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

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
June 12, 2024.

I hereby appoint the Honorable YOUNG KIM 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:

Eternal God, our creator, by Your word the heavens were made and the heavenly host was brought forth by the breath of Your mouth. You gathered the waters of the sea as in a bottle; the depths of the ocean You have enveloped in Your keeping.

Let all of creation revere You, O Lord. Let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of You. For when You spoke it came to be; when You commanded, the Earth stood firm.

Remind us, then, that we are ever embraced by Your sovereign power. It is by Your word that the plans of nations are thwarted. You judge our intentions and confound our schemes.

But Your grace plan stands forever. Your merciful design and the purposes of Your heart are everlasting.

Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord. God bless America this day.

In Your eternal 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 Massachusetts (Mr. MCGOVERN) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. MCGOVERN 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.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE UNITED STATES ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION

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

Ms. LEE of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the United States Election Assistance Commission, the EAC, and the local elections offices across the country who are this year's Clearie Award winners.

The EAC was established in 2002 as part of the Help America Vote Act to assist States in HAVA compliance and distributing funds to the States. They also are responsible for creating voting system guidelines and assisting local elections offices across the country.

Each year, the EAC administers a national award, the Clearinghouse Award, or Clearies, to recognize local offices that implement best practices and pro-

cedures to ensure their election administration is safe and secure.

I commend their annual efforts in showcasing the successes of local and State jurisdictions and congratulate the hardworking staff from the 24 election offices from across the Nation who were recognized. I would like to give special recognition to Florida's very own Hillsborough County Elections office, which was named a winner for distinguished voter education and communication initiatives.

Madam Speaker, I congratulate the 2024 Clearinghouse Award winners.

AUBURN MIDDLE SCHOOL MEALS PROGRAM

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

Mr. MCGOVERN. Madam Speaker, I recently visited a visionary school meals program in Auburn, Massachusetts, that is providing students with nutritious, scratch-cooked meals and teaching them how to grow food using hydroponics.

Under the leadership of Superintendent Elizabeth Chamberland, Principal Gregg Desto, Food Services Director Brianne Pulver, and with the support from the Auburn School Committee, Auburn Middle School is showing all of us how transformative school meal programs can be in nourishing minds and educating students.

Utilizing a Federal Farm to School grant, AMS is prioritizing locally sourced foods. On May 8, they celebrated the 508 Day, our area code in central Massachusetts, where they serve meals prepared entirely from locally grown and produced foods. They have recently started a food recovery program to reduce waste. It is incredible.

On my visit, I also learned that, since Massachusetts adopted universal free

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school meals, even more kids are taking advantage of nutritious options at schools. The kids were happy, and the food looked delicious. Let's expand this kind of programming to all schools in order to promote better nutrition and to end hunger now.

MISGUIDED NUCLEAR POLICY

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

Mr. GARAMENDI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to urge Congress to address our misguided nuclear policy. For nearly 80 years, the threat of nuclear weapons has loomed large. As nations rearm and great power competition re-emerges, we must remember the dangers of the past and avoid a new nuclear arms race.

For decades, stockpiling nuclear weapons gave us the power to destroy civilization many, many times over but did not provide greater security. After countless close calls, leaders wisely chose arms control, realizing that nuclear war cannot be won and must never be fought.

Sadly, we seem to have forgotten those lessons and have begun modernizing our arsenal, mistakenly believing that it will deliver security. Across the nuclear enterprise, costs soar while goals remain unclear.

Congress must debate the cost effectiveness of these modernization plans and stop the escalatory spiral before it is too late. Too often, those with the most strident voices carry the day.

IN CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF MYRNA CARTER JACKSON

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

Ms. SEWELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary life and legacy of civil rights activist Mrs. Myrna Carter Jackson of Birmingham, Alabama, who passed away on May 31, 2024, at the age of 82.

A community leader, community activist, civil rights and voting rights activist, teacher, and cosmetologist, Mrs. Jackson wore many hats, but the common thread was public service.

