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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania).

DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC.

September 18, 2024.

I hereby appoint the Honorable GLENN THOMPSON to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

MIKE JOHNSON,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

MORNING-HOUR DEBATE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of January 9, 2024, the Chair will now recognize Members from lists submitted by the majority and minority leaders for morning-hour debate.

The Chair will alternate recognition between the parties, with time equally allocated between the parties and each Member other than the majority and minority leaders and the minority whip limited to 5 minutes, but in no event shall debate continue beyond 11:50 a.m.

RECOGNIZING AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY CANCER ACTION NETWORK OHIO VOLUNTEERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Ohio (Mrs. BEATTY) for 5 minutes.

Mrs. BEATTY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my gratitude to the many volunteers from Ohio's Third Congressional District who are here this week representing the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network.

They are working tirelessly to help end cancer for everyone. There are over

750 volunteers, advocates, and patients from across the country here, representing almost every congressional district, including constituents from my Third Congressional District of Ohio. They are selflessly donating their time and energy to fight to end cancer.

Mr. Speaker, approximately 1,680 Americans die every day from cancer. In Ohio alone, there will be almost 24,000 cancer-related deaths this year, putting Ohio at the sixth highest mortality rate in the country. These numbers are staggering, and they serve as a sobering reminder that nearly all of us have had a friend or family member fight this disease.

Just 2 months ago, in this very Chamber, we grieved the loss of my dear friend, our colleague, Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee, who sadly passed after her courageous battle with pancreatic cancer.

One of the biggest existing hurdles to beating cancer is our limited ability to detect it early. That is why the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network volunteers from Ohio are here, advocating for increased funding for cancer prevention and research and for the passage of H.R. 2407, the Nancy Gardner Sewell Medicare Multi-Cancer Early Detection Screening Coverage Act. This bill is led by my friend and our colleague, Congresswoman TERRI SEWELL. She would like to increase access to earlier and simpler cancer screening.

Early detection delivers hope, especially for Black Americans, who face the highest cancer death rate and shortest survival rate of any racial or ethnic group in the United States.

We must do better to understand cancer and to serve our underserved communities. We must work together because working together will ensure that all Americans have equitable access to new cancer detection tools.

Mr. Speaker, we have had many spirited debates on this floor, but with the

over 2 million new cancer cases expected in 2024, I think we can all agree on a shared goal to fight and beat cancer. One way of starting this would be for us to pass H.R. 2407.

That is why I thank the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network, the advocacy arm of the American Cancer Society. They are the leading organization urging increased funding for cancer research and cancer prevention.

Also, I thank and commend ACS CAN's board of directors chair, Dr. Kimberly Jeffries Leonard. Dr. Jeffries Leonard is a trailblazer with over 40 years of experience in applied health and behavioral medicine research. She made history in becoming ACS CAN's first Black chairwoman. I congratulate her.

This exemplary organization has made it possible for us to meet our constituents, to hear their stories, and to understand better how cancer burdens far too many families.

Lastly, Mr. Speaker, I would like to say that it is important for us as Members of Congress to support investments in cancer research and innovation that will help prevent, detect, and treat the families and individuals with this disease.

Mr. Speaker, let me once again thank ACS CAN and their volunteers for their tireless dedication and diligence in the fight against cancer.

OBSERVING NATIONAL FARM SAFETY AND HEALTH WEEK

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. CLYDE). The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. THOMPSON) for 5 minutes.

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, this week, we observe National Farm Safety and Health Week. I am honored to stand before you to recognize and celebrate the tremendous contributions of our Nation's farmers.

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Their dedication and hard work are the bedrock of our entire Nation. Food security, after all, is national security.

As chairman of the House Committee on Agriculture, I have the privilege of working closely with those who lead in the agriculture industry. Over the past 1½ years, I have visited over 40 States and met with thousands of farmers. I have seen firsthand the challenges that they face, from unpredictable weather to fluctuating markets.

I have also witnessed their relentless efforts to ensure the highest safety and quality standards for the food supply that reaches every corner of our country.

Farmers are the lifeblood of our communities. They feed our families, sustain our rural economies, and contribute to the cultural fabric of our Nation. They work long hours, often under grueling conditions, to provide us with the abundance that we enjoy every day. Their commitment and resilience are nothing short of extraordinary. Yet, despite the vital role they play to make all of our lives easier, their work comes with significant risk.

Farm life is inherently dangerous. The nature of their work involves heavy machinery, unpredictable livestock, and exposure to various environmental hazards, from extreme weather conditions to hazardous chemicals. No two grains of wheat are the same, and no two farms are the same, which means the challenges they face are all different.

It is crucial we support our farmers with effective safety measures and robust support systems. That is why the farm bill, which we are working to bring to this floor, is so crucial. This legislation is not just another priority policy document. It is a testament to our commitment to improving the lives of those who work tirelessly to keep our Nation nourished.

