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Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, June 17, 2024, at 3 p.m.

House of Representatives

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

PRAYER

Bhai Mohan Singh, Gurdwara Singh Sabha of Yakima, Washington, offered the following prayer:

“One Universal Creator God, by the Grace of the True Guru.”

Almighty God, Waheguru, we call You by many names but You are one. Keep Your divine hand over the Members of this House as they steer our Nation’s future. Keep truth on our tongues, love in our hearts, and sound judgment in our minds. Remind us of our purpose: to love, serve, and create a peaceful world.

Bless all leaders working for the common good. Give those who govern humility, courage, integrity, and compassion. Release us from ego so we serve selflessly. Help us remember we belong to one family.

“Recognize the entire Human Race as One.”

You are everywhere; all are Yours. Whatever is seen is Your form. You are one.

Watch over our protectors ensuring our safety and freedom.

Homage to worldwide martyrs who fought for liberty, justice, and equality.

“In the name of Nanak, find everlasting Optimism. With Your Will, Almighty God, may there be Grace for all Humanity.”

“Waheguru Ji Ka Khalsa.” “The Khalsa belongs to God.”

“Waheguru Ji kee Fateh.” “Victory belongs to God.”

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 gentlewoman from Pennsylvania (Ms. DEAN) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania 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.

WELCOMING BHAI MOHAN SINGH

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the gentleman from Washington (Mr. NEWHOUSE) is recognized for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

Mr. NEWHOUSE. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor my guest Chaplain, Bhai Mohan Singh.

Mohan Singh was the head granthi, or the head priest, at a Gurdwara in Yakima, Washington, and now travels the Nation spreading the teachings of Sikhism.

Sikhism is the world’s fifth largest religion with nearly 30 million followers worldwide, and roughly 1 million of those are located within the United States of America. It was founded by Guru Nanak in west Punjab

in 1469 and is based on three cardinal principles: Meditate on God, earn a living by honest means, and share with the less fortunate.

Mohan Singh is a dedicated preacher with an extensive educational background in Sikhism, with experience in both teaching and leading religious services. His career spans over two decades of service in both India and the United States, and we are very fortunate to have him here today with us to lead the opening prayer and to represent the good people of central Washington.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LOUDERMILK). The Chair will entertain up to five further requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

IN RECOGNITION OF SUSQUEHANNA REGIONAL EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

(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. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Susquehanna Regional EMS/UPMC in north central Pennsylvania’s prehospital team, on being selected as the 2024 Pennsylvania Agency of the Year by the Pennsylvania Emergency Health Services Council.

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In their tireless efforts, Susquehanna Regional EMS responded to a staggering number of approximately 20,000 calls in 2023, including 911 emergencies and nonemergent interfacility transfers. Their commitment to community benefit support was equally impressive, with over 13,000 hours dedicated to events such as the Little League World Series, Williamsport's Fourth of July celebration, and Lycoming County Fair.

Susquehanna Regional EMS educates providers and the public with programs like UPMC's Minutes Matter and Stop the Bleed. Through a partnership with Susquehanna Health Foundation, 100 AEDs, 100 bleed-control kits, and 100 packages of Narcan have been donated to our community.

Every minute counts in a medical emergency.

Susquehanna Regional EMS' daily work has saved countless lives throughout Pennsylvania's 15th Congressional District. On behalf of a grateful community, I thank them for their service to our community, and I congratulate them on this well-deserved award.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE ANNIVERSARY OF DACA

(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 during Immigrant Heritage Month in recognition of the 12th anniversary of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals Program, known as DACA.

Since 2012, DACA recipients, or Dreamers, have experienced uncertainty about their status and future in this country. Yet, their impact is certain. They are our nurses, writers, lawyers, teachers, activists, and change-makers. They have grown up here, eagerly contributing to the diversity of our country.

If Congress does nothing, we lose our neighbors, our family members, and friends. We lose fellow Americans.

