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The House met at noon and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. FINE).

DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
June 9, 2025.

I hereby appoint the Honorable RANDY FINE to act as 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 1:50 p.m.

DOGE RESCISSIONS PACKAGE

(Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, this week, the House will vote on the first DOGE rescissions package that will claw back nearly \$10 billion in wasteful spending. The American public expects their government to be good stewards of taxpayer dollars and to use their taxpayer dollars for programs that advance Americans.

However, for years, billions of dollars have been shelled out for ridiculous,

wasteful programs like the \$6 million to create net zero cities in Mexico, the \$3 million for Iraqi Sesame Street, or even the \$2 million for Green New Deal policies in Africa and Asia.

During a time when our Nation is trillions of dollars in debt, our government needs to be focused on serving the needs of American citizens. The American people voted to return our Nation to fiscal sanity with the election of President Trump in November. Now it is time that we fully deliver on President Trump's agenda.

Promises made, promises kept.

THE SCOURGE OF DEADLY FENTANYL

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to strongly support the HALT Fentanyl Act. This is critical legislation that will increase penalties for the criminals who produce, traffic, and sell this poison.

In 2023, one Pennsylvanian died every 2 hours from an overdose, with the overwhelming majority of these resulting from fentanyl poisoning. Our Nation has lost too many lives because of this deadly scourge on our communities.

It is no secret that the Mexican drug cartels recruit college chemistry majors to chemically alter fentanyl precursors to make the drug even more deadly, and the Chinese Communist Party happily supplies them with the chemicals that they need to achieve this goal.

This legislation will classify fentanyl analogs as a schedule I drug to allow our law enforcement and Border Patrol the ability to effectively seize these drugs. This will result in harsher penalties for the criminals who are responsible for this epidemic.

Our Nation cannot wait any longer as we lose thousands of Americans every day to this poison.

Mr. Speaker, I look forward to supporting this legislation on the floor, and I encourage all of my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to support it as well.

NATIONAL DAIRY MONTH

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, this month we celebrate National Dairy Month to highlight the dairy industry and the hardworking men and women who work tirelessly to produce the dairy products that we know and love.

My home State of Pennsylvania produces 9.8 billion pounds of milk annually from the nearly 465,000 dairy cows that reside in Pennsylvania. The 4,850 dairy farms located throughout Pennsylvania represent nearly 20 percent of our Nation's dairy farms. These farms provide 52,000 jobs across the Commonwealth and bring in more than \$10 billion in annual revenue.

Pennsylvania's dairy industry is not just an important industry for the Commonwealth's economy, but it is also a way of life for the dairymen and -women who work hard to put food on our tables.

As we celebrate National Dairy Month, I want to thank the hardworking men and women throughout Pennsylvania and throughout our country who support the American dairy industry.

HONORING WORLD WAR II VETERAN SAM WORLEY ON HIS 104TH BIRTHDAY

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor World War II veteran and Franklin County resident Sam Worley as he celebrated his 104th birthday this past weekend.

In 1942, Sam was drafted into the U.S. Air Force and by 1943 was stationed in England as a member of the Eighth Air Force's First Bomb Group.

Sam was tasked with decoding incoming orders for American bombers and their fighter plane escorts, which is a critical role that allowed our planes to carry out devastating bombing runs over Europe.

After his discharge in 1945, Sam and his wife moved to Chambersburg where they raised their children, Bill and Elaine. However, Sam's service to his

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country did not stop when he returned from World War II. Sam has been incredibly active in Franklin County, serving as a judge of elections, Franklin County commissioner, Chambersburg Council president, and mayor of Chambersburg.

Sam Worley's commitment has never slowed down. Sam is still a vibrant member of our community, bringing so much love and joy to everyone whom he meets.

On behalf of everyone throughout Pennsylvania's 13th Congressional District, I want to personally wish Sam a happy 104th birthday.

HONORING THE EXTRAORDINARY LIFE AND LEGACY OF DICK GARWIN

(Mr. FOSTER of Illinois was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. FOSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the extraordinary life and legacy of Dr. Richard Garwin, known to all as Dick Garwin, a physicist whose intellect shaped the modern world and whose conscience helped protect it.

