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The House met at noon and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS).

DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
April 28, 2025.

I hereby appoint the Honorable MARIANNETTE MILLER-MEEKS 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 3, 2025, 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 1:50 p.m.

REPEALING GREEN NEW DEAL POLICIES

(Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, this week, the House will vote on several bills under the Congressional Review Act to repeal out-of-touch Biden-era Green New Deal policies.

H.J. Res. 88, which I introduced this Congress, will repeal the Biden administration's approval of California's de facto electric vehicle mandate. This

policy requires California to end the sale of all internal combustion engines by 2035, and 17 States, including the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, are set to adopt this regulation.

Let me be clear: No one should be forced to buy a product purely because of government regulations. We cannot allow Gavin Newsom and California Democrats to decide what vehicles my constituents in central Pennsylvania are allowed to purchase.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues in both the House and the Senate to pass this legislation so that President Trump can end this mandate and save our American auto industry.

HARVESTING CRITICAL MINERAL RESOURCES

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, for years, my colleagues and I in the House and Senate have been sounding the alarm on China's control of the critical mineral resources that our Nation relies on.

Our Nation is rich in natural resources, and we need policies that allow us to utilize them and limit our reliance on countries like China and Russia.

Now, President Trump is finally setting us on the right path by signing an executive order to expedite our Nation's ability to harvest the deepsea bed mineral resources that are just off our shorelines.

This executive order will expedite the review process for exploration permits and implement a cross-government plan to advance our Nation's ability to harvest these critical resources.

Working together with our allies and industry partners, President Trump's actions will create a strong supply chain for these minerals and counter China's influence in this important industry.

MODERNIZING OUR WORKFORCE PROGRAMS

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, as President Trump bolsters our domestic manufacturing, returning

production to the U.S., American companies need the workforce to support these industries.

Last week, President Trump signed an executive order to modernize our workforce programs to better prepare the American people for these high-paying jobs in the trades.

This Presidential action will support more than 1 million apprenticeships per year, meaning that talented students in vocational programs throughout our country will be able to further their careers with hands-on training while being paid.

In my district, I have had the privilege of visiting vocational schools such as the Colonial Career and Technology Center in New Oxford and the Bedford County Technical Center in Everett, and I am proud to see President Trump continue to support the future of these talented students with this executive order.

Soon, the American workforce will be even stronger than ever.

HONORING MICHAUX STATE FOREST FIREFIGHTERS

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the courageous firefighters who have put their lives on the line to fight the two wildfires in Pennsylvania's Michaux State Forest.

More than 170 firefighters have responded to the emergency, including Vigilant Hose Company No. 1 in Shippensburg, Pennsylvania. While their work is yet to be finished, these brave men and women have already contained more than 90 percent of the Hammond's Rock fire and are nearing 50 percent containment for the Thompson Hollow fire.

On behalf of the entire 13th District of Pennsylvania, I thank these firefighters for their courage in the face of danger, and I pray for their continued safety as they continue to fight these fires.

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**HEMLOCK SEMICONDUCTOR
INVESTING IN AMERICA**

(Ms. McDONALD RIVET of Michigan was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Ms. McDONALD RIVET. Madam Speaker, I rise to draw your attention to mid-Michigan, where we will find the blueprint for how we should be investing in the next generation of American manufacturing.

Transformative investments in high-tech manufacturing are not only creating good-paying American jobs and boosting our region's economy but also showing the entire Nation how we can stand up to China and build more in the United States.

Hemlock Semiconductor, located in Saginaw County, Michigan, manufactures polysilicon, a critical part of the semiconductor and solar supply chains. Hemlock is one of the few manufacturers in the world capable of refining polysilicon to the purity level needed for leading-edge microchips. Madam Speaker, the phone you are carrying in your pocket right now probably contains polysilicon manufactured in my district.

Hemlock and its parent company, Corning, are redoubling their commitment to mid-Michigan thanks in large part to Federal laws that have incentivized high-tech manufacturing in America. The CHIPS Act is a perfect example of bipartisan investments that have increased America's competitiveness and created more jobs for our workers.

With the help of essential CHIPS Act funding, Hemlock is expanding its mid-Michigan footprint by building a new facility that will bring 180 permanent positions and over 1,000 construction jobs in the process. Meanwhile, Corning announced an approximately \$1 billion investment to build the largest solar wafer facility in the United States.

Partnerships with local colleges and vocational schools are preparing local residents to take advantage of these jobs of the future. By making these chips in Michigan, we are also standing up to China and decreasing American reliance on them.

