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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Ms. MALOY).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
May 23, 2024.

I hereby appoint the Honorable CELESTE MALOY to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

MIKE JOHNSON,
Speaker of the House of Representative.

PRAYER

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

Eternal God, we pray to You, as we enter this Memorial Day weekend, that You would bless our efforts to honor our fallen heroes. In the fanfare of parades and picnics, barbecues and summer's beginning, may we take time to recall the countless sacrifices that were made to defend our freedoms and uphold our liberty.

These noble men and women have stood firm. In the face of war's alarms and up against the anguish of adversity, they would not be moved. May they rest knowing that they gave themselves fully to the work You, O Lord, set before them to accomplish. Grant them peace in knowing that neither their labor nor their sacrifice was in vain.

God of the ages, may we be the guardians and guarantors of their valorous legacy. Guide us in the living of these moments that we would remain true to the ideals they willingly devoted their lives to preserve.

Inspire in us the same depth of commitment to our country, the same fidelity to our fellow Americans, and the

same unhesitating character to humble ourselves in service to You and to this Nation.

In Your everlasting 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 Texas (Mr. WILLIAMS) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas 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.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message in writing from the President of the United States was communicated to the House by Ms. Avery M. Stringer, one of his secretaries.

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.

RECOGNIZING JONATHAN FAY

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

Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Com-

mander Jon Fay's tremendous career serving his country and commemorate his retirement from the U.S. Navy. For 24 years, Jon has dedicated his life to serving our great Nation and keeping it a great Nation.

From ensign to executive officer, Jon has worked his way through the ranks. Today, he is highly decorated and holds various personal, unit, and service awards.

In September of 2021, he joined the Blue Angels and has accumulated an impressive 2,900 flight hours and 168 carrier arrested landings.

Jon is a humble leader and true patriot fueled by love for his family and love for his country.

Jon's wife, Amy, and children have played a crucial role in his service. We must also honor the unwavering support and countless sacrifices they have made over the years.

On behalf of a grateful Nation and this Congress, I thank Jon Fay and his family for their selfless service to ensuring our freedoms for generations to come.

His life is one to be copied. As Jon would say: Go Navy. Beat Army. In God we trust.

15TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE END OF THE WAR IN SRI LANKA

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

Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY. Madam Speaker, this past Saturday, May 18, marked the 15th anniversary since the end of the civil war in Sri Lanka. The conflict saw the death, disappearance, abuse, and displacement of tens of thousands of Tamil people in Sri Lanka.

I want to take this time to remember and honor the lives lost and to reaffirm my and Congress' solidarity with the people of all communities in Sri Lanka in their search for reconciliation and reform. I also recognize the bravery

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and commitment of those who continue to seek justice and accountability.

I urge the Sri Lankan Government and the international community to advocate for the protection of rights for all peoples of Sri Lanka and to work with all parties toward a sustainable political solution to prevent recurrence of such violence and tragic loss.

FARM SAFETY NET

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

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, America's farm families work around the clock to feed, fuel, and clothe our Nation and the world, yet their livelihoods are often at the mercy of unpredictable forces beyond their control.

Since the last farm bill was passed in 2018, producers have faced record inflation, rising input costs, fractured supply chains, labor shortages, natural disasters, and more.

Our current safety net is tattered, and our farmers have been bearing the burden of these challenges alone, risking the viability of their operations.

The 2024 farm bill is the opportunity to implement significant changes to the farm safety net, equipping our farmers to meet their needs.

A robust farm safety net provides stability to our producers to ensure farmers can continue operations in uncertain times.

A stable, reliable food supply is essential for ensuring national security. The importance of our agriculture industry cannot be overstated. By investing in our farmers and strengthening the safety net, we can ensure that America and American families remain food secure.

REMEMBERING ALAN G. SIEROTY

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

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, today, I honor the life and legacy of my friend and mentor, former California State Senator Alan Sieroty.

A champion of California's environment, arts, and civil rights, Alan paved the way for the creation of the California Coastal Commission so our beautiful coastlines could remain accessible for all.

His passion for the arts led him to establish the California State Summer School for the Arts, training the next generation of artists, filmmakers, and writers to this day.

