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## Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Thursday, March 14, 2024, at 10 a.m.

## House of Representatives

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

### PRAYER

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

Almighty God, we appeal to You, the author and defender of our faith, to raise up Your protections in defense of those who call upon Your name in the face of strife and adversity.

Ukrainians, Israelis, Palestinians, and all those who find themselves caught in the grip of violence, speak to them, to the fearful souls among them who are rent by the agony of conflict. Bring Your justice to the victims of unprovoked hostilities.

Strengthen with the sufficiency of Your grace, all those who are powerless against the brutal aggression of their adversaries. In their weakness, may Your power be made perfectly evident in their resilience.

Look to those who are afflicted in every way and see that because of their faith they are not crushed. Guide those who are perplexed that they would not be driven to despair. Safeguard those who are persecuted, that they would know they are not forsaken. Uphold those who are struck down, that their faith would not yield to destruction.

Death is at work in our world. May we not surrender to its desire for dominion, but in braving it, may we come to discover the life You have revealed to us, and the hope that is found only in You.

In Your immortal and eternal name 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 Minnesota (Mr. STAUBER) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. STAUBER 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 five requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

### A STEEP AND SLIPPERY SLOPE

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

Mr. MCCLINTOCK. Mr. Speaker, do we really want to give the President the power to declare foreign adver-

saries and then require a communications platform within them to be banned or sold to a government-approved owner?

If there are data privacy concerns, we should warn consumers and trust them to make their own decisions. If there are propaganda concerns, we should defend the free and open debate that our First Amendment protects, confident that the best way to judge the truth from lies is to put the two of them side by side and trust the people to know the difference.

The last thing we should do is take that power away from the people and give it to the government.

The answer to authoritarianism is not more authoritarianism.

The answer to CCP-style propaganda is not CCP-style oppression.

Let us slow down before we blunder down this very steep and slippery slope.

### ISRAEL USING FOOD AS A WEAPON IN GAZA

(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, President Biden, in my opinion, has failed to comply with U.S. law by continuing to send U.S. military aid to Israel.

Section 620I of the Foreign Assistance Act is very clear. It states: "No assistance shall be furnished under this act or the Arms Export Control Act to any country when it is made known to the President that the government of

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such country prohibits or otherwise restricts, directly or indirectly, the transport of delivery of United States humanitarian assistance.”

That is what is happening in Gaza.

Israel Prime Minister Netanyahu has made a deliberate choice to use food, water, and medicine as weapons against the people of Gaza. He has restricted and stopped the delivery of aid, including U.S. aid, from reaching suffering, starving civilians in Gaza.

This is a violation of U.S. law.

Mr. Speaker, I urge President Biden to use his leverage. No more U.S. military aid to Israel in contradiction of our own laws. Trucks of food and medicine need to start rolling into Gaza now.

Mr. Speaker, I ask Mr. President to please, please, use his leverage now.

#### HONORING THE HEROIC LIFE OF OFFICER PAUL ELMSTRAND

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

Mr. STAUBER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Officer Paul Elmstrand, a Burnsville police officer killed in the line of duty.

Paul was from North Branch, Minnesota, and I recently sat down with his loving parents to express my condolences.

They described Paul as a devoted family man with a servant's heart. They talked about his passion for policing, which began when he was a member of the Law Enforcement Club at Cambridge-Isanti High School.

Paul's parents said that he took his police oath seriously and was dedicated to his brothers and sisters in law enforcement. He was an excellent police officer, but it was his role of husband and father that gave him the truest joy.

Paul married his high school sweetheart, Cindy, and together, they had two beautiful children, Maria and Mateo.

My heart aches for Paul's entire family, especially his children. While they must now grow up without their father, may they always remember that he lived his life with integrity, honor, and courage. May they always take strength from the fact that their father was a hero who put his life on the line in service of others.

Minnesotans will never forget his sacrifice.

#### CELEBRATING CHEF VICTORIA ELIZONDO

(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 celebrate one of my constituents, Chef Victoria Elizondo.

Victoria is a Dreamer. She came to the United States at the age of 12 with

her parents. Last week, she sat in this Chamber, in the presence of the President, as my honored guest at the State of the Union.

Victoria was twice nominated for the James Beard Award for her restaurant Cochinita & Co. She is an artist in the kitchen whose heart knows no bounds, and that shows in her work.

She has published a successful cookbook, “Taco Tastic!” She buys locally, hires fellow Dreamers, and leads with kindness that is foreign in her field.

Mr. Speaker, Victoria is an example of what it means to dream and to dream big. She is an example of putting people over politics and dreams over draconian policies.

She is why I am leading the Dream and Promise Act, to give Dreamers like her a roadmap to citizenship once and for all. Americans support Dreamers, and Dreamers support America. Let's make it into law.

#### TIKTOK

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

Mr. LANGWORTHY. Mr. Speaker, with an estimated 170 million Americans using TikTok every single month, the app is dominating the social media landscape, and every single one of these users, including American children, agreed to the terms and conditions of the app, allowing TikTok to access all of their personal data on the user's phone.

This is a significant national security risk as TikTok's parent company, ByteDance, is owned by the Chinese Communist Party, meaning TikTok is essentially operating as Communist Chinese malware.

With every dance challenge and lip-sync video, American users are unknowingly contributing to a vast surveillance apparatus, and the potential for abuse of this data is chilling, ranging from targeted advertising to espionage and intelligence gathering.

TikTok's pervasive influence among young Americans makes it an ideal tool for the CCP to propagate its narratives, shape perceptions, and advance its geopolitical agenda.

In light of these alarming realities, decisive action is warranted to mitigate the risks TikTok poses in its current form. That is why I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting H.R. 7521 to force TikTok to break up with the CCP.

It is time to wake up and see the real national security threat at hand.

#### RECOGNIZING JULIA SABIN

(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 to recognize Ms. Julia Sabin for her outstanding career and significant

achievements for over more than 40 years.

Ms. Sabin's exemplary leadership has supported meaningful progress at The J.M. Smucker Company, a leading manufacturer of iconic brands, including its namesake fruit spreads, Jif peanut butter, and Uncrustables sandwiches.

Known for frequently using the popular refrain, “What doesn't kill you makes you stronger,” she has always led with a spirit of perseverance.

In addition to her work at Smucker, Ms. Sabin consistently served those around her. While living in Ohio, she supported her local community as a board member for In Council with Women in Cleveland and the Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens in Akron.

Ms. Sabin also served on the board of Ventrac, a family company providing tractor equipment in Ohio.

Mr. Speaker, I thank and congratulate Ms. Sabin on her accomplishments and the contributions that have led to a more prosperous Ohio. I wish her a happy and well-earned retirement.

#### PUT THE FOREST SERVICE TO WORK

(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, the Forest Service has in its charge just under 200 million acres across this country.

We need the Forest Service to engage with private industry to help take care of those lands. There is not enough money, even after the massive influx when they bragged at the hearing the other day that they have more money now than they ever had before, but they still need another \$20 million to move one particular project. How is there enough money for them to do their job when they can't even do it now.

We need the private sector to be able to access forest lands, to be able to harvest, because right now the U.S. is the number two importer of wood products.

Why are we the number two importer of wood products when we have so much over-inventory, especially our western States, where we burn millions of acres every year, including the 1 million-acre fire in my district just a couple years ago, as well as the Camp fire that killed 86 people 5 years ago.

We need to put the Forest Service to work or we need to move them out of the way. The private sector is an important part of that. We need industry because the Forest Service is not and will never keep up with that. They need to get out permits, contracts, and allow this wood to be harvested in a sustainable good way as the industry knows how to do.