

## RECESS

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

Accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 46 minutes a.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 pro tempore (Mr. LOUDERMILK) at noon.

## PRAYER

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

We take this moment, O Lord, to bless You. With all that we are and with everything that is in us, we praise Your holy name. As the Heavens are high above the Earth, so great is Your steadfast love for those who honor You.

Like a parent who has compassion for his children, have compassion on us as we seek to live according to Your will and do the work You have called us to do. As our creator, show us Your grace in the fleeting moments we are given to serve You.

In our mortality, there are those in this House who are battling diseases like cancer that take over their bodies and threaten to shorten their lives. We pray Your healing hand over these Your servants who continue to labor faithfully under the burden of this infirmity.

In our fallibility, there are those who have made grave mistakes in their conduct, in their judgment, and in their life choices. We pray Your mercy in the rebuilding of their lives and the restoration of their right living.

Let us each claim anew today the promise that You are merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

In this certainty, we stand, and in Your 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 Rhode Island (Mr. MAGAZINER) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. MAGAZINER 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.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to 15 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

## HONORING THE NURSING PROFESSION

(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 to honor the men and women in the nursing profession.

This week is National Nurses Week. Every year, from May 6 through 12, we celebrate the work and the contributions that nurses make in the healthcare field.

National Nurses Week ends on Florence Nightingale's birthday, the founder of modern-day nursing.

Prior to serving in Congress, I spent nearly three decades in the healthcare profession. There, I worked closely with nurses and saw firsthand the care and compassion that they showed their patients.

Nursing is a science and an art reserved for those who are the most caring, giving, and passionate about helping others. Nurses provide their patients and families with comfort, compassion, guidance, and care.

Mr. Speaker, we should always thank our nurses for their hard work and dedication. Please join me in recognizing the nursing community this week. We should all be grateful for their commitment to caring for others, especially during these trying times.

A special shout-out to my Aunt Jessie, who is retired now as a nurse but cared for so many and made her way to the point where she was the executive director of the Pennsylvania Nurses Association. We are very proud of the difference that she has made.

## BIOLOGY OF HUNGER

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

Mr. MAGAZINER. Mr. Speaker, I rise for the fifth time to bring attention to the Trump administration's failure to restore funding for food aid for malnourished children, despite their promise to do so.

I speak today about the biology of hunger. A 2-year-old child may weigh the same as a newborn. Their bodies stop growing. Their immune systems shut down. They lose the ability to walk and sometimes even the ability to cry. That is what severe malnutrition looks like, and it is the leading cause of death for children under 5.

There is treatment. Ready-to-use therapeutic food is a nutrient-rich peanut paste that delivers the fat, protein, and vitamins that starving children need to survive. It can save a child's life in just 8 weeks.

The Edesia factory in Rhode Island has helped save 25 million lives with

this food, but that work is now in jeopardy because the administration hasn't followed through on its own promises to continue funding the program.

We must restore funding for emergency food aid now. Lives are at stake. I will keep speaking on this floor until that funding is restored.

## RECOGNIZING SMALL BUSINESS WEEK

(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, it is Small Business Week, and we are getting back to the basics: less red tape, lower taxes, and policies that actually help people who run a business and hire workers.

Small businesses are the building blocks of our economy. They do not need more interference from Washington or their home State. They need us to be out of the way of what they need to do to provide the things people actually want.

That is why I am working to stop the largest tax hike in American history and to make the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act provisions permanent. These lower rates help businessowners grow and reinvest in their own workers.

Under President Trump, we saw how lower taxes and fewer regulations actually sparked real growth. We are building on that by passing bills that support small businesses and American manufacturing in America. When Main Street is strong, our country is strong.

We are going to keep doing what works and stop what doesn't, what actually hurts. That is how we get this economy moving in the right direction and actually being dedicated to the needs of the American people and the economy that drives it.

## DEFUNDING SUICIDE HOTLINE FOR LGBTQ YOUTH

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

Mr. DESAULNIER. Mr. Speaker, in 2005, the 988 National Suicide Prevention Lifeline was launched to provide 24/7 access to counseling and referrals for Americans in crisis.

In recognition of these challenges, the challenges these Americans face, the 988 lifeline provides specialty services targeted at LGBTQ youth, who are at a higher risk of suicide than the population at large.

According to a 2024 survey by the Trevor Project, 12 percent of LGBTQ youth attempted suicide in the past year—12 percent of American youth in this category.

Now, the Trump administration is reportedly considering eliminating these specialized support services, which would cut off the lifesaving resources they provide.

Young people, young Americans, when they are in crisis, should be able to speak to a professional counselor who understands their experiences and is trained to communicate with people facing similar struggles.

This is a cruel idea. For the health and safety of all young Americans, the President must immediately reverse course on this ill-advised, cruel, and dangerous plan.

