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The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. FULCHER).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, November 2, 2023.

I hereby appoint the Honorable RUSS FULCHER to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

MIKE JOHNSON,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

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

Draw the line for us, O just and merciful God. Help us to distinguish good from evil, that we would justifiably hate bitterness, rage, and anger whenever and whenever they seek a foothold in our lives.

May we speak out against hate when attacks on whole peoples command global attention, when bitter clashes between political adversaries regularly appear on the national news, when bigotry and intolerance in our own communities and even college campuses give birth to violence and vitriol.

To fear You, O Lord, is to hate the evil of prejudice, pride, and arrogance which fuels these conflicts. To love You is to examine our own hearts so that we would know the difference between our righteous anger and the fury within us which so easily explodes against our brothers and sisters.

Let our love for You be sincere, hating what is evil and clinging to what is good. Guide us this day as we walk that line.

In Your merciful name we pray.
Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. 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 pro tempore. Will the gentleman from South Dakota (Mr. JOHNSON) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota 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 PRO TEMPORE

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

BIDEN'S OPEN BORDER CRISIS

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

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, last month, there were 269,735 attempted border crossings by illegal immigrants. The numbers don't lie. Joe Biden's open border policies have unleashed a crisis, making every State a border State.

I have been to our border and spoken to the agents on the ground who are currently working tirelessly to handle the humanitarian crisis and the national security crisis that continues to occur each day.

It is time for the Senate to pass the Secure the Border Act, which would

force the Biden administration to restart construction of the border wall, increase the number of Border Patrol agents, end catch and release, and finally deploy the new technologies that our Border Patrol agents have requested in order to help secure our border.

Our communities cannot afford to wait any longer. It is time to fund our Border Patrol and ensure that our agents have the tools and the resources they need to stop the flow of illegal immigrants and the individuals who cross our border from the terrorist watch list. They are entering our Nation each and every day.

A STORY OF HOPE AND POSSIBILITIES

(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, this past Monday, October 30, marked 11 years that my son, Harry, has been in long-term recovery from opioid addiction. Yet even now, I can still feel the fear, the worry, and hear the fights. What happened to our little boy? Where did his light and his gifts go?

The years of active addiction were very difficult for our family. Yet, when Harry finally accepted help, with all the courage and honesty that that takes, we got him into treatment immediately. We did it as a family.

I remember October 30 as much as I remember Harry's birthday, a rebirth, two lifetimes in one.

Back then, it was one week before I was elected to a full term in the Pennsylvania State house, and now, 11 years later, I stand on the floor of this House, lifting up my son's recovery, which is the story of so many others: the pain, the strength, the selflessness, the purpose.

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Today, Harry is married, father of three, one of the strongest people I know, and helping others reach recovery. His story is the story of hope and possibilities. Let's dedicate ourselves to helping others find their own October 30.

RECOGNIZING CHIEF ROD ELLIS

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

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the retirement of Police Chief Rod Ellis, a man deeply committed to public safety and national security. He has proudly served Georgia's First District and his country in vital security roles.

During his 36 years of service, Chief Ellis served with the Glynn County Police, the Georgia Department of Natural Resources Law Enforcement Division, Homeland Security, and several other law enforcement entities.

In 2013, Chief Ellis was chosen to travel to Israel to network and train with Israeli Police and Security Services to identify and stop terrorists. The knowledge he learned in Israel and security publications he has contributed to about counterterrorism have significantly reinforced not just Georgia's security but the United States as a whole.

I praise Chief Ellis for his service to the First District and to the American people, and I hope he enjoys this well-earned retirement.

CONGRATULATING LONE STAR LEGAL AID

(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 honor and congratulate Lone Star Legal Aid on celebrating their 75th anniversary. Founded in Houston in 1948, Lone Star Legal Aid has grown to become the third largest legal aid provider in the United States, serving over 2 million across the Texas region.

Mr. Speaker, Lone Star Legal Aid holds a very special place in my heart, because that is where I started. I went to law school to be a legal aid lawyer. That is where I found my calling, fighting for the poor and the most vulnerable back in the eighties.