With the American Dream and Promise Act, House Democrats have a plan, with bipartisan support, to finally create a pathway for citizenship for Dreamers. In America, we welcome those fleeing harm and danger. We welcome those who believe in the American Dream. We put people over politics. Americans support Dreamers, and Dreamers support America.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE DEDICATION OF THE ST. LOUIS COUNTY RESCUE SQUAD AND SHERIFF'S OFFICE

(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 to express my appreciation to the St.

Louis County Rescue Squad and Sheriff's Office for their dedication to responding to emergency situations and to mourn the loss of two Minnesotans.

Recently, they responded to a tragic accident where a party of four canoeists went over a waterfall in the Boundary Waters, and two went missing.

One of the missing canoeists, Jesse Haugen of Cambridge, was a constituent of mine. Jesse heroically attempted to save his fellow canoeists before going under himself. Jesse's bravery was no surprise to anyone who knew him, especially given his military background.

Mr. Speaker, the Boundary Waters are remote, making any rescue attempt complex. During this time of the year, high water levels and fast currents made these efforts even more difficult.

Jesse Haugen and Reis Grams both tragically died, but I am grateful to the St. Louis County Rescue Squad and Sheriff's Office for staying on the scene for 2 weeks until both men were located.

Thanks to their determination and professionalism, the families of Jesse and Reis can now have closure, and I will continue to pray for them and our St. Louis County Sheriff's Rescue Squad.

RECOVERING ECONOMY

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

Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, the United States is recovering from the pandemic faster than any other industrialized nation. In fact, the World Bank expects the United States economy to grow significantly faster than they initially predicted, and our growth is fueling a worldwide economic recovery. Yet, prices remain stubbornly high for groceries, gas, and especially housing. Both realities are true.

One culprit of this is corporate profit-taking and greed because unemployment is low, our job market is strong, and inflation is cooling. Yet, prices are still up almost 19 percent since 2021.

Historically, in the years leading up to the pandemic, corporate profits were responsible for approximately 11 percent of price increases. Contrast that with the second and third quarters of 2023. Corporate profits were responsible for more than 50 percent of price increases. In the latest quarter of 2023, American corporate profits reached an all-time high of \$2.8 trillion.

President Biden and congressional Democrats are working to address this manipulation head on, while my colleagues on the other side of the aisle propose tax cuts for the very corporations taking advantage.

Mr. Speaker, it is time to hear real solutions from the so-called leaders of the House.

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

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

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, today we commemorate the 249th birthday of United States Army.

On this day, the Second Continental Congress transformed a local rebellion into a war for independence by establishing the Continental Army, which today is the United States Army. One day after the Army was established, Congress appointed French and Indian War veteran George Washington to be the very first commander of the Army, and the rest is history.

The Army's birthday is a day where we can express gratitude for the brave men and women who served and continue to serve in our Nation's oldest branch of the military. As one of 38 Army veterans currently serving in the U.S. House of Representatives, I am honored to recognize this historic milestone.

One thing everybody knows about the U.S. Army is that, when duty calls, we will rise to the challenge. "This We'll Defend."

God bless our troops, Iowa, and God bless the United States of America.

I also acknowledge that today, June 14, is Flag Day. Please remember and honor the values of our flag.

I extend birthday wishes to President Donald Trump.

Happy birthday, Mr. President.

VISIT TO UNION SQUARE GREENMARKET

(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, I recently visited the Union Square Greenmarket in New York with Chef Evan Handczor, founder of Little Egg in Brooklyn.

Evan is a chef-ambassador for Chefs for Healthy Soil, a coalition that promotes the connection between sustainable agriculture and the foods that sustain us.

We spoke with farmers who produce nutritious, locally grown food by focusing on soil health and sustainability. They understand the deep connection between the quality of delicious food at restaurants like Little Egg and the quality of the environment in which that food was grown.

Access to food is a fundamental human right. Americans deserve a food system that secures that right for everyone while doing right by farmers, food workers, and the planet. Supporting our farmers as they protect soil health and sustain local food systems is one of the best tools we have to end hunger now.

I thank Chef Evan and everyone at Union Square Greenmarket for introducing me to this important work.