#### MANDATE FOR FREEDOM IN GEORGIA

(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, friends of freedom are grateful that the House overwhelmingly passed the bipartisan, bicameral Mobilizing and Enhancing Georgia's Options for Building Accountability, Resilience, and Independence Act, the MEGOBARI Act. This bill counters the Ivanishvili regime dragging Georgia toward Iranian terrorists, the Chinese Communist Party, and war criminal Putin.

The passage of the MEGOBARI Act, with a mandate vote of nearly 90 percent, demonstrates America's support for legitimate President Salome Zourabichvili and the Georgian people and the rejection of the tyrannical mafia cabal, which is selling out Georgia to dictators. The Georgian Dream insults President Trump. The only way forward is for fair elections and the release of all political prisoners.

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 reinstituting existing laws to protect American families with peace through strength, revealing that war criminal Putin lies, subverting freedom in Belarus from legitimate President Sviatlana Tsikhanouskaya.

#### RECOGNIZING JJ HOLMES AND ALISON HOLMES

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

Mr. FROST. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor this year's Orlando Sentinel's Central Floridians of the Year, JJ Holmes and his mother, Alison Holmes. Together, they are a force, not just in central Florida but across the entire State and country.

JJ has a severe disability, but he hasn't allowed that to stop him from speaking out and advocating tirelessly for our disability community.

His mother, Alison, shows up every day to care for JJ and to stand up for families across the country just like theirs.

Their advocacy and their continued work started 10 years ago when JJ was

just 12 years old and was removed from a Trump rally in 2016, after protesting the President's mockery of a reporter with a disability.

For over a decade, they have continued to speak out at the local, State, and Federal levels, advocating for expanding Medicaid, closing coverage gaps, quality healthcare, and affordable healthcare for everyone.

The way that they lead with love and courage should stand as a testament to their strength and the amazing work they do. Central Florida is stronger because of both of them.

I congratulate both JJ and Alison on this honor. I thank them for never giving up on the fight to build a more inclusive world for everybody, no matter who you are. I am so proud to be in this work with them.

#### REMEMBERING VAN ROBINSON

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

Mr. MANNION. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Van Robinson, of Syracuse, who died Saturday at the age of 87.

The history books will remember him as the first African-American president of the Syracuse Common Council, a body whose chambers now bear his name, but his legacy and contributions are far richer.

It was Van Robinson who began the conversation about tearing down the highway that divides our city through a thriving African-American neighborhood. Now, the reimagining of I-81 is the largest infrastructure project in the history of upstate New York.

It was Van Robinson who revived the local NAACP chapter. It was Van Robinson who always advocated for his community. It was Van Robinson who went out of his way to mentor and support the leaders of Syracuse, including me.

I thank Van for making Syracuse, a place we both love, a better place.

I send my prayers and condolences to Linda Brown-Robinson and the Robinson family.

God bless you, Councilor. Rest in power.

#### MASS SHOOTING IN GLENDALE, ARIZONA

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

Ms. ANSARI. Mr. Speaker, on Sunday night, the community that I represent in Glendale, Arizona, was rocked by yet another mass shooting in America.

As families and friends came together to eat, drink, and dance, they looked forward to celebrating Cinco de Mayo and spending time in their community. Instead, their worlds were shattered as someone with a gun fired

into the crowd outside the restaurant, killing three people and injuring five more.

I cannot imagine the pain and sadness that their families and loved ones now feel, and I am sending them love and strength.

Every single person there will be forever impacted by the violence and trauma that mass shootings impose on communities.

For far too long, we have been forced to watch as gun violence devastates our communities, and we feel unsafe going to the movies or eating out at a restaurant.

One thing is clear. These acts of violence and the trauma they inflict on all of us are preventable. They are a policy choice. It is time for us to make a new choice.

Commonsense policy reforms to regulate guns and prevent mass shootings like this one in Glendale have broad, bipartisan support. It is beyond time we stand up and do something.

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#### ELIMINATE THE SALT CAP

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

Ms. GILLEN. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to address the unfair double taxation that my constituents are facing due to the State and local tax deduction cap.

Hardworking families across Long Island and across our State and many other States already face some of the highest tax burdens in the Nation. For 8 years, they have been unfairly penalized and subject to double taxation.

I have heard from countless hardworking families in my district over the past few years who have had to pay tens of thousands of dollars more in taxes, making their lives even more expensive and adding to the cost-of-living crisis on Long Island.

Last year, the President came to my district and vowed to get SALT back. My constituents deserve this real relief; so let's go.

I will continue to push for a full repeal of this cap, and I urge my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to do the same. Anything less than eliminating the SALT cap and restoring the full deduction fails Long Island and fails our State.

#### PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 276, GULF OF AMERICA ACT; AND PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 881, DHS RESTRICTIONS ON CONFUCIUS INSTITUTES AND CHINESE ENTITIES OF CONCERN ACT

Mr. AUSTIN SCOTT of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 377 and ask for its immediate consideration.