

what actions they are taking to safeguard the most sensitive taxpayer data that exists on our Federal systems. If they don't act, then we should here in Congress.

RECESS

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

Accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 59 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. DESJARLAIS) at noon.

PRAYER

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

Holy Lord, we want little else than to lead a life worthy of the calling to which You have called us. For these legislators, it is to remain committed not just to the needs of their constituents, not just to the welfare of these United States, but to be faithful to the expectations You place on each one of them.

Therefore, with all humility and gentleness, may we approach the issues at hand. With patience, may we bear with one another in love, even with those across the aisle to whom we are adamantly opposed. Instead, may we make every effort to maintain the unity of Your spirit, which has brought us here in this place to work together for the common good.

Remind us again that You are the same God and Father of us all. You have bestowed on each of us the same grace, according to the measure of forgiveness and mercy You offer all who believe in You.

Let us then strive to speak truth in love, that our words would be lifted up in glory to You. For in You this whole body is called to be joined and knit together, to build itself up in love, as each of us participates in the work You have given us to do.

In Your compassionate 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 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.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

BACKBONE OF AMERICAN WORKFORCE

(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, small businesses create jobs as the backbone of the American workforce and account for nearly half of the American private-sector jobs.

Small businesses come in many forms. America recognizes this as National Small Business Week and the contributions this sector adds to the strength of America.

There are nearly 35 million small businesses in America, employing 59 million people. The National Federation of Independent Business, NFIB, along with local chambers of commerce, AmChams, and industry associations such as the Asian American Hotel Owners of America and home-builders make a difference.

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 war criminal Putin lies as patriots of Georgia in Tbilisi demonstrate, expressing appreciation of Congress supporting fair elections, with the courageous President Salome Zourabichvili.

HUNGER IS ALL-CONSUMING PAIN

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

Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, hunger is an all-consuming pain. Many of us are lucky never to have known that pain. Yet, in my district alone, nearly 25,000 households rely on food assistance to stave off hunger. SNAP feeds seniors who live alone, children without nutrients to grow, and families who work hard every day, but it is still not enough.

Now, Republicans sadly want to cut SNAP in order to subsidize another tax break for the rich, a move that could increase a household of four's grocery bill by \$175 a month, or nearly \$2,000 a year.

Our common humanity should be enough to block this cut, but sadly, it seems it is not for too many of my colleagues.

Mr. Speaker, I raise another argument: SNAP dollars flow directly into our economy, local businesses, and farms. We have a chance to ease the pain of our most vulnerable.

I will not stand by as Republicans steal from the American people and give even more to the rich.

The Gospel of Matthew reminds us of the power of caring for the least among us, saying: "For I was naked and you clothed me"; "for I was hungry and you gave me food."

RECOGNIZING RICK GRIZZELL

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

Mr. MCGUIRE. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize a good and selfless neighbor in Virginia's Fifth Congressional District, my friend, Rick Grizzell, from Goochland County, Virginia.

After Hurricane Helene swept through the Carolinas, Tennessee, and Virginia last year, Virginians across the Commonwealth answered the call.

Rick formed a team of Virginians, in conjunction with the Goochland County Tea Party, to collect donations and take them to folks in need. They collected and delivered tents, propane tanks, sleeping bags, winter clothes, heaters, food and water, and much more.

As recently as last week, Rick received a call on Monday and delivered supplies on Tuesday. Rick and his team save lives with his work, and I am extremely privileged to recognize a hero like Rick Grizzell.

FIVE SANTA ANA STUDENTS TAKEN TOO SOON

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

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart to recognize five young students who were taken too soon from the Santa Ana community.

A few weeks ago, five students from the Santa Ana Unified School District were victims of a devastating car crash: Aurelia Robles, Natalia Vidal Zarate, Jacqueline Torres Zarate, Cynthia Torres Zarate, and Emanuel Gonzalez Martinez.

This tragic loss has broken the hearts of our community.

Mr. Speaker, our prayers are with the families of these students. May the souls of Arely, Jacqueline, Natalia, Cynthia, and Manny rest in peace. Our community will never forget them. We miss them dearly. We thank them for the time they spent with us.

CONGRATULATING FRANK ABBATE ON HIS RETIREMENT

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

Mr. HARIDOPOLOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Frank Abbate on his upcoming retirement next Thursday, marking the end of a 36-year career in public service in Brevard County.

Frank has spent the last several years, since 2017, serving as our Brevard County manager. Throughout his tenure, he has played a key role in guiding Brevard County through a period of substantial growth and change.

