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The House met at noon and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. BOST).

DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
May 5, 2025.

I hereby appoint the Honorable MIKE BOST 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.

CELEBRATING NATIONAL SMALL BUSINESS WEEK

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

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, this week, we celebrate National Small Business Week, a time to highlight the incredible successes of American small businesses throughout our country.

Main Street businesses are truly the backbone of our economy, and I have had the privilege of visiting so many small businesses throughout Pennsylvania's 13th Congressional District,

such as the Inn at Herr Ridge in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, owned by Steve Wolf; The Family Table Restaurant, owned by Luke and Chloe Fogle in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania; and the Cove Creek Outfitters in Bedford, owned by Bob and Eric Turkovich.

Mr. Speaker, in Congress, it is critical that we continue our support for these small businesses by renewing President Trump's tax cuts so that American businesses can flourish once again.

President Trump has made it easier for American businesses to thrive by stripping back needless regulations. By renewing President Trump's tax cuts, we can once again ensure that businesses will continue to grow for years to come.

IN APPRECIATION OF DANIEL PRACHTHAUSER

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, over the last 2 weeks, two forest fires have ravaged Michaux State Forest in Cumberland County, Pennsylvania. The fires have scorched thousands of acres of forest, forcing the evacuation of nearby residents.

More than 150 brave firefighters responded to this fire. One of Pennsylvania's firefighters is the son of Jonathan and Bridget Prachthauser, a second-generation firefighter and currently a student at Shippensburg University.

Daniel Prachthauser was with Vigilant Hose Company No. 1 throughout these firefighting endeavors. Daniel is part of the Vigilant Hose Company's live-in program that offers state-of-the-art, dorm-style living, which allows students who are professional firefighters to continue their volunteer services while they pursue their education.

This program not only allows local students to continue their service in the community but also serves the Vigilant Hose Company by allowing it to stay fully staffed so that they can more efficiently and rapidly respond to emergencies.

On behalf of everyone in Pennsylvania's 13th Congressional District, I personally thank Daniel for his devotion and his service to the community.

IN RECOGNITION OF ASHLIE CROSSON

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, during this year's National Appreciation of Teachers Week, I rise to recognize Ashlie Crosson of Reedsville, Pennsylvania, who was named the 2025 National Teacher of the Year.

Ashlie is an English teacher at Mifflin County High School, where she instructs students in advanced placement language and composition classes. She also advises the journalism program, which publishes the school newspaper and district magazine.

Ashlie approaches teaching with the goal of helping each of her students develop their communication and problem-solving skills, expand their worldview, and use their voices for the betterment of society as a whole.

Ashlie's tireless dedication to her students is helping to prepare the next generation of creators, leaders, and innovators. Ashlie is truly a source of pride for the entire Mifflin County School District and for her community.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of everyone in Pennsylvania's 13th Congressional District, I congratulate Ashlie on her selection for this prestigious award and express gratitude for her enduring commitment to the academic achievements of her students and for her school district at large.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until 2 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 5 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker at 2 p.m.

PRAYER

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

Receive us into this new week, O God. We have much to do and much we hope to accomplish. We have planners filled with appointments and dockets boasting desired outcomes, and yet, in all honesty, we do not know what today will bring, let alone tomorrow.

In the context of the eternity that You have fashioned, over which You are Lord, we are but mist. Like the breath we try to catch as we run from task to task, our lives are ephemeral in the grand scheme of Your divine design.

Reorient us then this day to Your grace plan. Rather than counting on our own ability to get things done, may we appeal to You, and to Your wishes, as to how we are to live and what it is we ought to do.

Humble us in our arrogance and dis-
 avow us of our self-sufficiency. In Your Mercy, uphold us in Your righteousness, that we would boast only in You.

In Your sovereign name, we pray.

Amen.

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 South Carolina (Mr. WILSON) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina 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.

TRUMP DELIVERS ON PROMISES

(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, Americans continue to benefit from the wins accomplished by the first 100 days as President Donald Trump took back the White House by election mandate. He and the Republican-led House, with Speaker MIKE JOHNSON, and the Senate will continue to fight on behalf of American families.

