor Tony Foster here as the guest chaplain of the people's House. I am grateful for his service to God and our country and especially the youth of South Carolina.

I pray that God continues to bless him and his family, the State of South Carolina, and the United States of America.

### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

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

### GOP OVERSIGHT STATS

(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, I rise today to recognize the 118th Congress for restoring the oversight function of the House.

Since winning the majority, House Republicans have held 565 oversight hearings, compelled Biden officials to testify 561 times, sent 862 letters to the administration, and issued 45 subpoenas, and we are just getting started.

Our Founders never intended for a President to be able to bypass Congress

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through executive action, like forgiving more than \$400 billion in loan debt with the stroke of a pen.

They never intended for a Federal agency to be able to circumvent the people's Representatives and use their regulatory authority to advance so-called progressive ideas. The judicial branch is doing its part to curb the rogue—often unconstitutional—actions of this President, but the American people can count on this half of the legislative branch to conduct its critical oversight function, just as our Founders intended.

#### RECOGNIZING SUSAN RENNINGER

(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, today, I want to lift the story of McClure, Pennsylvania, native Susan Renninger, or as her family calls her, Sue.

Sue is a loving mother and grandmother. She was diagnosed with lung cancer 6 years ago, yet she refused to let that hold her back. In the face of three rounds of chemo, eight rounds of radiation, Sue, an avid traveler, completed a remarkable feat seeing all 50 States, and she did not do it alone.

Sue's children, Heather and Eric; and her stepchildren, Kelly, Paula, and Karla, often joined her, filling this difficult time with adventure, memories, and an abundance of love.

Now, her 9-year-old granddaughter wants to do the same.

We as lawmakers have so much to learn from Sue: her resilience, her perseverance, her fight. We have an obligation to fight for the millions of Americans waging the battle with this devastating disease.

Now, in the midst of this budget season, there is no better time to dedicate funds to beat cancer once and for all. That is why I am advocating for more than \$140 million in research to end cancer.

Let's support research. Let's support screenings early and often. Let's win this fight for Sue and everyone in all 50 States.

#### IN REMEMBRANCE OF DEB SLATTEN

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

Mr. STAUBER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of Deb Slatten who tragically passed away recently.

Deb served honorably for both the Carlton County Sheriff's Office and St. Louis County Sheriff's Office for 36 years, eventually retiring as a sergeant. She was the first female sheriff's deputy on patrol in Duluth and the department's first female sergeant in Duluth.

Following her retirement, she continued to selflessly give her time and tal-

ents to our community as a member of the St. Louis County Sheriff's Volunteer Rescue Squad. This squad is one of the very best in the Nation because of Deb and others' commitment to our region.

Please take a moment to reflect on how precious life is and how critical these local heroes are to our communities.

Rest in peace, faithful servant.

#### KEEP OUR WORKERS SAFE

(Ms. GARCIA of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. GARCIA of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to sound the alarm about the extreme heat in Texas that is putting people's lives in danger.

Workers in agriculture, construction, mail delivery, and landscaping are in danger and at risk for heat-related injuries or even death every day.

Many workers in my district are working outside at a heat index that is well above 100 degrees.

Heat is the number one cause of weather-related deaths in the United States—more than floods, tornadoes, and hurricanes.

Just last month, Felipe Pascual, a construction worker in the Houston area, collapsed on the jobsite and later died due to hyperthermia.

Mr. Speaker, that is why I introduced the Construction Injury Prevention Act to provide paid 15-minute rest breaks for workers every 4 hours.

This bill puts people over profits, it puts people over politics, and will literally save lives. We need to act to keep our workers safe, and we must act now.

#### PAYING TRIBUTE TO WAYNE PARKER

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

Mr. CURTIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a good friend and dedicated public servant. Last week, Wayne Parker, Provo City's chief administrative officer for two decades, announced his retirement.

Having served with Mr. Parker for 8 years, I know firsthand how impossible it is to fully grasp the positive impact of Wayne Parker on Provo City. His touch for good can be found in everything we like about Provo.

For many years he has worked without fanfare or attention. Those of us that know his work best know that everything from our vibrant economy to our fun downtown and so much more have been blessed by Wayne's hard work and dedication to Provo City.

Because of his great leadership skills, Wayne was awarded the 2020 Award for Career Excellence from the International City/County Management Association. This award was a recognition of Wayne's impact on the quality of life in Provo.

I hope that his retirement brings joy and happiness. Those of us that call Provo home will never forget all he has done for us as a city. I know I will never forget all he has done for me.

#### CELEBRATING JACKIE ROWE ADAMS' 75TH BIRTHDAY

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

Mr. ESPAILLAT. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate the birthday of Jackie Rowe Adams.

This week, our communities, northern Manhattan and Harlem, celebrate Jackie, who is a powerhouse in northern Manhattan and Harlem.

Jackie is not only a union leader but Jackie is also a community advocate. After tragically losing two of her sons to gun violence, Jackie cofounded Harlem Mothers S.A.V.E., an organization dedicated to ending gun violence in our community, for which Jackie has worked tirelessly. She continues to be a force of change for our community, particularly advocating for young people.

Let me tell you something, Mr. Speaker, her voice is the window to her soul. She has a tremendous soprano voice, and everybody enjoys her singing in the community.

We wish Jackie a happy birthday, and we look forward to hearing her singing in the community.

#### FIGHT TO PASS THE NDAA

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

Mr. COLLINS. Mr. Speaker, we worked a little late last night. We voted to get rid of this leftwing socialistic woke agenda that has not only been crammed down the throats of the American people but crammed down the throats of our military.

That is right. We got rid of DEI and CRT. It is gone. Now we can get back to protecting the citizens of this country. We also are protecting the citizens of the unborn. We got rid of abortions that are paid for by taxpayers in our military.

We did one more thing, Mr. Speaker. We gave those serving a needed pay raise and increased their lethality so that they can stay ahead of China.

Mr. Speaker, I urge the House to pass the NDAA today. Hold the line, negotiate, and fight for this bill when it comes back from the Senate.

#### GUN VIOLENCE EPIDEMIC IN AMERICA

(Ms. ROSS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. ROSS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to discuss the epidemic of gun violence