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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. STUTZMAN).

DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,

I hereby appoint the Honorable Marlin A. STUTZMAN to act as a 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 11:50 a.m.

PREVENTING IRAN FROM OBTAINING NUCLEAR WEAPONS

(Mr. BAUMGARTNER of Washington was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. BAUMGARTNER. Mr. Speaker, this week, the President travels to the Middle East on an important trip. It is a moment of great opportunity but also serious risk. As the U.S. pursues deeper partnerships across the gulf, we must remember that American leadership cannot rest on one-off deals or delusions of grand bargains. Our ambitions cannot outpace reality.

Most importantly, Iran lurks in the background of every conversation. Tehran is itching to play spoiler. Its nuclear ambitions and proxy networks remain the chief threat to regional stability, yet we have a rare moment of leverage. Iran's economy is in shambles. Its proxies are degraded, and its air defenses have been exposed.

That is why I introduced a resolution reaffirming that preventing Iran from obtaining nuclear weapons is a nonnegotiable American priority. It reinforces deterrence, clarifies expectations, and ensures congressional oversight, especially regarding any use of

We must not miss this moment. Iran continues to be a serious threat and the main detriment to peace in the Middle East.

COLLEGE SPORTS ARE BROKEN

Mr. BAUMGARTNER. Mr. Speaker, there was welcomed news last week that President Trump is considering a Presidential commission on college athletics. I welcome the President's leadership because college sports are important, but college sports are also

What used to be about school pride and student opportunity has turned into a chaotic, booster-fueled arms race. Regional conferences have been blown apart for television deals, Olympic sports are getting cut, and the balance between education and athletics is long gone.

This isn't the first time a President has had to step in. In 1905, it was Theodore Roosevelt who summoned the top schools to the White House to save college football from itself. He didn't kill the game; he saved it by demanding rules, safety, and common sense. We need that same leadership today, and that is why I am so pleased by President Trump's potential actions.

Let me be clear: College sports are a highly publicly subsidized enterprise. It runs on Federal exemptions, tuition

subsidies, land grants, student fees, and State dollars. Yet, as public dollars prop up the system, the money is ballooning and concentrating.

According to a 2023 report from the Knight Commission, annual revenues across all FBS athletic programs are expected to reach nearly \$21 billion by 2032. Here is the kicker: More than \$16 billion of that is concentrated in just 54 schools. While college sports are important to the entire country, roster spots across all sports are shrinking.

That is why I introduced the Restore College Sports Act to put commonsense guardrails back into place. It restores regional conferences so student athletes aren't crisscrossing the country for absurd TV contracts. It reestablishes competitive balance so the richest programs don't write all the rules. It creates the same transparent revenue-sharing model that protects Title IX, sustains Olympic sports, and keeps student athletes, not donors and agents, at the center of college sports.

Mr. Speaker, I thank President Trump for considering this action, and I call on Congress to work together in a bipartisan fashion to save competitive college sports by restoring competitive balance across the landscape.

SUPPORTING THE WOMEN'S BU-REAU AT THE DEPARTMENT OF

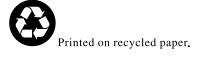
(Ms. Bonamici of Oregon was recognized to address the House for 5 min-

Ms. BONAMICI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to condemn in the strongest terms the attack by DOGE on the Women's Bureau at the Department of Labor, the only Federal agency representing women in the workforce.

Last week, Elon Musk's unelected, unqualified, inept team at DOGE canceled millions of dollars in grants funded through the Women's Bureau by calling them wasteful.

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These terminations decimated the important work of the Women's Bureau, including programs to support survivors of gender-based violence and Women in Apprenticeship and Nontraditional Occupations, which has successfully expanded pathways for women to enter the workforce and lead in all industries, including the trades.

A Department of Labor spokesperson claimed that the Women's Bureau funds discriminatory DEI experiments. I would like to know why exactly they think helping women enter and succeed in the workforce is a discriminatory DEI experiment. Canceling more than \$20 million in congressionally authorized funds is both illegal and unconstitutional, and we must hold DOGE and Secretary Chavez-DeRemer accountable.

Congress established the Women's Bureau 2 months before women officially gained the right to vote, 105 years ago this year. Instead of celebrating its achievements and recognizing the benefits of these grant programs, the Trump administration is trying to send us backward in time, harming millions of women in the process.

Mr. Speaker, I am not going back. I encourage my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to stand with me in support of the Women's Bureau and the crucial opportunities and protections it provides for women in the workforce.

CONGRATULATIONS TO LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL
AND SPRAGUE HIGH SCHOOL

Ms. BONAMICI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate and congratulate two high school teams on their recent cochampionship win of the We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution competition.

