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

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,  
September 12, 2024.

I hereby appoint the Honorable MARY E. MILLER 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:

Gracious is the Lord and righteous. Our God is merciful. Lord, You protect the helpless and the destitute. In Your compassion You care for those who are desperately clinging to life.

In all that we face, in all that we will endure this day, make us realize that Your protections, Your provisions are ours. May our souls find rest in our worst fears. May our eyes be dried of their tears of mourning. May our hearts desire to follow where You lead us.

Let us walk in Your presence this day, staying faithful though overwhelmed, hopeful, despite all skepticism and doubt.

All that we do this day we give back to You, grateful for the many blessings You have poured on us. We dedicate this day striving to make good on the promises we have made to You.

In faithful service to You, we pray that You would use us to serve this country and Your people and Your grace plan.

In Your strong 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 Tennessee (Mr. BURCHETT) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. BURCHETT 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 five requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

### NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION AWARENESS MONTH

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

Mr. BOST. Madam Speaker, I rise today to speak during National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month. We must all do our part to ensure that those who are struggling with mental health and suicidal thoughts can receive the help they need.

That includes those who have served our country heroically and live with the invisible wounds of their service.

We are losing 17 veterans a day to suicide. One life lost is one too many.

As chairman of the Veterans' Affairs Committee and a veteran myself, I am

committed to putting an end to this epidemic and reducing the number of veteran deaths by suicide.

There should be no wrong door for mental health.

There are many options available to veterans, both VA and community partnerships. It is about finding the right fit for each veteran.

Suicide is preventable, so please reach out.

To all my fellow veterans, if you need help or are in crisis, or family members, if you know that a veteran that you love is in crisis, please call 988 and press 1 to reach the Veterans Crisis Line for confidential help.

Don't make a permanent decision for a temporary problem. You are not alone.

### HOSTAGES

(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. Madam Speaker, almost a year ago Hamas unleashed a barbaric attack on Israel slaughtering more than 1,200 people and kidnapping more than 250 others.

The safe return of hostages—children, parents, grandparents—has been my North Star, but we must not forget about Israelis, Americans, and other innocents held hostage.

Yet today, we mourn six of those hostages who held out for 328 days. We mourn: Hersh Goldberg-Polin, Israeli American; Eden Yerushalmi; Ori Danino; Alex Lobanov; Carmel Gat; and Almog Sarusi.

Since October 7, I have met with many hostage families, including Hersh's mother and father. I have gotten to know them. I have prayed for and with them for a deal to bring their beloved son home alive.

It is essential that the United States use every diplomatic tool to finalize a

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deal to bring the remaining hostages home and end this heartbreaking war.

I will continue to fight for a bilateral cease-fire with the release of all remaining hostages, an end to Hamas' reign of inhumanity, and lasting peace for Israel and Palestine.

May their memories be a blessing.

#### AMERICA IS NOT UP FOR GRABS

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

Mr. MANN. Madam Speaker, as a Member of Congress from one of the largest agricultural producing districts in the country, I am concerned with Communist China's impact on American agriculture.

Over the past decade, China's investment in American assets like farmland and intellectual property have grown tenfold. Kansans are rightly concerned about China's questionable ambitions, so I supported legislation that requires the Secretary of Agriculture to report on foreign transactions. No other nation allows its adversaries to go unchecked in purchasing its property, and America shouldn't either.

Since 2000, the U.S. has more than doubled the total imports of used cooking oil from China. That is equal to displacing more than 5 years of soybean harvest from my home State of Kansas. Kansans are concerned about China taking America's place in the market, so I led 40 of my colleagues in demanding that the U.S. Treasury reserve the 45Z clean fuel production tax credit for domestic fuel made from domestic feedstocks. American tax credits must be used to benefit American producers. That should be a no-brainer.

We cannot continue to turn a blind eye to adversarial behavior and put our national security at risk. We must let China know in no uncertain terms that America is not up for grabs.

#### HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

(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. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month, which begins this Sunday.

Hispanic Heritage Month is about recognizing the countless contributions made by Latinos across the Nation.

In my own district, which is over 70 percent Latino, many will commemorate, as we have for decades, with the kickoff of a grand parade downtown, marking 214 years of Mexican independence.

It is a grand celebration of all that makes our communities proud of their heritage, their language, and their culture.