This chart next to me helps illustrate my point. Twenty years ago, the United States produced more polysilicon than any other country in the world. Since then, it is an unfortunate fact that China has been eating our lunch. Today, China is producing 93 percent of the world's polysilicon while our share has shrunk to just 2 percent all the way down from 57.

The story is similar for solar wafers, cells, and modules. This is bad news for American manufacturing, and it is bad news for our national security.

When we rely on China for these components, giving the Chinese Communist Party leverage over us, we put ourselves at risk. Even though many Americans don't directly interact with wafers, solar cells, or polysilicon, they are essential to power our electronic devices. Now, everything from our

phones, defense systems, energy, and cars are reliant on Chinese-made products.

Everyone in my community remembers 2020 when auto plants shut down because we couldn't get our hands on the microchips we needed during COVID. Building more chips in America will make us less vulnerable to changes in global supply chains.

With investments like the ones we have seen by Hemlock and Corning, we are rebuilding our might in these industries, bringing jobs back home, and strengthening national security.

As I speak, the White House is pursuing an unstrategic tariff plan that will raise costs for those who can least afford it. Instead, to really bring manufacturing back to America, Republicans and Democrats should look to mid-Michigan, where bipartisan work is yielding real results.

Again, it will take a bipartisan effort to ensure investments, like what we have seen with Hemlock, continue to stand up to China, make America stronger, and create even more good-paying jobs of the future.

**HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY
OF WWII HERO HENRY
LANGREHR OF CLINTON, IOWA**

(Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS of Iowa was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of World War II hero Henry Langrehr of Clinton, Iowa.

Henry was the embodiment of the Greatest Generation: humble, courageous, and fiercely devoted to his country. On what should have been his high school graduation day, he instead jumped from a C-47 over France, crashing through a greenhouse during the D-day invasion.

Captured by the Germans and sent to a work camp, Henry's indomitable spirit led him to escape, finding his way back to American forces almost 1 year later, still wearing his tattered D-day uniform.

After the war, Henry returned home to build a business, raise a family, and serve his fellow veterans. He never stopped loving his country, once saying: "Only America could do that."

Henry Langrehr lived a life of service, sacrifice, and inspiration. We owe him and all like him a debt that can never be repaid.

I had the pleasure of meeting his grandniece this weekend at the University of Iowa ROTC Military Ball. What a special event.

May God bless his memory and comfort his family.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to extend birthday greetings to my younger sister, Mariette Stanson.

**HONORING THE LIFE OF
MARCELINO GAMINO**

(Mr. COSTA of California was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Lance Corporal Marcelino Gamino, a proud marine of Fresno, California, who gave his life in service to our Nation.

A grateful nation can never ever say thank you enough to this fine young man and his family.

As a young man, Marcelino answered the call to serve in May 2022, quickly rising to the rank of lance corporal by August 2024. At just 28 years of age, Marcelino served with distinction as a combat engineer in the 1st Combat Engineer Battalion, 1st Marine Division.

Marcelino's commitment took him across the world with distinction as a combat engineer and as a part of a Marine Rotational Force all the way to Darwin, Australia. His service was marked by distinction, earning him the National Defense Service Medal and the Sea Service Deployment Ribbon.

We, the folks in the San Joaquin Valley, mourn his tragic loss. Our hearts are with his family, his friends, and his fellow marines. His courage and his service will never be forgotten.

Semper Fi, and God bless.

HONORING THE LIFE OF GUADALUPE CASTILLO

Mr. COSTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the incredible life of another American, Guadalupe Castillo, a true American hero from my hometown of Fresno, California, from the San Joaquin Valley.

At just 18, he entered the United States Army to do his duty during World War II. He faced some of the toughest and fiercest battles that our Nation was engaged in at that time: the Battle of the Bulge, D-day at Omaha Beach, and the liberation of France from the tyranny of the Nazis.

Mr. Castillo's courage and sacrifice helped shape the course of the history of our Nation in the 20th century, but his service didn't just end there. After World War II, he came home and devoted 20 years to helping fellow veterans there with the Veterans Administration at the veterans hospital in Fresno, inspiring his son to follow in his footsteps. His son still works there today and is considered one of the anchors of the VA hospital in Fresno and, of course, with his dad.

I had the honor of meeting Mr. Castillo on an Honor Flight a number of years ago, and I saw him again just recently at the 75th anniversary of the VA hospital in Fresno before he passed away on Easter Sunday at 100 years of age.

In that short time, he made a lasting mark and impression on me and everyone whom he ever touched and met because he was a true American hero with wisdom, kindness, and an unwavering spirit of 100 years of a life well lived.

We celebrate that century of courage, service, and sacrifice, and we, as Americans, can never ever say thank you enough to Guadalupe Castillo, a true American hero from Fresno, California.