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Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, June 9, 2025, at 3 p.m.

House of Representatives

FRIDAY, JUNE 6, 2025

The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker.

PRAYER

Giani Surinder Singh, Gurdwara South Jersey Sikh Society, Vineland, New Jersey, offered the following prayer:

“Ik Onkar Satguru Prasad”; “One universal creator God, by the grace of the true guru.”

Almighty God, Waheguru, we call You by many names, but You are one. Keep Your divine hand over the Members of this House as they help steer the future of our great Nation. Keep truth on our tongues, love in our hearts, and sound judgment in our minds. Remind us of our purpose: to love and serve one another and create a more peaceful world.

We ask for blessings unto all leaders as they work for the common good. Give all who govern this land humility, courage, integrity, and compassion. Release each one of us from ego so that we may serve selflessly. Help us remember that we belong to one family.

Recognize the entire human race as one.

We ask of the Almighty to also keep watch over our Nation’s protectors who work tirelessly day and night to ensure our safety and our freedom.

You are everywhere, all are Yours. Whatever is seen, O God, is Your form. My Lord, You are but one.

In the name of Nanak, find everlasting optimism, with Your will. Almighty God, may there be grace for entire humanity.

We pay homage to all the martyrs of the world who fought for liberty, justice, and equality.

“Smooch Shaheedan Nu Kot Kot Parnam”; “My homage to all martyrs in the world.”

“Waheguru Ji Ka Khalsa”; “The Khalsa belongs to God.”

“Waheguru Ji Kee Fateh”; “Victory belongs to God.”

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day’s proceedings and announces to the Chamber the approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1 of rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentlewoman from Pennsylvania (Ms. DEAN) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania 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.

WELCOMING HEAD GRANTHI GIANI SURINDER SINGH

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the gentleman from New Jersey (Mr. VAN DREW) is recognized for 1 minute. There was no objection.

Mr. VAN DREW. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor today to welcome Giani Singh as our guest chaplain.

Giani Singh has served as Head Granthi at the Gurdwara in Vineland, New Jersey, since 2012.

Day after day, year after year, he leads not just with words but with example, with peace, with humility, and with service toward all.

These are not just Sikh values. They are American values. They truly are human values. We have seen that shared spirit in action.

Today is the 81st anniversary of D-day. On the beaches of Normandy, Sikh soldiers fought shoulder to shoulder with Allied forces. That same spirit and that same bravery lives on today, as Sikh Americans continue to serve our great communities in the great Nation of the United States of America.

Mr. Speaker, I thank all my colleagues for coming here today.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BOST). The Chair will entertain up to five further requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

NATIONAL TRAILS DAY

(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 today to recognize the upcoming National Trails Day, a celebration of America’s vast and scenic trail system.

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June 7 is National Trails Day, a call to get outside and enjoy the natural beauty that surrounds us.

I am especially proud to highlight a true gem in my district, the Trails at Jakes Rocks, located in the heart of the Pennsylvania Wilds.

This stunning trail system was named Pennsylvania's 2024 Trail of the Year and for good reason. It offers world-class mountain biking and breathtaking views across the Allegheny National Forest, welcoming everyone from beginners to seasoned outdoor enthusiasts.

In today's digital world, our trails remind us of the value of unplugging and reconnecting with nature, with one another, and with ourselves.

Trails like Jakes Rocks are more than just pathways. They are investments in public health, economic development, and quality of life.

Mr. Speaker, I thank the volunteers, local leaders, and outdoor enthusiasts who have made this trail possible.

AID TO GAZA

(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, Gaza is starving. Since March, Palestinians have waited for food, water, medical supplies, and nutrition kits that have not come.

Instead, an estimated 170,000 metric tons of aid sits right outside the Gaza Strip, prohibited to enter by Prime Minister Netanyahu.

Let me be clear. Since October 7, the return of all hostages, living and dead, has been my priority. They must be returned home to their loved ones, living and deceased.

Dignity must be afforded Palestinians, as well. Children must be fed. Doctors must be able to treat the injured and the dying. As of now, that has not happened.

Instead, there is chaos, gunfire, and imminent death. Half of the 2.3 million Gazans soon face starvation. Gaza is at risk of an avoidable famine.