As we honor Hispanic Heritage Month, let us commit to fostering an inclusive country where everyone, re-

gardless of their background, can thrive and achieve the American Dream.

Let's put diversity over hate, "familia," "family" over fear, and people over politics.

#### SAFEGUARDING AMERICAN FARMLAND

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

Mr. FULCHER. Madam Speaker, the Chinese Government poses a significant threat to our national security that should not be ignored.

Yet, the administration of President Biden and Vice President HARRIS have allowed the CCP to strategically buy agricultural land in our country at an unprecedented rate, including areas disturbingly close to military bases.

This is not only jeopardizing our national security by providing our adversaries with a front-row seat to view our military capabilities and emerging technology, but will also undermine American energy independence, push family-run farms out of business, and put our food supply at risk.

As a fourth-generation Idahoan who grew up on a farm, I understand how important American farmlands are to economic success, not only in rural communities but our Nation as a whole.

I encourage my colleagues in both the House and the Senate to support H.R. 9456, the Protecting American Agriculture from Foreign Adversaries Act to safeguard our food, our security, and our future.

#### RECOGNIZING DUANE SLONE

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

Mr. BURCHETT. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize my friend, the Honorable Judge Duane Slone from Jefferson City, Tennessee, who recently passed away at the very young age of 61.

Judge Slone earned his juris doctorate from Memphis State University in 1990, then moved into private practice before serving as the assistant district attorney general from 1991 until 1994.

In 1998, he was elected to the fourth judicial district court where he served until he passed away. He dedicated a lot of his life to supporting the community's fight against the opioid crisis, and he cofounded his district's drug recovery court in 2009.

Judge Slone is best remembered for his dedication to the community's fight against the opioid crisis over the years, and he received many State and national awards for his work, including the William H. Rehnquist Award from Chief Justice John Roberts of the Supreme Court pictured here to my left.

He also received the National Center for State Courts' Distinguished Service

Award in 2018, and he was inducted into the Tennessee Boys & Girls Clubs Hall of Fame in 2020.

Judge Slone was a leader of the community, and he will be greatly missed. I want to offer my sincere condolences to his wife, Darrison, and his three children: Oakland, Joseph, and Estella.

East Tennessee is a much better place because of him.

#### END CHINESE DOMINANCE OF ELECTRIC VEHICLES IN AMERICA ACT OF 2024

Mr. SMITH of Missouri. Madam Speaker, pursuant to House Resolution 1430, I call up the bill (H.R. 7980) to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude vehicles the batteries of which contain materials sourced from prohibited foreign entities from the clean vehicle credit, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 1430, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Ways and Means printed in the bill shall be considered as adopted and the bill, as amended, is considered read.

The text of the bill, as amended, is as follows:

H.R. 7980

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

#### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

*This Act may be cited as the "End Chinese Dominance of Electric Vehicles in America Act of 2024".*

#### SEC. 2. EXCLUSION FROM CLEAN VEHICLE CREDIT OF VEHICLES CONTAINING MATERIALS SOURCED FROM PROHIBITED FOREIGN ENTITIES.

*(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 30D(d)(7) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended to read as follows:*

*"(7) EXCLUDED ENTITIES.—*

*"(A) IN GENERAL.—For purposes of this section, the term 'new clean vehicle' shall not include any vehicle—*

*"(i) with respect to which any of the components contained in the drive battery or any material contained in such a component was extracted, processed, recycled, manufactured, or assembled by a prohibited foreign entity, or*

*"(ii) the drive battery of which is designed, manufactured, or produced using any process attributable to any licensing, royalty, service, or similar agreement with a prohibited foreign entity the estimated total contract cost, including variable, contingent, or sales-based payments, of which exceeds \$5,000,000.*

*"(B) PROHIBITED FOREIGN ENTITY.—For purposes of subparagraph (A), the term 'prohibited foreign entity' means—*

*"(i) any foreign entity of concern (as defined in section 40207(a)(5) of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act),*

*"(ii) any entity with respect to which the government of a covered nation has the right or power (directly or indirectly) to appoint or approve the appointment of a covered officer, or*

*"(iii) any entity 25 percent or more of the capital or profits interests of which are owned (directly or indirectly) in the aggregate by 1 or more of the following:*

*"(I) A covered nation or an entity described in clause (i) or (ii).*