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The House met at noon and was called to order by the Speaker.

### PRAYER

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

Sovereign God, You have marked out our appointed times in history and provided the time and space for our lives so that we would seek You, reach to You, and find You, for You are never far from us. For in You we live and move and have our being.

So into Your hands we place the U.S. House of Representatives and all who labor therein. From this body there is revealed an intricate tapestry of hopes and fears, possibility and challenge. Into this unique quilt You have woven our talents and treasures, our time and our effort.

We pray then that You would use this sometimes unlikely and unruly montage of Members. Reveal Your mercy in our doubt, and even in the wavering of our faith, reveal Your glory.

In our busyness may we find Your quietness. In our quietness may we receive Your purpose. Let the favor of the Lord be upon us. Establish for us the work of our day, this day and every day.

In the power to be found only in Your 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 Michigan (Ms. TLAIB)

come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. TLAIB 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 15 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

### SUPPORT OF HOSTAGES HELD BY HAMAS

(Ms. De La CRUZ asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. De La CRUZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to stand in support of the hostages being held by Hamas following the October 7 attacks in Israel, the worst massacre of the Jews since the Holocaust.

These individuals, unjustly seized and separated from their families, must not be forgotten. Each day in captivity underscores the cruel reality of anti-Semitism and terrorism.

We must continue demanding their immediate release. Their stories, etched in our hearts, demand our unwavering commitment to the fight against hate. In their names, we must reinforce our stance against anti-Semitism in all its forms.

Let us unite in our efforts to ensure their safe return, keeping their families and loved ones in our prayers. We will not rest until they are home.

### EVERY MONTH IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH

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

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, I want everyone to know and to be very clear that every month in the 12th Congressional District is Black History Month.

I was born and raised in the most beautiful, Blackest city in the country: the city of Detroit. Countless Black leaders, our neighbors, have inspired us all to seek change in the face of segregation, Jim Crow, economic injustices, and dehumanizing racism.

We bore witness in our city to Dr. King's first Walk to Freedom and the transformative work of so many of our Black trailblazers, like Mother Rosa Parks, James Boggs, Reverend Franklin, and so many others.

It was on our very streets that the fight for Black liberation and civil rights bent the arc of the moral universe in our Nation. From the iconic Motown sound to powerful activism, our community's Black history has a remarkable legacy.

The 12th District acknowledges that Black history and Black lives matter every single day of the year.

Please know that you will also have a fighter in me in the United States Congress.

### BIDEN ADMINISTRATION WAGING WAR ON AMERICAN ENERGY

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

Mr. CLINE. Mr. Speaker, since President Biden took office, his administration has waged an unprecedented war on American energy and continuously pushed this country into adopting the Green New Deal agenda.

These policies pushed by the global elites have caused energy prices to skyrocket, as well as allow for our energy security to be exposed before our greatest adversaries, such as China and Iran.

Two weeks ago, Joe Biden's Department of Energy announced that they

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would freeze permits for liquefied gas exports, forcing hardworking Americans to spend more on residential uses for natural gas, including cooking and heating homes. Furthermore, this decision will hurt our farmers as it would force them to spend more on fertilizer.

The last thing Virginians want is more burdensome regulations pushed by the Biden administration, including by their two climate czars, John Kerry and John Podesta. These are two individuals who are among the Democratic elite and are simply out of touch with everyday Americans.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support H. Res. 987 so the American people aren't further burdened with climate change policies that we have seen fail throughout the world.

House Republicans will continue to fight for American energy independence on behalf of the American people.

#### BIDENOMICS FAILS FAMILIES

(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, the failed policies of Biden and Democrats are costing American families over \$11,400 more a year to buy the basics. The dollar stores I shop at are now \$1.25.

When Biden took office, inflation was just 1.4 percent. Since then, inflation has risen by 17.2 percent. Over the last year, families are paying 20 percent more for car insurance, 19 percent more for frozen juice, 11 percent more for beef steak, 10 percent more for transportation, and 7 percent more for baby food and formula.

House Republicans, led by Speaker MIKE JOHNSON, will continue to fight to pass legislation to reduce inflation and create jobs.

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 that there will be more 9/11 attacks across America imminent in our country as warned by the FBI. Families need a rally point now for safety when communications are cut.

#### SECRETARY MAYORKAS GUILTY OF MALADMINISTRATION

(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, Secretary Mayorkas is guilty of maladministration of our immigration laws on a cosmic scale, but we know that is not grounds for impeachment because the American Founders specifically rejected it.

They didn't want political disputes to become impeachments because that

would shatter their separation of powers that vests the enforcement of the laws with the President—no matter how bad a job he does.

Cabinet Secretaries can't serve two masters. They can be impeached for committing a crime relating to their office, but not for carrying out Presidential policy.

This border crisis can't be fixed by replacing one leftwing official with another. It can only be fixed by the American people at the ballot box by replacing this administration with one committed to securing our borders, defending our country, and upholding the rule of law. Americans are already coming to that conclusion.

Mr. Speaker, I am afraid that stunts like this don't help.

#### BEING HONEST

(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 rise to thank Mr. MCCLINTOCK for his statement. I don't normally agree with very much of what Mr. MCCLINTOCK says, but I want to publicly thank him for being honest.

If we are being honest with one another, we would not be bringing this impeachment resolution of Secretary Mayorkas forward. This is a sham. This is a joke. It has no basis within the Constitution. This is a political ploy.

For the purpose of this 1-minute speech, I thank the gentleman from California (Mr. MCCLINTOCK) for his honesty. We need more honesty around here.

#### STAND WITH ISRAEL

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

Mr. ROSE. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the Israel Security Supplemental Appropriations Act and our ally Israel as it continues its fight against Hamas.

In November, less than 1 month after Hamas terrorists brutally attacked Israel, I proudly voted "yes" on the Israel Security Supplemental Appropriations Act, which would send \$14.3 billion in emergency aid to our most loyal ally in the Middle East, Israel.

This bill is fully paid for without increasing the debt or raising taxes by offsetting the new spending with cuts to previous funding found in the so-called Inflation Reduction Act, which would hire unnecessary additional IRS agents.

Unfortunately, the Senate refused to pass this bill to provide immediate, direct, and much-needed relief for Israel. Instead, they have prioritized the funding of an army of IRS agents.

Mr. Speaker, I reiterate that I wholeheartedly stand with Israel and its fight against Hamas and for providing much-needed military assistance.

#### REMEMBERING AND HONORING TROOPER ZACHARY FINK

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

Mr. MAST. Mr. Speaker, in the early morning of February 2, 2024, Florida Highway Patrolman Zachary Fink, ID No. 1550, gave his life in the line of duty. He served in St. Lucie County, where he was raised and where he dedicated everything he had to protecting.

He will be remembered by all who knew him, and remembered as a man you could count on. He was a natural comedian who could deescalate. He was an outdoorsman. He was a man deeply proud of his law enforcement brothers and sisters, who he himself considered it an honor to be among their ranks.

Mr. Speaker, it is we who have all been honored by Trooper Fink's selfless and total commitment to others. I thank God, and I thank his parents for giving him to us.

Mr. Speaker, I ask for silence in recognition of the sacrifice of Trooper Zachary Fink.

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#### HONORING RUDY IRIARTE

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

Mr. MOYLAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember and honor a civil servant of Guam, the late vice mayor of Sinajana, Rudy Iriarte.

Rudy was a proud son of Guam whose service to the island and his village of Sinajana never went unnoticed. He had served in public life for over 30 years in several capacities through the local government and his village.

Today, we recognize the great visions, accomplishments, and selfless service Rudy Iriarte made to our community.

On behalf of a grateful island and Nation, I extend my deepest and utmost condolences to the family of the late vice mayor and thank him for his service to making Guam a better place.

#### LAND OF THE FREE AND THE HOME OF THE BRAVE

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

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise with great sadness and with great disappointment.

America is the land of the free and the home of the brave, and continually tells the world that we will protect them to be lands of the free and the home of the brave.

Yet this week, we are about to consider a bill that tells people, particularly those in distress, we don't care. I believe all of us want to defend Israel and give her the resources she needs,