

PRAYER

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

You, O Lord, have been our God forever, and have delivered us from peril and menace time and again. We acknowledge no other God but You. Not our power or might, but only You can uphold us. We confess no other savior but You—neither our wit, nor our own wisdom, but Yours alone can redeem us.

For You have cared for us in our wilderness. You have provided shelter for us in the scorching heat of anxiety and the raging storms that threaten our well-being.

Deliver, then, Your people from the relentless power of devastation and desolation. After almost 2 years of fighting for their country and its citizens, redeem the people of Ukraine. As we mark the 100th day of ostensibly intractable conflict in Israel and Gaza, bring Your peace and justice to this region.

May those who are persecuted be rescued from death's sting. May those who have sacrificed so much be spared from the grave's victory. Do not hide Your compassion from them, but speak into the chaos and confusion of this horrific strife and once again grant Your deliverance and then govern us with Your peace.

In the light of Your love, we pray in the strength of Your name.

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, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

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

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

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

Mr. CARL. 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 pro tempore. 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The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.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 pro tempore. Will the gentleman from South Carolina (Mr. WILSON) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina 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 15 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

U.S.-U.K. SOLIDARITY FOR PEACE

(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, I was grateful to participate this weekend in the legislative exchange program of the Association of Marshall Scholars to Oxford and London, led by co-chairs, MARK GREEN and JIM HIMES; with emeritus co-chairs, LINDA SANCHEZ and MIKE TURNER.

It was historic as the alliance was fulfilled as real with actions.

Prime Minister Rishi Sunak met in Kyiv on Friday with President Volodymyr Zelenskyy to announce billions more aid for Ukraine. We observed Parliament on Monday where he provided details warmly welcomed by all political parties.

Simultaneously, Britain and America launched air strikes in self-defense against Tehran regime Houthi puppets.

Yesterday, at Chatham House in London, we met with Defence Secretary Grant Shapps, who warned Iran: "We see you, we see through what you're doing."

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 Biden open borders for terrorists. It is sadly clear there will be more 9/11 attacks across America imminent, as warned by the FBI.

IN HONOR OF LIAM LYNCH

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

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor 10-year-old Liam Lynch of western New York.

Liam was first diagnosed with lymphoma in 2019 and, thanks to the expert care through Roswell Park/Oishei Children's Hospital partnership, he went into remission.

Unfortunately, Liam relapsed, but he is a tough, determined kid, and we support his efforts to succeed.

With the support of Liam's family and his community, he has donated more than 2,300 pairs of pajamas to other patients at the hospital where he is seeking care.

Liam's enduring positivity through chemotherapy, radiation, and months

in the hospital has been recognized by the Buffalo Bills, including its star quarterback Josh Allen, along with the many people across the western New York community.

Liam Lynch truly embodies the spirit of the City of Good Neighbors.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Liam Lynch and his family as he bravely continues his battle to beat lymphoma for good.

HONORING THE SEVEN FAMILIES OF VICTIMS OF PERRY HIGH SCHOOL ATTACK

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

Mr. NUNN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart to honor the families who are grieving following an attack on Perry High School in Iowa.

On January 4, 11-year-old Ahmir Joliff, a sixth grader in our community, died during an attack on his school. Ahmir's wonderful mother, Erica, said her son, known as Smiley because of the dimples that always lit up his face with a grin, believed in making every day count, and we should all take this burden on seriously as we march forward.

During this attack, Principal Dan Marburger heroically put himself in harm's way to create an opportunity for students to run to safety, and, in those few moments while he tried to talk down an active shooter, he undoubtedly saved the lives of many in our community. However, for his selfless actions, standing in harm's way, this week it is sad to report that he has passed away.

As his daughter Claire said: Dad taught us and inspired us to be better people every day. He passed many lessons and things on to us as kids.

Undoubtedly, there are families in Perry who are still living the life lessons that Dan Marburger taught. There is no doubt this impact will live on in heavy, but also inspiring, ways as a mentor and an educator in our community.

Mr. Speaker, our prayers are with the Marburger family and the people of Perry.

THREAT OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS

(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, the world has not been in such an unstable nuclear situation since the 1962 Cuban Missile Crisis.

The web of nuclear arms control agreements is being dismantled and weakened. Russia and North Korea constantly threaten to use nuclear weapons. Iran is increasing its capacity to build a nuclear weapon, and the nuclear powers, including in the United States, plan to modernize and increase their nuclear arsenals.

This should scare every single Member of this House. Ninety-three nations have signed the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons, which entered into force 3 years ago on January 22, 2021. In my opinion, it is disappointing that the United States has not yet signed. The world is calling on us to end the threat of nuclear war, not enable it.

Mr. Speaker, we need to reverse direction, get back to the negotiating table, and move toward agreements to end the threat of nuclear weapons once and for all.

TEAM ALABAMA WORKING TOGETHER

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

Mr. CARL. Mr. Speaker, unfortunately it often takes tragic events to bring us all together.

