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

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,  
March 27, 2025.

I hereby appoint the Honorable ADDISON P. MCDOWELL to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

MIKE JOHNSON,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

### PRAYER

Rabbi Pinchus Ciment, Lubavitch of Arkansas, Little Rock, Arkansas, offered the following prayer:

Almighty God, I begin my prayer with an act of charitable kindness.

Creator and master of His universe.

After the biblical story of the great flood in which You spared Noah and his family, You gave guidance and instructions through them to all of humanity. You taught how to lead a moral, ethical, and productive life in the form of seven guiding principles, also known as the Seven Noahide Laws.

These laws are found in the Bible in the Book of Genesis and its sacred commentaries and include:

To worship You, not to blaspheme Your name, not to commit murder, not to engage in illicit relationships, not to commit theft, not to be cruel to any living creature, and for every society to be governed by just laws that are based on the recognition and acknowledgment of You, O God, as the sovereign ruler of all humankind and all nations.

Almighty God, bless the Members of this august body, the United States House of Representatives, who convene to fulfill Your very guidance to estab-

lish such just laws. Bless them with health, clarity, wisdom, compassion, and good fellowship.

I beseech You, in the merit of the great leader and spiritual giant, the late Lubavitcher Rebbe, Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson, of saintly and blessed memory, who came to these shores in 1941 and described this country as a nation of kindness, and who passionately shared the richness and importance of the said Seven Noahide Laws for all to embrace, to please grant that the vision of our Nation for a world imbued with peace and tranquility be the crowning achievements of this mighty and awesome Chamber in our days.

And let us say, 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 gentlewoman from Texas (Ms. GARCIA) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. GARCIA of Texas 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 GUEST CHAPLAIN RABBI PINCHUS CIMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the gentleman from Arkansas (Mr. HILL) is recognized for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

Mr. HILL of Arkansas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to welcome today's guest

chaplain, my friend, Rabbi Pinchus Ciment.

Rabbi Ciment is the director of Chabad Lubavitch of Arkansas in Little Rock and is currently the longest serving rabbi in our State.

He was born in Boston, Massachusetts, and moved to Little Rock with his wife in 1992.

Rabbi Ciment has lectured on matters in Judaism at several universities in Arkansas and has been a frequent author in the "Ask the Clergy" section of our statewide newspaper, the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette. He studied at the Rabbinical Seminary in Morristown, New Jersey, and the Central Lubavitch Yeshiva in Brooklyn, New York, receiving his rabbinical ordination in 1990.

Rabbi Ciment is a devoted husband to Estie and a proud father of 10 children.

I extend my heartfelt thanks to Rabbi Ciment for delivering a beautiful opening prayer.

Mr. Speaker, I wish him, his family, and Chabad Lubavitch of Arkansas continued success in serving the central Arkansas community.

### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

### CONGRATULATING PENN STATE WRESTLING

(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 Penn State wrestling, the 2025 NCAA Division 1 national champions.

Continuing their dominance of NCAA wrestling, the Nittany Lions brought

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their 13th national title to Happy Valley.

Under the leadership of Coach Cael Sanderson, his team has won 12 of the last 15 NCAA championships.

Penn State's two individual champions are a testament to the strength of their program as well as their personal strength, talent, and determination.

Carter Starocci made history by becoming the first wrestler to win five individual NCAA titles, while Mitchell Mesenbrink claimed his first national title with an outstanding performance.

Beyond individual triumphs, the Nittany Lions made history as only the second team ever to have 10 All-Americans in one tournament.

This success would not be possible without the dedication of the coaching staff, the families, and the unwavering support of the Penn State community.

As a graduate of Penn State, I am proud to congratulate Penn State wrestling on winning the 2025 national championship and on their continuing success.

We Are.

#### CONGRATULATING LARRY HUGGINS ON A LIFE OF SERVICE AND ACHIEVEMENT

(Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHI asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHI. Mr. Speaker, I welcome the opportunity to celebrate Larry Huggins' incredible contributions to Illinois and Chicago.

Larry is a trailblazer. At a time when Black people were discouraged from construction jobs, Larry founded a construction company that is still thriving and has helped build some of Chicago's most famous landmarks.

Huggins is an eminent civic leader, as well. He served as acting chairman of Metra and founded the famous Christmas in the Wards to distribute toys and other gifts to Chicago's needy.

