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

DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
November 13, 2023.

I hereby appoint the Honorable MIKE COLLINS to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

MIKE JOHNSON,
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.

CHARTING NEW COURSE ON NATIONAL DEBT

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

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, today, our national debt stands at over \$33 trillion, which is an increase of nearly \$5 trillion since President Joe Biden took office.

By borrowing money from China to subsidize Green New Deal initiatives like windmills, solar panels, and electric vehicles, President Biden has

failed to rein in spending and sent our national debt soaring to unprecedented levels.

As Congress looks to address next year's funding, it is clear that a change needs to be made and that cuts to government waste are needed in order to right the ship and restore sanity to our budget.

Right now, we are on an unsustainable trajectory that will put making interest payments on our debt the largest single line item in the Federal budget, surpassing Social Security, Medicare, and all other spending programs.

It is time to chart a new course and help return to fiscal solvency while supporting the priorities that matter the most, priorities like protecting seniors, funding our military, and securing our border.

Pennsylvania families and, in fact, all American families cannot afford President Biden's reckless spending, and I call on my colleagues to join me in working to pass a budget that is responsible and shows that Congress is working to be solid stewards of American taxpayer dollars.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL LUNG CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, this November, as we recognize National Lung Cancer Awareness Month, Congress must look to find new and innovative solutions to treat this terrible disease. Each year, lung cancer takes the lives of over 127,000 Americans, more than any other type of cancer in America.

Unfortunately, at a time when we should be looking for new innovation, the Inflation Reduction Act, or IRA, has led to a slowdown in research and development of new drugs and therapies that could be critical to saving American lives.

New price controls, which were established by the IRA, create a system of disincentives for smaller, innovative

drug manufacturers that are working to treat rare diseases, including cancer.

To address this issue, I have been joined by a bipartisan group of my colleagues to introduce the ORPHAN Cures Act. This legislation would amend the IRA to create a new exemption that would incentivize researchers to explore the development of new medications to treat rare diseases and cancers.

The clock is ticking, and now is the time for Congress to pass this bipartisan solution for our constituents and the patients who are currently battling cancer and other rare diseases.

VETERANS MEMORIAL PARK

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Iowa (Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS) for 5 minutes.

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, last week, the city of Davenport gathered to celebrate the completion of phase 2 for the Veterans Memorial Park located at 315 South Marquette Street.

The new features include developments of the river outlook, the addition of an amphitheater, and a large mural created by Davenport West art teacher Dave Schaeffer. The new mural installation took the span of 2 years to create.

Our veterans and their families have given so much for our great Nation, and we must honor our commitment to those who have served and remember their sacrifices.

As a veteran, I thank our community volunteers who came together and dedicated time to create this project, which will impact future generations, in time for Veterans Day.

CONGRATULATING CAMRYN SATTLER

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Camryn Sattler, a standout senior cross-country athlete from Clinton High School

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who demonstrated her exceptional talent and determination at the Class 4-A State meet on October 27.

Camryn not only set her high school's record earlier in the year, but she went on to smash her own personal best by almost 23 seconds.

I congratulate Camryn on her 13th place finish at State this year. I congratulate her younger sister, Carryn Sattler, for making her sophomore debut, finishing 65th.

Mr. Speaker, I wish them the best of luck in their future competitions and endeavors.

RECOGNIZING AMERICA RECYCLES DAY

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize America Recycles Day. This year, America Recycles Day will be celebrated on Wednesday, November 15.

Recycling in rural America is no small feat. In many cases, recycling in rural communities can require driving long distances to reach facilities that can process recycled materials.

That is why I was proud to introduce the Recycling Infrastructure and Accessibility Act with Representative MIKIE SHERRILL. This legislation rethinks rural recycling programs, works with States and local governments to support partnerships to process recyclable materials, and creates good-paying jobs for our rural and underserved communities.

This year, on America Recycles Day, I urge my colleagues to expand access to recycling for all communities and support the Recycling Infrastructure and Accessibility Act.

HAWKEYE WOMEN'S WRESTLING OFF TO WONDERFUL START

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, in 2021, the University of Iowa Athletics Department announced that it would become the first NCAA Division I, Power Five conference institution to offer women's wrestling as an intercollegiate program.

This year, on November 4, the women's wrestling team officially kicked off their inaugural season. The Hawkeyes dominated East Stroudsburg, winning 43-1. On Sunday, November 5, the Hawkeyes competed in the Princeton Open, bringing home six gold medals. Over the weekend, a crowd of 8,207 people showed up for the Hawkeye women's Carver-Hawkeye Arena debut for the Trailblazer Duals.