Dick was the principal designer of the first hydrogen bomb, a pioneer in national security and arms control, and a trusted adviser to Presidents spanning from Eisenhower to Obama. He authored over 500 scientific papers, held dozens of patents, and was a relentless advocate for using science in service of humanity.

When I announced my support for the Iran nuclear deal, I was deeply honored to have Dick Garwin standing by my side. His presence carried immense weight, not just because of his expertise in nuclear weapons, but because of his lifelong commitment to reducing their threat.

Dick's genius was matched only by his humility. He never sought fame, only progress.

Mr. Speaker, may we carry forward his legacy with the same courage and moral clarity that defined his life.

THE NEIGHBOR PROJECT

Mr. FOSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize The Neighbor Project, an exceptional partner in expanding access to homeownership in Aurora, Illinois, and in surrounding communities led by my friend, Rick Guzman.

Since 2018, The Neighbor Project has empowered Aurora families to lower debt, build credit, and achieve homeownership. Through down-payment assistance and financial education, they have helped generate millions in savings for Illinoisans.

Their work is more critical than ever as Trump's on-again, off-again tariff policies threaten to drive up construction costs and exacerbate the housing affordability crisis. To make matters worse, Trump and Republicans' big, ugly bill would strip away healthcare and food assistance during a time when families are already struggling to afford housing costs.

While Republicans continue to push policies that drive up the cost-of-living and deepen inequality, organizations like The Neighbor Project are fighting to close the gap.

I am proud to recognize their work and will continue fighting alongside them to make the dream of homeownership accessible for Illinois families.

NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION'S GRADUATE RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

Mr. FOSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call out the Trump administration for yet another reckless assault on science and education.

Recently, the Trump administration slashed over 1,000 fellowships from the National Science Foundation's graduate research fellowship program, cutting financial support from graduate student researchers in STEM fields.

This competitive program has long been a pillar of American innovation. Nobel Prize winners, tech entrepreneurs, and national security experts have all gotten their start through this program.

These cuts are only part of the administration's broader antiscience agenda. Trump is pushing a 55 percent budget reduction for the National Science Foundation at a time when the agency is already issuing new grants at the slowest rate in more than three decades. This isn't just about education for graduate students or line items on a spreadsheet. It is about our future competitiveness, our economy, and our national security.

At a time when countries like China are doubling down on scientific investment, the Trump administration chose to pull the plug on our pipeline of talent, undermining their future in science.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to stand up for science, for students, and for America's future.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until 2 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 10 minutes p.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 (Mrs. KIM) at 2 p.m.

PRAYER

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

Hope of the ages, the light of our forebears, the promise of our salvation, give us a fresh vision of the work You are doing in our day, that we may see how You would have us participate in Your eternal and perfect plan.

Reveal to us a glimpse of what You alone can do and will do in our lives, in our communities, and in this world, so that we may leave behind our personal preoccupations, and delight to partake in Your divine design.

Then empower us to share that hopeful vision with others. Ground us in your goodness and refresh us with Your encouraging word. Inspire us anew to put our faith in action that all we do and say would be a beacon of hope for this wanting world.

We pray in the name of the One who is our hope and redemption.

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.

HONORING THE U.S. ARMY 250th ANNIVERSARY

(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. Madam Speaker, 250 years ago, on June 14th, the United States Army was founded.

Established by the Second Continental Congress, this marked the first American national military force a year before signing the Declaration of Independence.

The Army transitioned from a horse-mounted cavalry to a modernized force of over 940,000 Active-Duty, Reserve, and National Guard soldiers.

I was inspired by my father, First Lieutenant Hugh Wilson, who served with the Flying Tigers in the Army Air Corps, defending India and liberating China. I am grateful to have 31 years in the Army, with three sons who have served: Alan in Iraq, Julian in Egypt, and Hunter in Afghanistan.

Aptly summarized by the Army itself, "Older than the Nation it defends," the U.S. Army has made a difference in history.

While protecting the homeland and keeping wars foreign, the U.S. Army has liberated more countries from oppression than any other Army in world history.

In conclusion, God bless our troops as the global war on terrorism continues.