In just 100 days, the Trump administration has secured the borders, stop-

ping terrorists and child predators; restored energy independence; begun peace through strength; reduced duplicative regulations; and brought massive investments, creating jobs and making America competitive again.

President Trump and the Republican-led House are making the country strong, safe, and secure with promises made, promises kept with the Trump mandate.

In conclusion, God bless our troops as the global war on terrorism continues. Open borders for dictators put all Americans at risk of more 9/11 attacks imminent, as warned by the FBI. Trump is reinstating existing laws to protect American families with peace through strength, revealing that war criminal Putin lies as, this weekend, the Moscow dictatorship reiterated Ukraine does not exist, justifying mass murder of Ukrainians by war criminal Putin.

COMMENTS ON PRESIDENT'S STATEMENTS

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

Mr. COHEN. Madam Speaker, I watched the President's interview on "Meet the Press" yesterday. I was shocked at the lack of understanding that the man has of his job.

He takes an oath to protect, preserve, and defend the Constitution of the United States, and he says he is not sure if the Fifth Amendment is applicable to people in this country and is not sure if he will stand up and protect the Constitution. This is unfathomable.

Then, he comes up and tells us he wants to have a parade that will cost over \$90 million on his birthday, which happens to coincide with Flag Day and the birth of the United States Army, neither of which have ever merited a parade in the past—\$90 million with airplanes, tanks, and troops to appease a man's ego, to let him think for a while that he is Genghis Khan or Napoleon.

He is not Genghis Khan. He is not Napoleon. He is not the Pope. He is the President of the United States, who works for us, the American people.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. WILSON of South Carolina). Members are reminded to refrain from engaging in personalities toward the President.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL NURSES DAY

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of National Nurses Day to thank the women and men across our country who care for the sick, comfort the hurting, and keep our healthcare system running.

I began my own medical career as a nurse. My sister was a nurse, and my husband was a nurse. I understand the long hours, emotional toll, and deep re-

sponsibility, commitment, and gratification that come with the job.

Today, we face a nationwide shortage of nurses, especially in rural areas like many in Iowa. This isn't just a workforce issue. It is a public health crisis.

We must do more to strengthen nursing by expanding training opportunities, reducing burnout, and investing in the future of care.

Nurses don't ask for recognition, but they sure deserve it. Mr. Speaker, on National Nurses Day and every day, I thank all nurses, and I promise to keep fighting for nurses in Congress.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
 Washington, DC, May 1, 2025.

Hon. MIKE JOHNSON,
 Speaker, House of Representatives,
 Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on May 1, 2025, at 3:40 p.m.:

That the Senate passed S. 307.

That the Senate passed S. 616.

That the Senate passed S.J. Res. 31.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.J. Res. 42.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.J. Res. 75.

That the Senate agreed to without amendment H. Con. Res. 9.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely,

KEVIN F. MCCUMBER,
 Clerk.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE DEMOCRATIC LEADER

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Honorable HAKEEM JEFFRIES, Democratic Leader:

MAY 1, 2025.

Hon. MIKE JOHNSON,
 Speaker of the House of Representatives,
 Washington, DC.

DEAR SPEAKER JOHNSON: Pursuant to section 703(c) of the Public Interest Declassification Act of 2000 (50 U.S.C. 361 note), I hereby appoint the Honorable Valdez Butler Demings of Orlando, Florida to the Public Interest Declassification Board.

Sincerely,

HAKEEM JEFFRIES,
 Democratic Leader.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE DEMOCRATIC LEADER

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Honorable HAKEEM JEFFRIES, Democratic Leader:

MAY 5, 2025.

Hon. MIKE JOHNSON,
 Speaker of the House of Representatives,
 Washington, DC.

DEAR SPEAKER JOHNSON: Pursuant to section 18(c)(2)(A)(i)(VIII) and (IX) of the Reforming Intelligence and Securing America