Frank's steady leadership helped preserve the unique character of our community while meeting the evolving needs of our residents.

Mr. Speaker, as he prepares to close this chapter, I thank Frank for his dedicated service to Brevard County, and I congratulate him on his well-earned retirement.

FIGHTING TO REINSTATE FUNDING FOR PUBLIC TELEVISION

(Ms. ELFRETH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. ELFRETH. Mr. Speaker, I stand here on the House floor as an American proudly and profoundly shaped by the wonder and joy of public television.

Mister Rogers taught us how to be a good neighbor. Bill Nye inspired us to ask questions and never give up on the search for discovery. "Sesame Street" taught us how to read and count while instilling values of sharing and empathy.

Mr. Speaker, I would be hard-pressed to find an American in this Nation whose childhood wasn't profoundly shaped by the magic of public television. For over 50 years, PBS has brought our kids educational, inspiring, and commercial-free media, but last week, the Trump administration issued an executive order slashing Federal funding to NPR and PBS, meaning that smaller stations would lose nearly half of their funding, posing an existential threat to the future of this media.

I contend that the values that PBS taught us all are exactly the values we need in this moment and the values we could use right here in this Chamber: how to think critically, how to care for the Earth and one another with respect and dignity, how to count votes, how to resolve our differences with manners and empathy, all of which is why I continue to push for the reinstatement of these funds so that future generations can benefit as I did. I will be fighting for viewers like you.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS WEEK

(Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to ad-

dress the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of National Correctional Officers Week.

In 1984, President Ronald Reagan designated the first full week of May to honor correctional officers, calling them "a vital component of the field of corrections."

Correctional officers carry out one of the most difficult and dangerous jobs in public service: maintaining the custody, safety, and well-being of inmates in our prisons and jails.

Pennsylvania's 15th Congressional District is home to three such Bureau of Prisons facilities: FCI McKean, FCI Allenwood, and USP Lewisburg.

Throughout my time in Congress, I have worked closely with the correctional officers at these facilities to find solutions in addressing the BOP's biggest obstacles, including addressing chronic staffing shortages plaguing these and other facilities nationwide.

Mr. Speaker, correctional officers serve with professionalism and courage. As we recognize these important law enforcement officers this week, I remain committed to resolving these challenges to protect those who protect our communities. They deserve our full support, and I thank all correctional officers for their service.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF TROY WENDELL PATE, JR.

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

Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the life and legacy of Troy Wendell Pate, Jr., of Goldsboro, North Carolina, who passed at the age of 94.

Mr. Pate was a United States Navy veteran of the Korean war, a lifelong banker, and a dedicated community servant.

After a distinguished career as the CEO of East Coast Savings Bank, he devoted his time to enhancing education, fostering economic development, and strengthening military relations in Wayne County. He served as the trustee and the chair at East Carolina University and was instrumental in helping to bring the Brody School of Medicine into the East.

Mr. Pate also worked tirelessly to support Seymour Johnson Air Force Base, founding the Seymour Support Group and advising Air Force leadership at the highest levels. His many honors include the Air Force Distinguished Public Service award and The Order of the Long Leaf Pine.

Troy Pate's life exemplifies service, leadership, and a deep love for eastern North Carolina and our country.

Mr. Speaker, I extend my deepest condolences to his beloved wife, Joyce, and the Pate family.

RECOGNIZING SMITH'S BAKERIES

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

Mr. FONG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a cherished institution in my district, Smith's Bakeries, located in Bakersfield, California.

Since 1945, Smith's has been more than just a bakery. It has been a pillar of joy in our community. Founded by Howard Smith and Roy Balmain, the goal was simple: to provide the best baked goods possible.

As we celebrate Small Business Week, Smith's Bakeries exemplifies how local businesses can thrive while staying deeply connected to their customers. A key part of their success is Jim Balmain, son of cofounder Roy, who, along with his wife, Jacque, took over in 1985, ensuring the bakery's continued legacy.

Celebrating 80 years of business, Smith's has been a symbol of excellence and community spirit, known for their iconic treats, like the famous happy face cookie.

As Jim Balmain once said: "If you care and you try to do things right, people will appreciate it," and that is exactly what Smith's has done for decades.

Here is to many more years of sweet memories and continued success for one of the most popular small businesses in California's 20th District.

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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 7, 2025.

Hon. MIKE JOHNSON,
The 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 7, 2025, at 11:07 a.m.:

That the Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 12.
That the Senate passed without amendment H.J. Res. 61.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely,

KEVIN F. MCCUMBER,
Clerk.

RECESS

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

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 15 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.