Our discussions on the farm bill have been focused on ensuring that it addresses the full spectrum of needs of our agricultural community. This bill represents our dedication to fostering a safer and healthier work environment for our farmers.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my fellow colleagues to join me in extending our gratitude to every farmer, rancher, and producer across this great Nation during National Farm Safety and Health Week. Their tireless work, dedication, and unwavering commitment do not go unnoticed. We are profoundly grateful for all that they do.

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HERSH GOLDBERG-POLIN

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. DAVIS) for 5 minutes.

Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the memory of Hersh Goldberg-Polin, a courageous 23-year-old, American-Israeli who was executed by Hamas terrorists.

Hersh was abducted at the Nova Music Festival on October 7. In the face of unimaginable terror, Hersh's arm was blown off by a grenade. His senseless murder, along with five others discovered on September 1, is a stark reminder of all the innocent civilians killed. It is also a reminder of the many of whom remain held hostage, enduring unimaginable suffering.

To Hersh's parents Jon and Rachel we extend our deepest sympathies. We stand with you.

May Hersh's memory be a blessing.

Congress, the administration, and the international community must intensify efforts to secure the immediate release of all hostages and hold accountable those responsible for these egregious acts.

Bring them home now.

ABRAHAM ACCORDS

Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, we honor the transformative power of diplomacy. Four years ago, the Abraham Accords opened the door to a new era of peace, bringing together Israel, Bahrain, the United Arab Emirates, and later Morocco in an unprecedented step toward stability in the Middle East.

The signing of the Abraham Accords, a historic moment, reminds us that even in the face of deep division, it is possible to find common ground.

Israel, a beacon of democracy in a region too often defined by conflict, has long been a vital partner in our pursuit of shared security and prosperity.

The Abraham Accords highlight not only Israel's crucial role in securing its own future, but its commitment to building enduring alliances that benefit the global community.

Yet our work is far from over. We must remain unwavering in our commitment to support Israel and all partners who extend the hand of peace.

Let us continue building a world where dignity, security, and freedom are the rights of all.

DEMOCRATS' RHETORIC AND SECOND ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT ON PRESIDENT TRUMP

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. MILLER of Ohio). The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. CLYDE) for 5 minutes.

Mr. CLYDE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to highlight the left's dangerous rhetoric that has led to two assassination attempts on President Trump in 2 months.

First and foremost, I would like to thank all the law enforcement officers who fearlessly prevented a second utter catastrophe from taking place this past Sunday. I am also thankful for God's continued hand of protection over President Trump.

However, I am deeply disturbed that within a 64-day span, President Trump has seen an assassin's attempt to take his life not once but twice. After the first horrifying attempt in Butler, Pennsylvania, many Americans asked

for politicians and media pundits alike to turn down the temperature of their political rhetoric. Yet given the continued targeting of President Trump's life, it is evident that many on the left have not stopped spewing hateful speech and malicious lies.

For years, we have heard rhetoric from the radical left that goes well beyond policy disagreement and crosses into dangerous territory. Think about all the times liberal figures have erroneously labeled Trump as Hitler, or the biggest threat to democracy, or a dictator who must be stopped.

Now we are seeing the tragic results of that false rhetoric. President Trump has faced not one, but two assassination attempts.

This isn't a partisan issue. This is about the safety of our leaders, the stability of our Republic, and the rule of law. Yet disturbingly, we have seen numerous Democrats and the leftwing media blame these attempts on President Trump himself. This level of victim blaming isn't just ghoulish. It is a sinister attempt to normalize this senseless violence and to absolve themselves of any wrongdoing.

There are still many unknowns about both of these attacks, and while I certainly have concerns and questions about the obvious security failures that have taken place, I can't silently sit by as the left, including many of my Democratic colleagues, take no accountability for their incendiary rhetoric and shameless lies that undoubtedly have played a part in inspiring the assassination attempts on President Trump.

Since the liberal media won't hold them accountable, I will.

Here are examples of the left's violence inciting and dangerous rhetoric.

Vice President KAMALA HARRIS: "Trump is a threat to our democracy and fundamental freedoms."

Again, she says: "It's on us to recognize the threat [Trump] poses."

Governor Tim Walz said: "Are [Republicans] a threat to democracy? Yes. Are they going to put peoples' lives in danger? Yes."

Former Speaker NANCY PELOSI said: Trump is "a threat to our democracy of the kind that we have not seen."

JASMINE CROCKETT said: "MAGA in general, they are threats to us domestically."

Representative DAN GOLDMAN said: He is a threat to our democracy, and, "He has to be eliminated."

Representative STEVE COHEN said: "Trump is an enemy of the United States."

Representative DEBBIE WASSERMAN SCHULTZ said: Trump is "an existential threat to our democracy."

Representative ADAM SCHIFF said: Trump is "the gravest threat to our democracy."

Representative GREGORY MEEKS said: "Trump cannot be President again. He is an existential threat to our democracy."