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

DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
June 10, 2025.

I hereby appoint the Honorable PAUL A. GOSAR 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 11:50 a.m.

EXPRESSING GRATITUDE FOR THE FBI INVESTIGATION IN KELSO

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

Ms. PEREZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my profound and deep gratitude to the Kelso Police Department, the FBI, and Columbia County Sheriff's Office.

On May 19, the FBI Portland field office was given a tip that there was a potential threat to the Three Rivers Crossing, a mall located in my district in Kelso. An investigation was immediately

launched in coordination with local partners, and law enforcement was able to identify the teenage suspect the next day.

During the investigation, law enforcement had discovered the suspect had shared heinous, detailed plans for a mass shooting in online chat rooms and had the intent and means to carry out a horrific attack.

People rarely get thanked for the fires they prevent, the disasters they forestall, and the wreck that doesn't happen. I think it is incredibly important that we pause and recognize the skill, dedication, intelligence, and the bravery that these officers and law enforcement agents exemplified in preventing what would have been a horrifying event.

We are grateful for the families that weren't torn apart, the pain that wasn't caused, and the lives that weren't wrecked.

We are so grateful for the work and the diligence they represent every day, and we thank them for their dedication and work.

It is also important that we spend time understanding what the root causes of this evil are: the rot of isolation, the impotence of rage, the mental illness, the corrosion of social networks, and how we have gotten to this point where we are.

To each officer who worked to keep southwest Washington safe, from the bottom of my heart, I thank them. Families are together today because of their work.

THURSTON COUNTY NAZIS

Ms. PEREZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a recent arrest made by the Thurston County Sheriff's Office in my district.

On June 1, two men illegally gained access to Joint Base Lewis-McChord in Pierce County. Once inside, they broke into a U.S. Army Ranger operational facility, where they were discovered. After assaulting the man who found

them with both a hammer and a knife, they fled with about \$14,000 worth of stolen military equipment and weapons.

After an extensive investigation to identify the two assailants, the Army Criminal Investigation Division reached out to the Thurston County Sheriff's Office for assistance in executing an arrest warrant.

The FBI SWAT team who executed the arrest in Lacey, Washington, found 35 weapons, including rifles and a machine gun, as well as a large amount of Nazi paraphernalia in every room of that home. Both suspects were actively involved in Nazi white nationalist efforts.

Mr. Speaker, thanks to the quick work of the Thurston County Sheriff's Office, the Army, and the FBI, these two dangerous men were identified and taken into custody.

Mr. Speaker, I thank the Thurston County Sheriff's Office for keeping Washington safe.

HONORING THE MEMORY OF SERGEANT CHARLES MARTIN

(Mr. HARIDOPOLOS of Florida was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. HARIDOPOLOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the memory of Sergeant Charles Martin, a proud veteran of World War II and today's Brevard County June veteran nominee and honoree.

Charles began his service in the merchant marine, bravely taking on the dangerous mission of guarding Allied shipping routes from prowling U-boats and Stuka dive-bombers.

His commitment carried him across the globe from the Atlantic to the shores of Japan. There, he took part in the Allied occupation as a member of the 5th Air Force and, in his own words, had the incredible honor of being saluted by General Douglas MacArthur himself.

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Sergeant Martin was part of the Greatest Generation, a group of Americans who gave years to defend liberty and defeat tyranny. We owe it to them and to Charles to ensure their sacrifices are never forgotten.

So, today, Mr. Speaker, we honor Sergeant Charles Martin, our good friend from Brevard County.

RECOGNIZING AVIATOR AVA HERNANDEZ

Mr. HARIDOPOLOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Ava Hernandez, a recipient of the prestigious 2025 Ray Aviation Scholarship, an honor that will support her journey to earning a private pilot's license.

Ava was nominated for this scholarship by the Brevard County Experimental Aircraft Association chapter in appreciation of her love for aviation, constant volunteer work, dedication to flight training, and her stellar academic performance.

Ava's passion for aviation grew from her involvement in The 99th Squadron, a Brevard County-based nonprofit organization that exposes middle and high school students to the fundamentals of flight.

Ava's commitment to aviation is truly admiral, and I thank those who have encouraged youth involvement in the industry, such as the EAA and The 99th Squadron, for shaping the next generation of pilots.

Congratulations to Ava on her accomplishment, an honor well-earned.

ADDRESSING OUR EXPLODING DEFICIT

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

Mr. KHANNA. