

This is the hour of decision. This is the time for every person of good will to make a decision. I stand for peace in Palestine and the two-state solution.

There are those who say that there is no plan for the interregnum, what we call the day after. Mr. Netanyahu does have a plan. It is to take all of Palestine. It is to take all of Gaza. It is to take the West Bank. He has a plan. Don't assume that because he is going in without our permission that he doesn't have a plan; he does.

My plan is to vote against any additional funds to the State of Israel.

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

CELEBRATING HEAD START'S 60th BIRTHDAY

(Mrs. MCBATH of Georgia was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mrs. MCBATH. Mr. Speaker, this weekend marks a very important anniversary in our Nation's history. On May 18, we celebrate the 60th birthday of Head Start. I take this time to acknowledge the leaders and advocates from the YMCA of Metropolitan Atlanta, Georgia's largest Head Start provider.

Through the years, my office has developed an outstanding partnership with the YMCA of Metropolitan Atlanta as we work hand in hand to serve our children. Next week, the supporters of Head Start from across Metropolitan Atlanta will gather to wish a happy birthday to this critically important Federal program.

Mr. Speaker, 60 years ago, President Lyndon Baines Johnson spoke from the Rose Garden to announce the opening of 2,000 child development centers across the country.

Project Head Start was developed as a community-driven initiative to ensure that children born into poverty would not remain there for the rest of their lives. In order to get a good head start on the future, children would receive preschool training to get them ready for school. They would receive medical and dental care. Their parents would receive counseling on how to provide the best environments for them at home.

Mr. Speaker, 60 years later, Head Start's legacy continues to make America proud. This Federal program has served nearly 40 million American children. From classrooms to the kitchen table, Head Start walks alongside our families and their young children to serve them through the four pillars of every Head Start program, from education, health services, family involvement, and wraparound services.

The benefits of Head Start are clear. Children who attend Head Start are more likely to complete high school and more likely to enroll and complete college. They are less likely to have run-ins with the law, less likely to

enter foster care, and less likely to experience poor health.

I am proud to serve in Congress with notable Head Start alumni, such as my colleagues Representative TONY GONZALES, TERESA LEGER FERNANDEZ, ANDRÉ CARSON, JAHANA HAYES, and of course, Georgia's very own Senator RAPHAEL WARNOCK.

Sadly, over the last 60 years, the transformational legacy of Project Head Start seems to have been forgotten and its future has faced recent threats by many of the Republican colleagues and the Trump administration. Just last month, a leaked Republican budget proposed a complete elimination of funding for Head Start. In Georgia alone, over 22,000 children would stand to lose out on the opportunity to participate in this life-changing and transformative program.

As a mother who fights for the safety and success of every child in America, I will not be silent in the face of these attacks. That is why I have been standing up and sounding the alarm, working to educate people back home about what these cuts would mean for our community, not only in Georgia but all across the Nation. Georgia is facing a childcare crisis. At a time when access to childcare is severely limited, cuts to Head Start would impact not just the lives of the children and their families but our entire communities.

Head Start is a core component of our local economy, and without access to this option, many parents would be forced out of their jobs. Head Start affords working families the peace of mind that their children will be safe, healthy, and well cared for during the day.

Just as President Johnson did, we are continuing to fight for investments and opportunities for our children so that they have the tools necessary to achieve their highest ambitions. Federal investment in the foundational development of our children must remain our national priority.

As we prepare to wish Head Start a happy 60th birthday, I call on all Georgians and all Americans across this country to take action and speak out in support of our children. What we do today matters a great deal for the future of our next generation.

It is my hope and my prayer that 60 years from now this body will be comprised of many more Head Start alumni, living proof that this program must continue.

LETTER TO SECRETARY NOEM AND SECRETARY RUBIO

(Mr. LATIMER of New York was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. LATIMER. Mr. Speaker, I recently wrote a letter to Secretary Noem and Secretary Rubio, which I will share with my colleagues.

"I write today to express my grave concern over the administration's apparent misuse of obscure provisions in

our Nation's immigration laws to deport or detain indefinitely individuals without due process. Independent of whether a noncitizen is guilty of what they are being accused, I fear these actions are setting a bad precedent that undermine the American justice system, runs contrary to the letter and the spirit of the U.S. law, and pose a risk to American citizens at home and abroad.

"The Fifth Amendment provides that all persons in the United States are entitled to due process of law, including, at minimum, notice, an opportunity to be heard, and a decision by a neutral decisionmaker. Contrary to this constitutional protection, the administration has decided to leverage exceptions in the law, such as invoking the foreign policy bar of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) and/or the Enemies Alien Act of 1798 as its reasoning for detaining or deporting individuals without due process.

"The foreign policy bar of the INA states that if the Secretary of State has reasonable grounds to believe an alien's entry, proposed activities, presence, or activities in the United States would have 'potentially serious adverse foreign policy consequences for the United States, that person can be excluded or deported from the United States.'