Here we are 75 years later, and Lone Star is still there for communities in their darkest and most challenging moments.

They played a vital role in desegregating public housing, improving children's healthcare, championing environmental justice, fighting for the poor, and helping those in their fight for public benefits. In short, they help people pursue their legal access to justice.

Today, let's recognize Lone Star Legal Aid for 75 years. I thank them

for making a difference in people's lives.

WELCOMING MAVERICK KEMP

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

Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota. Mr. Speaker, to Maverick Kemp, because we love his parents, his birth on October 21 was much celebrated in our office. He is a cute little guy, cuter than most babies even.

His mother, Jazmine, is a dear friend, a trusted adviser, and a brilliant co-worker. She spent 5 years working with me in service to this country, and what a blessing she has been.

Now, the other children of our office, A.J. and Max, Gabby, Dakota and Drew, Wyatt and Gavin, Stevie and Woodrow, would tell him that it isn't always easy to have a parent in this line of work. I know that he will understand it is work worth doing.

We are grateful that Jazmine and all of the parents of our office choose to serve, and we are very happy that Maverick is here.

HONORING ELWOOD "BUD" JOHN LEE

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

Mr. BERA. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to honor and remember Elwood "Bud" John Lee. Bud was born November 6, 1946, in Caledonia, Minnesota. A 10-pound baby, Bud was a gentle giant from the beginning.

He graduated from college in December 1965 and then enlisted and served in Vietnam. After discharge, Bud settled in California where he served my State in many ways, eventually as president of the California Association of Catholic Hospitals. In retirement, he continued his lifetime of service.

We lost Bud on September 4, 2023, but we will always have his optimistic spirit.

Here is to Bud. In his words, today is a good day to have a good day. Be well.

THE RISE OF ANTI-SEMITISM

(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, it is incredible the amount of anti-Semitism that is rising up in this country and around the world, at a time when we preach tolerance, equity, and so many other things related to that, that we would have this wave of anti-Semitism coming out against Jewish people that is done brazenly in the light of day, on our college campuses, our media, and even across the street a couple weeks ago when they blocked off Independ-

ence Avenue, ostensibly for rights for others.

Here we are. We have an alliance with the country of Israel, which is extremely important for us. Look at the partnerships we have with the United States and Israel in developing technology, for saving water in agriculture, medical technology, and, yes, important technology for defense systems, our Patriot missiles and their Iron Dome when we work together.

It is imperative that we continue our alliance with Israel, and this package of \$14 billion, instead of going to the IRS, goes to help the country of Israel.

FEDERAL FUNDING FOR CITIES COPING WITH THE RISING NUMBER OF MIGRANTS

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

Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to support Federal funding to help our cities cope with the rising number of new migrant arrivals.

Many mayors, including Chicago's Mayor Brandon Johnson, are asking that cities and States be allocated \$5 billion in emergency funding to help them with the influx of new arrivals.

Most importantly in their request is also the flexibility to decide for themselves how to allocate the funds, since different cities have different needs. Chicago, for example, needs the ability to provide warm clothing to families arriving with little preparation for Chicago's winter.

As an immigrant myself to the greatest country the world has ever known, I ask that even as we debate how to prevent future border crises, we remember that we have to help people, particularly children, who have been allowed to enter the Nation in service of their better future.

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MOMENT OF SILENCE FOR THE VICTIMS KIDNAPPED BY HAMAS

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

Mr. MILLER of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today because, on October 7, Hamas terrorists launched a brutal attack on innocents in Israel.

I rise today to draw attention to what really happened: Babies were murdered. Hospitals were bombed. Families were ripped apart. Many were kidnapped.

I rise today to share the names of the U.S. citizens who were kidnapped by these barbarians and remain in their evil ditches: Aviva Siegel, Itay Chen, Sagui Dekel-Chen, Keith Samuel Siegel, Edan Alexander, Hersh Goldberg-Polin, and Omer Neutra.

Mr. Speaker, I now ask for a brief moment of silence as we pray for their safe return.