Alan was also a tireless advocate for disability rights, civil rights, and gave back through his work with numerous nonprofits including connecting unhoused seniors to shelter.

Beyond politics and the arts, Alan was also a lover of jazz. He was a true Renaissance man.

I extend my deepest sympathies to Alan's family, to Michele, and to all who loved him. As we mourn the loss of an incredible public servant, let us celebrate his enduring legacy.

Alan was a model public servant, and I had such admiration and affection for him. May he continue to inspire us all, and may his memory be a blessing.

CHICKENS COMING HOME TO ROOST

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

Mr. CLINE. Madam Speaker, I had planned today to congratulate a poultry judging team in my district, but I need to address what happened at Marine Corps Base Quantico in Triangle, Virginia, because what happened there are the chickens coming home to roost from the broken Biden border policy.

Madam Speaker, on May 3, 2024, two Jordanian foreign nationals that entered the United States unlawfully attempted to breach the Quantico Marine Corps Base in Triangle, Virginia. Press reports indicate that they were in a van posing as delivery men and tried to ram their way through.

I am quoting from a letter that our Governor has sent to the President because he has not received a briefing on what happened in the Commonwealth of Virginia. The American people didn't learn about what happened at Quantico for 2 weeks.

During that time, we don't know who else had entered this country illegally or what else their designs were, but it is proven that the broken Biden border policy is having an effect on the national security of this country.

The President needs to take action now, or Congress and the Senate need to take action on H.R. 2.

HOLDING BANK EXECUTIVES ACCOUNTABLE

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

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, after the 2008 financial crisis, Congress tasked our financial regulatory agencies with implementing a rule that bans pay packages for bank executives that incentivize excessive risk-taking. More than 13 years later, we are still waiting for this rule to be finalized. As the banking failures last year proved, these incentives continue to pose a serious threat to our financial system.

That is why I introduced the FAIR Fund Act, which requires large financial institutions to defer a portion of the executive compensation that would get paid out, unless there was misconduct or some sort of firm failure, after a period of between 2 and 8 years, depending on the size of the institution. In the case of misconduct or failure, deferred funds would be used to

cover the costs of any fines levied on the bank and make depositors whole.

I urge my colleagues to help us hold these bank executives accountable. This is a huge financial risk that we continue to have not only on small businesses but retirees and so many others that are directly connected to the risk-taking and very negligent actions by bank executives.

REMEMBERING THOSE WHO HAVE FALLEN TO DEFEND OUR COUNTRY

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

Mr. LAMALFA. Madam Speaker, as we are on the precipice of another Memorial Day in this country, we have so much to be thankful for and grateful for as we pause to remember those who have fallen to defend our country, our way of life, and our Constitution.

From the fields of Valley Forge to Tripoli to our own homeland in the Civil War to San Juan Hill, the trenches of France, Pearl Harbor, Normandy, Iwo Jima, the 38th parallel, the jungles of Vietnam, Iraq, and Afghanistan, and others, we are grateful for those that stood up and stood in the line of fire for us and for our values.

Indeed, from John 15:13: "Greater love has no one than this: To lay down one's life for one's friends."

We owe them a lot. We can never pay that back other than to be grateful and to remember those who have fallen for our Nation.

EXTENDING AFFORDABLE INTERNET CONNECTIVITY

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

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to talk about the Affordable Connectivity Program, a critical program that helps millions access affordable internet.

Families rely on the internet to do their jobs, go to school, meet with their doctors, and stay in contact with family and loved ones. Access to the internet is essential in the 21st century.

ACP, the Affordable Connectivity Program, helps more than 23 million households afford internet access. In Illinois, more than 700,000 households, 1 in 7, enrolled in ACP, including 21,000 in my district.

Despite this success, Republicans refuse to extend this program.

We cannot delay. Through their inaction, Republicans are forcing millions of families to face higher internet bills, or worse, to have their internet access cut off entirely.

If Speaker JOHNSON would bring the ACP extension to the floor for a vote, I know it would pass overwhelmingly. Instead, Republicans are wasting time voting on bogus messaging bills.