□ 1115

"Similarly, the Alien Enemies Act of 1798 permits summary deportations during times of war and was last invoked during World War II. These provisions now have novelly been used during peacetime as grounds to send Department of Homeland Security agents to the homes of individuals with varied alien status, including permanent residents and asylum seekers, arrest them, and either detain them indefinitely or forcibly deport them. Lawyers representing the subjects have been denied access to their clients as well as access to the warrants and other official documents. Judicial orders have been blatantly ignored and courts denied access to potentially evidentiary information.

"I am concerned these actions by the administration are simply a trial balloon to expand Presidential authority without judicial or legislative oversight in order to detain individuals at their will or discretion. The constitutional checks and balances and our Bill of Rights have been the envy of the free world and a warning to dictators everywhere that a nation can be strong and secure and at the same time show forbearance in the administration of justice. Seeing the erosion of these concepts in our own Nation is disheartening, to say the least, and a dangerous precedent to entertain for any free people.

"It is my responsibility to speak out, not because I agree with the affected individuals or sanction acts for which they are accused, but because if we wish to live in a democratic society, we

must defend the lawful rights of all, including those whose actions make them subject to the American justice system. The actions taken by the administration to arrest, detain, or deport without lawful due process sets a dangerous precedent for us all, even those who one day may count themselves among former holders of high office. Americans also now risk being subject to retaliatory treatment in other countries. Given the centuries-old protections granted by our Constitution, I urge the administration to rethink its actions in order to preserve the letter and the spirit of our American laws."

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 11 o'clock and 17 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. DAVIDSON) at noon.

PRAYER

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

What would You have us do today, O Lord?

What decisions would You have us make?

What words would You have us speak?

What actions would You have us take?

Teach us Your way this day, O Lord, that we may rely on Your faithfulness.

Then give us an undivided heart that when we are faced with challenges, we would rely on Your wisdom; when we are met with resistance, we would count on Your strength; when we face doubt, we would believe in Your eternal grace plan; when we are overwhelmed with fatigue, we would know Your everlasting arms will uphold us.

Great is Your love toward us, O God. May our lives this day reflect our faith in Your steadfast love.

In Your sovereign 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.

TRUMP PROMOTES FREE SYRIA

(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, President Donald Trump has begun the first trade trip of his second term, announcing a historic agreement with Saudi Arabia and others to invest \$1.4 trillion in America, creating jobs.

More historic foreign policy wins are expected as President Trump and Secretary of State Marco Rubio continue their trip now to Qatar and then UAE.

Courageously, President Donald Trump announced yesterday he is lifting sanctions on Syria to provide the country a "chance at greatness." Sanctions were imposed on the murderous Assad dictatorship, which in November declared: I was an enemy of the state, and weeks later the dictator fled to Moscow.

Today was a historic meeting between President Trump and Syrian President Ahmed al-Sharaa, as arranged by Saudi Arabia and Turkiye, with the opportunity to expel Russian bases from Syria.

In conclusion, God bless our troops as the global war on terrorism continues. Trump is reinstituting existing laws to protect American families with peace through strength, revealing war criminal Putin lies, hosting murderous dictators.

MEDICAID BENEFITS ALL OF US

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

Mr. CASTEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise in your defense and in defense of all of your fellow Medicaid beneficiaries.

Now before you say, wait a minute, Medicaid is for poor people, and I am not poor. Here is the thing: If you cut Medicaid, community health centers shut down, which means that instead of preventative care, folks go to emergency rooms. If you ever need urgent medical attention, and there is an ER bed available, you are a Medicaid beneficiary.

If you cut Medicaid, public school kids with special needs won't get the targeted resources that they need. If you are a kid or if you are the parent

of a kid who is getting help from a teacher who is not otherwise overwhelmed by their workload, then you are a Medicaid beneficiary.

If you cut Medicaid, a whole lot of hospitals will close. If you have an operating hospital within driving distance of your home, congratulations, you are a Medicaid beneficiary.

Medicaid benefits all of us. Yet, the Republican plan that they are debating would cut that program by \$700 billion, making us all sicker, more vulnerable, and making sure that people die. However, at least they can tell Donald Trump that they gave him a tax cut.

I hope they are proud of themselves because no one else is.

CONDEMNING ATTACKS ON KNOWLEDGE AND HISTORY

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

Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to condemn President Trump's attack on knowledge and on history.

Last week, he fired our beloved Librarian of Congress. He fired the head of the U.S. Copyright Office for perhaps writing a report that his tech billionaire backers didn't agree with. He has cut funding for the National Endowment for the Arts and for the National Endowment for the Humanities. This is cutting funding for important programs that tell our history, that tell our culture across the United States.

In New Mexico, we are proud of our diverse, and often conflicting and difficult, but always fascinating history and culture. I ask President Trump why is he afraid of the complexities and the brilliance of our history?

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2240, IMPROVING LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER SAFETY AND WELLNESS THROUGH DATA ACT; PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2243, LEOSA REFORM ACT; AND PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2255, FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER SERVICE WEAPON PURCHASE ACT OF 2025

Mr. ROY. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 405 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 405

Resolved, That upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to consider in the House any bill specified in section 2 of this resolution. All points of order against consideration of each such bill are waived. The respective amendments in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary now printed in each such bill shall be considered as adopted. Each such bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. All points of order against provisions