He also cofounded the Chicago Football Classic, which is a yearly football game between two HBCUs at Soldier Field. The game is accompanied by scholarships, workshops, and outreach for students.

From business success to civic leadership, I am pleased to congratulate Larry Huggins on a life of exemplary service and achievement.

#### CELEBRATING SYDNEY TRAN AS SPELLING BEE CHAMPION

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

Mrs. KIM. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate Sydney Tran, a seventh grade student at El Rancho Charter School in Orange, for becoming Orange County's new spelling bee champion.

Sydney earned her well-deserved victory and secured a spot at the Scripps National Spelling Bee by spelling the

word "obsecration" in the 14th round of competition.

In addition to her spelling skills, Sydney is also on the school robotics team and participates in community service projects, embodying the spirit of a well-rounded and engaged student. Her success serves as an inspiration to her peers and brings pride to our entire community.

Sydney will soon head to Washington, D.C., to represent Orange County at the national spelling bee in May.

Mr. Speaker, we wish Sydney good luck. We are cheering her on.

#### HONORING LAS MAMAS DE BACK OF THE YARDS

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

Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, for Women's History Month, I rise to honor the parent leaders from The Resurrection Project known as Las Mamas de Back of the Yards, or the Back of the Yards Moms, a powerhouse of immigrant women who are the heart and soul of their community on Chicago's South Side.

Mothers like Consuelo, Lorena, Alma, Maria, Ofelia, Martha, Zuleyman, Victoria, Gabriela, and Sylvia show us what real leadership looks like.

They educate neighbors on their rights, organize rapid responses when raids threaten families, distribute food when the fridge is empty, and keep our youth safe and supported.

From city hall to Washington, and right inside our schools, these women ensure that their voices and their community voices are heard.

They are respected, admired, and deeply rooted in the Back of the Yards, and, yes, they keep people like me on our toes, always causing good trouble.

In honoring them, we honor the power of immigrant women everywhere, their courage and commitment, and the fight for a better future for all of us.

Mr. Speaker, I thank them, I stand with them, and I celebrate them.

#### ALL POLICY IS LOCAL

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

Mr. SHREVE. Mr. Speaker, during this past district work period, I had the opportunity of hosting discussions with business leaders and constituents across Indiana's Sixth District. With our community leaders, we had conversations that focused on the need to extend the progrowth policies of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act.

Over 17 visits across my district, I spoke with our seniors on Medicare Advantage. I spoke with Hoosier farmers on National Ag Day at our Purdue Extension facility in Johnson County. I

heard from our Indiana Realtors—and no one knows our communities like our Realtors—about the importance of homeownership and having sufficient housing inventory for job growth and economic creation.

I appreciate these listen-and-learn opportunities with our local small businesses and constituents. All policy is so very local.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to work with businesses across Indiana's Sixth District to bring business sense to Washington. The American people expect results, and we must deliver.

#### FIGHTING TO GUARANTEE EQUAL RIGHTS FOR ALL WOMEN UNDER THE CONSTITUTION

(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, yes, that is me in 1977. I was a young law student representing Texas at the historic International Women's Year conference in Houston.

Ann Richards was right behind me. She was getting ready to make a speech on the ERA. She would go on to be Governor, and I went on to serve in the city, county, State, and now here in Federal Government.

That day, we were doing what I am doing right now: fighting for the equal rights amendment, fighting to guarantee equal rights for all women under the Constitution.

I still have the ERA pin I wore that day. I have kept it for nearly 50 years because the fight isn't over.

This week, I stood with powerful women in Congress to introduce a resolution that removes our final barrier: the arbitrary deadline set decades ago. If it passes, the ERA becomes the 28th Amendment.

We must pass this resolution. We must remove all barriers to women because our rights don't have deadlines. Our rights are human rights.

#### REPEALING GREEN SUBSIDIES

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

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, we must use budget reconciliation to fully repeal the so-called Inflation Reduction Act's, IRA, green subsidies.

They are a trillion-dollar disaster, driving up energy costs, undermining grid reliability, and forcing out dependable power sources like coal and natural gas as well as the hydroelectric dam destruction we see happening.

Keeping even one of them threatens real spending reductions and makes it nearly impossible to rein in the national deficit of around \$2 trillion brought on by the Biden administration and Democratic majorities in the House and Senate.

The stakes are very clear. Europe's energy crisis shows what happens when