Mrs. Jackson was jailed twice for her involvement in the civil rights movement in Birmingham. She served as the first vice president of the Metro Birmingham Branch of the NAACP and eventually commissioner of the Housing Authority of the Birmingham district.

Whether she was providing job training for the youth, supporting victims of Hurricane Katrina, or substitute teaching, Mrs. Myrna Jackson never missed an opportunity to give back. Her life stands as a testament to the power of ordinary Americans to achieve extraordinary social change.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the inspiring life and legacy of civil rights activist Mrs. Myrna Carter Jackson of Birmingham, Alabama. She will be sorely missed.

IN RECOGNITION OF NBA GAME ANALYST DORIS BURKE

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

Mr. MAGAZINER. Madam Speaker, as the Boston Celtics and Dallas Mavericks prepare to meet in game 3 of the NBA Finals, I rise to celebrate Providence College graduate Doris Burke, a trailblazer who is making history as the first woman to call a championship broadcast in a major American men's sports league.

Burke's love for basketball started at a young age and eventually brought her to Rhode Island, where she started as point guard for the Providence College Friars and led them in assists for 3 years. She was selected to the Big East All-Tournament Team twice and graduated as PC's all-time assist leader.

Later in life, she continued to pursue her passion by calling Providence women's basketball games. Not long after, she began calling games for ESPN, where she became recognized for her keen insights and encyclopedic knowledge of the game.

Throughout her 34-year career, Doris has broken one barrier after another: first woman to call a Big East men's basketball game, to call a New York Knicks game, and first woman to call the Conference Finals and NBA Finals on radio and television. It is an inspiration to see and hear Doris Burke as millions of Americans tune in to the NBA Finals.

ANNIVERSARY OF PULSE NIGHTCLUB MASSACRE

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

Mr. FROST. Madam Speaker, today my heart is heavy. I am brought back to this moment in history where, on June 12, 2016, 49 angels were murdered in cold blood on the dance floor and on the floor of Pulse nightclub in my city, in my district, and in my home of Orlando, Florida.

I am angry. I am angry that we live in a world and that we live in a country where gun violence can drastically change or end your life. I am angry that I serve in a Chamber where seemingly most of the folks here don't want to do a single damned thing about it. I am also angry that I have been fighting for this since I was 15, and we are still in this fight.

I express my condolences and send immense amounts of love to the families and to the survivors of the Pulse

nightclub massacre and tell them that we will continue to honor the lives of those 49 angels with nothing but action, with nothing but sweat equity, until we end gun violence in this country. True justice isn't one person behind bars, but it is when we can wake up with the confidence to say that this will never happen again.

IN CELEBRATION OF THE 249TH BIRTHDAY OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY

(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, I rise today ahead of June 14 to celebrate the United States Army's 249th birthday. Every year, just a few days after Memorial Day, our country celebrates the Army's birthday. This marks the anniversary in 1775 when the Continental Congress authorized the enlistment of riflemen to serve the United Colonies for 1 year.

The Army is the oldest and largest branch of the U.S. military and has played a vital role in the country's development since its establishment. Without the brave men who enlisted 249 years ago, we would not be the great Nation that we are today.

I will also say, without the great men and women who enlist today in the United States Army, we would not continue to be a great Nation.

Madam Speaker, I am a proud Army dad, and, in Congress, I continue to support legislation that bolsters our Nation's defense and invests in our military members and their families.

Happy birthday, Army.

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PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 8070, SERVICEMEMBER QUALITY OF LIFE IMPROVEMENT AND NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025; RELATING TO CONSIDERATION OF HOUSE REPORT 118-527 AND ACCOMPANYING RESOLUTION; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia. Madam Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 1287 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 1287

Resolved, That at any time after adoption of this resolution the Speaker may, pursuant to clause 2(b) of rule XVIII, declare the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for consideration of the bill (H.R. 8070) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2025 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year. The first reading of the bill