The Iowa women's wrestling team is off to a wonderful start.

The team is led by Head Coach Clarissa Chun, a two-time Olympian who took fifth at the 2008 Beijing Games before earning a bronze medal at the 2012 London Games.

With a roster comprised of 28 impressive women, the Hawkeyes are sure to continue this dominance throughout the remainder of their 13-match season. Go Hawks.

Mr. Speaker, let me also wish a happy belated birthday to my very good friend and former deputy chief of staff, Austin Harris.

Happy birthday to Austin.

ALEJANDRO NICHOLAS MAYORKAS IS FAILING AT HIS JOB

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Georgia (Ms. GREENE) for 5 minutes.

Ms. GREENE of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, last Congress, and again on May 17, 2023, I introduced Articles of Impeachment against Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas.

We have been waiting for regular order for 6 months, and the committee of jurisdiction and Congress have failed to act. My Articles of Impeachment sit collecting dust with the others while Americans die every single day.

The American people support impeachment. Members of Congress support impeachment. Even our esteemed majority whip, TOM EMMER, has endorsed this impeachment resolution.

Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas has aided and abetted the complete invasion of our country by deliberately flooding our Nation with drugs, terrorists, and illegals from over 160 countries. How many more will he allow to invade our country?

Rather than adhering to an oath he took to defend and secure our country and uphold the Constitution, Alejandro Nicholas Mayorkas has engaged in a pattern of conduct that is incompatible with the laws of the United States. Since assuming office, he has allowed approximately 10 million illegal border crossers to invade our country, 1.8 million of whom are known got-aways and have evaded U.S. authorities.

Because of his open border policies, he has allowed more than 280 people on terrorist watch lists to be caught while attempting to cross the border between ports of entry, as well as approximately 73,000 special interest aliens, who are aliens from a nation that promotes terrorist activity, harbors terrorists, or poses a security threat to the United States.

These numbers do not even account for the approximately 1.8 million known got-aways who are roaming the interior of our country. How many of them are terrorists?

Just last fiscal year alone, the CBP arrested almost 18,000 individuals with criminal convictions and over 110 MS-13 gang members. How many of the 1.8 million got-aways are gang members?

Just last week, two constituents of mine were killed in a human smuggling pursuit caused by Secretary Mayorkas' open-border policies. Jose and Isabel Lerma's family will never get to see them again.

His policies allow for approximately 300 Americans to die every single day from fentanyl poisoning. How many more days will this continue?

His open border policies have allowed unaccompanied children to be exploited, and now, 85,000 of them are completely missing. Tens of thousands of illegal children have been forced into slave labor. Thousands of others are being recycled by predatory illegal border crossers, who use these children to become fake family units so they

can receive expedited release into the interior of our country.

Secretary Mayorkas has violated the law by directing DHS to mass parole illegal aliens into the U.S. when Federal law specifically prohibits this, and he has been providing bus tickets, plane tickets, and hotel rooms at the expense of the American taxpayers for these illegal aliens.

He has violated the Secure Fence Act of 2006 by not maintaining operational control of the border as required by law. He has violated the Guarantee Clause as set forth in Article IV, Section 4 of the Constitution, which requires the Federal Government to protect States against invasion. The Guarantee Clause clearly dictates that the Federal Government has a constitutional duty and obligation to protect each of the States from invasion.

As Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security, he has violated his oath to uphold this constitutional duty by allowing the invasion of approximately 10 million illegal aliens across our borders. He has encouraged asylum fraud, abused the credible fear standard, and exercised mass catch and release policies.

Article II of the Constitution requires that the executive branch, which includes the Secretary of Homeland Security, ensures the laws passed by Congress and signed into law by the President are faithfully executed. Alejandro Nicholas Mayorkas, in his inability to enforce the law, has engaged in a pattern of conduct that is incompatible with his duties as a civil officer of the United States.

Alejandro Mayorkas thus warrants impeachment and trial, removal from office, and disqualification to hold and enjoy any office of honor, trust, or profit under the United States.

While some of my colleagues have argued that we need to proceed through regular order to pursue impeachment proceedings, the committee of jurisdiction and Congress have failed to act on the overwhelming evidence to impeach Secretary Mayorkas.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support my legislation to impeach Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas. The American people are ready.

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RECOGNIZING UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS LEGEND, COACH LANCE HARTER

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

Mr. WOMACK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a legend in University of Arkansas athletics, Coach Lance Harter, the longtime coach of the Arkansas Razorback Women's Track and Cross Country program.

Coach Harter retired this past June after having won seven NCAA championships, including a trifecta in 2019 winning the NCAA indoor, outdoor, and cross-country titles.