Run by the Center for Civic Education, this competition tests the knowledge of high school students from around the country about the U.S. Constitution and American Government. Students display understanding about historical and contemporary constitutional issues, and their breadth of knowledge is incredibly impressive.

I am proud to report that both top teams are from public high schools in Oregon. Lincoln High School and Sprague High School won the national competition in Virginia after competing at the State level and then spending 3 days here in the D.C. metro area at the finals answering tough questions with confidence, intelligence, and grace.

Both teams showed deep knowledge of constitutional law and U.S. history, and this year we saw something amazing. The average team size is 21 students, but the Sprague team had only two. Impressively, the Lincoln team was mostly sophomores, but they all worked hard and it showed. A scoring anomaly resulted in both the Sprague and Lincoln teams earning the title of cochampions for the first time in the competition's history.

Mr. Speaker, I thank the Center for Civic Education for making this opportunity available. I also thank the teachers and coaches who worked with the teams and these impressive students for giving us hope for the future at a time when it is desperately needed

Please join me in congratulating Lincoln High School and Sprague High School on their cochampionship win of We the People: The Citizen and the Constitution competition.

$\begin{array}{c} \text{HONORING SERGEANT MIKE} \\ \text{ANDERSON} \end{array}$

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

Mr. KILEY of California. Mr. Speaker, in honor of National Police Week, I wish to recognize and honor Sergeant Mike Anderson of the Roseville Police Department for his unwavering commitment to serving and protecting the Roseville community.

Sergeant Anderson has had an extraordinary 29-year career in law enforcement with 21 of those years dedicated to the Roseville Police Department. Throughout his tenure, he has held numerous roles, including assignments in patrol, the crime suppression unit, and SWAT. He has also served as investigations sergeant, patrol sergeant, and rangemaster and instructor. In addition to his daily responsibilities. Sergeant Anderson has been a cornerstone of the Roseville-Rocklin Regional SWAT team for over 20 years, with 15 of those years as SWAT team leader

Sergeant Anderson is known for his expertise and for being a calm, capable leader in moments of crisis. He motivates through action, leads by example, and consistently places the wellbeing and performance of his team above all else.

Through his skillful training and leadership, the SWAT team has experienced two decades of success through many critical incidents. The caliber of guidance and mentorship he offers is so exceptional that many officers intentionally choose to remain on the night shifts that he oversees, despite challenging hours, to work and learn under his direction. His influence and the confidence that he inspires among others has shaped generations of officers who have had the privilege of working alongside him.

Sergeant Anderson has strengthened the Roseville Police force and our community is safer as a result of his commitment to the department.

Sergeant Anderson will soon be retiring as the senior, most serving sergeant in the outstanding Roseville Police Department, which is a testament to his dedication, integrity, professionalism, and leadership. It is an honor to represent exemplary individuals like Sergeant Mike Anderson.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of California's Third Congressional District and the United States House of Representatives, I thank and honor Sergeant Anderson for his nearly three decades of serving and protecting the region as a dedicated public servant.

RECOGNIZING LOCAL LAW EN-FORCEMENT OFFICERS IN SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON

(Ms. Perez of Washington was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Ms. PEREZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today during National Police Week to recognize the local law enforcement officers of southwest Washington who work around the clock to protect our community.

During my time in Congress, I have made it a priority to do ride-alongs and roundtables with local law enforcement and other first responders across the district to see firsthand their work and dedication.

These men and women don't have the luxury to view the fentanyl crisis in academic or sanitized terms. They see it in its most brutal, human scale.

I have also had the opportunity to see how we are training and supporting the next generation of officers. In August of last year, I toured the new law enforcement training center located in Clark County in my district. One of the first questions I asked the room was how many of them had children under the age of 5, and about half the room raised their hand. This makes sense, right, because they are at the beginning of their careers.

Before this new regional training center opened, these recruits would have to travel across the State, away from their families, for 5 months to complete the basic law enforcement training academy course. Now they can train closer to home, which is a game changer for recruits with new families.

The work done by law enforcement is exhausting and dangerous, yet absolutely critical. I am committed to ensuring Congress does its part to support our law enforcement partners, but it can't stop with Congress.

Law enforcement officers and their families make huge sacrifices to serve our communities and often feel like their work isn't respected or is intentionally vilified by some. You cannot substitute respect with another Federal grant or program or initiative. We need a cultural shift that values and respects the sacrifices these officers and their families make.

Mr. Speaker, I thank sincerely all of our law enforcement officers, their spouses, their families, and the communities that support them in this incredibly patriotic and challenging calling. I assure them that their work does not go unappreciated.

RECOGNIZING CORRECTIONS OFFICERS

Ms. PEREZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today during National Police Week to recognize corrections officers who have one of the most difficult and stressful roles in our law enforcement.