Last week, a tornado ripped through Cottonwood, Alabama, and it basically destroyed the entire town of about 1,200 people. This weekend, I had the opportunity to visit with the folks in Cottonwood and to see how I could help.

Small communities like this don't have the resources that other big cities have to recover from a storm. The community has to come together to rebuild their homes and their community, and that is exactly what Cottonwood is doing. It is very moving to see everyone come together and to help each other. This is what the Alabama family is truly all about.

I am grateful today and every day to be part of Team Alabama working together at the local, State, and Federal level to rebuild our storm-damaged communities and begin to return to normalcy.

KEEP THE GOVERNMENT OPEN

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

Ms. BARRAGÁN. Mr. Speaker, Americans want Congress to focus on lowering costs and growing the middle class, but extreme MAGA Republicans continue to create one crisis after the next.

The bare minimum is for Congress to keep the government open, yet Republicans have repeatedly threatened government shutdowns. Republicans want a shutdown unless they get harsh and ineffective border policy changes.

They are willing to hold hostage pay for our troops. At the same time, Republicans have rejected billions in funding from President Biden to help secure the border and to create a more orderly process. Republicans prefer to play politics rather than solve problems.

This week, Democrats will once again provide the majority of votes to

keep the government open. Democrats are here to do our job and put people over politics. We need to keep the government open so that American families are not hurt by Republicans' failure to govern.

RECOGNIZING ROGER BAKER

(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 to recognize Roger Baker for his many years of service to the Ohio Farm Bureau.

This tireless advocate served 12 years as the District 8 State trustee on the Ohio Farm Bureau, representing the counties of Wayne, Medina, Ashland, and Summit.

Mr. Baker is a wealth of knowledge and a champion for agriculture. I can personally attest that he has been invaluable as I carry out my role on the House Agriculture Committee to reflect challenges of Ohio agriculture. Those lucky enough to know him can attest to his passion and dedication to his field.

Even though Mr. Baker's tenure on the Ohio Farm Bureau Board of Trustees has come to an end, I do not doubt that he will continue advocating for Ohio agriculture, and I am thankful for his service on our Ohio 7 agricultural advisory council.

There is no question that the farm community in Ohio has benefited from the farm efforts of Roger Baker.

Mr. Baker's years of dedicated work have helped Ohio's farmers feed the world. I thank Mr. Baker for his dedication to our community.

ALBERTSONS-KROGER MERGER

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

Mrs. PELTOLA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to defend Alaska's rights to affordable groceries, which are under threat from a corporate mega-merger.

The Albertsons-Kroger merger would combine Alaska's two largest grocery stores. Many of our communities just have two grocers, a Carrs-Safeway and a Fred Meyer, often across the street, whether it is Airport Way in Fairbanks or the Sterling Highway in Soldotna.

If they merge, 14 of these stores will be sold to a company that has never operated in Alaska. That matters.

Alaska is a remote State with one-of-a-kind logistical challenges. We know what happened in the 1999 Carrs-Safeway merger, when a new operator had to close its stores after barely a year. Alaskans got higher prices and fewer choices.

We won't be ignored this time. We are asking the Federal Trade Commission to listen to our voices, stop this merger, and protect our access to food and jobs.

As the FTC meets this week, Alaskans will be speaking up, asking them to do the right thing and listen to those who have the most to lose.

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MAUI COUNTY HOUSING PLAN

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

Ms. TOKUDA. Mr. Speaker, for so many of our Maui "ohana," "family," stable housing for their families and the ability to manage mortgages for lost homes keep them up at night.

Earlier this month, the State of Hawaii, Maui County, FEMA, and various philanthropic organizations announced a \$500 million interim housing plan to move thousands of families still living in hotels into stable, long-term housing by July 1 of this year. \$250 million of this critical funding is coming directly from FEMA.

Of all the ways that this plan will seek to provide some stability for "keikis," "children," and "kupuna," "elders," who lost everything, the most critical and urgent are the investments that will be made in more permanent developments.

We need shovels in the ground now, and I strongly encourage FEMA to lean into their plans to build modular homes that will house up to 500 households.

In talking with constituents and Maui Mayor Bissen, we must also focus immediately on identifying options to help survivors with their mortgages. Absent options, our people will feel they have no choice but to leave Lahaina. As I have said before, Lahaina is not Lahaina without her people.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 6914, PREGNANT STUDENTS' RIGHTS ACT; PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 6918, SUPPORTING PREGNANT AND PARENTING WOMEN AND FAMILIES ACT; AND PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H. RES. 957, DENOUNCING THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION'S OPEN-BORDERS POLICIES, CONDEMNING THE NATIONAL SECURITY AND PUBLIC SAFETY CRISIS ALONG THE SOUTHWEST BORDER, AND URGING PRESIDENT BIDEN TO END HIS ADMINISTRATION'S OPEN-BORDERS POLICIES

Mrs. FISCHBACH. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 969 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 969

Resolved, That upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to consider in the House the bill (H.R. 6914) to require institutions of higher education to disseminate information on the rights of, and accommodations and resources for, pregnant students,