Look at this photo of a young girl in her father's arms who has lost more than 40 percent of her body weight. That is the condition in Gaza.

Look at this photo of desperately needed aid sitting right outside reach.

Where is our humanity? Where is our compassion? We must bring aid, hope, and life to Gaza.

HONORING A.E. "PETER" PIERCE

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

Mr. EZELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the life and legacy of a great Mississippian, A.E. "Peter" Pierce of Helena, who went home to be with the Lord in the early morning hours of May 24.

Peter was the best to everyone. He was a devoted husband to his beloved,

Grace, for 69 years; a U.S. Army veteran; a hardworking father; grandfather; and public servant.

He was a man whose quiet faith was lived out in everyday acts of service. From the shipyards of Pascagoula to the halls of the Jackson County Board of Supervisors, from coaching Little League to mowing the church lawn, even after his diagnosis, Peter gave his time, his energy, and his heart to others.

He was a faithful member of Escatawpa Assembly of God, a friend to the forgotten, and a kind man who cooked Christmas breakfast for his grandkids, always reminding them he was the most blessed man on Earth.

We grieve his loss, but we celebrate a life well lived, and we thank God for the example he gave us.

LIFESAVING FOREIGN AID

(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 today for the 17th time to demand that the Trump administration deliver on its promise to restore funding for lifesaving food aid.

This so-called pause on lifesaving food aid is unnecessary and unconscionable.

"Anybody who tells you that we can slash foreign aid and that will bring us to balance is lying to you." Foreign aid is less than 1 percent of our budget. That is a quote from Marco Rubio before he worked for Donald Trump. This is not how we solve our budget problem. A fraction of a fraction of a percent of the Federal budget goes to lifesaving global food aid.

The Trump administration has said they will restore it. They need to follow their own words and do so immediately before more lives are lost.

I will keep speaking on this floor every day until they do.

HONORING EMBRY-RIDDLE AERONAUTICAL UNIVERSITY

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

Mr. FINE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the women's rowing team at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University on their first-ever national championship as a rowing team and to recognize the university for its first-ever national championship since it joined the NCAA II era.

They won this race, rowing more than a mile, 2000 meters, in Mercer Lake, New Jersey. If we think about it, that is a long way to row. I understand this. I have two sons who are rowers. It is a very, very challenging sport. I congratulate them for doing it.

Not only did they win the national championship but Head Coach Grant Maddock earned the Sunshine State Conference Coach of the Year honors.

Soleil Edwards, my son's former teammate, was named winner of the NCAA ELITE 90 award. This means she had the highest GPA of anyone rowing at that national championship.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate them, and I wish them the best of luck in the season ahead.

WELCOMING NONSTOP FLIGHT FROM INDIANAPOLIS TO DUBLIN

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

Mr. SHREVE. Mr. Speaker, Indiana is at the Crossroads of America. The Indianapolis International Airport is in my district. It is one of the reasons we proudly hold the claim to the distinction of Crossroads of America.

This past month, Indianapolis International Airport welcomed a nonstop transatlantic flight to one of our gates. The flight from Indianapolis to Dublin on Aer Lingus marked the start of daily nonstop service to this European gateway and onward connections throughout Europe.

Importantly, it represents an important economic development tool. Indianapolis has long been recognized as one of our country's best midsize airports. We completed a multiyear, multibillion-dollar infrastructure project to ensure that Indianapolis is prepared for our growing economy.

In addition to 53 nonstop designations served by Indianapolis, we are the home of FedEx's national hub, only the second largest in the country for FedEx. Our maiden Aer Lingus flight is a testament to the strength of Indianapolis and reflects the global reach of our Hoosier economy.

I look forward to continuing my work to enhance IND and other airports across Indiana's Sixth District.

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AMERICAN ENTREPRENEURS FIRST ACT OF 2025

Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to House Resolution 458, I call up the bill (H.R. 2966) to require the Administrator of the Small Business Administration to require an applicant for certain loans of the Administration to provide certain citizenship status documentation, and for other purposes, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 458, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Small Business, printed in the bill, is adopted and the bill, as amended, is considered read.

The text of the bill, as amended, is as follows:

H.R. 2966

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,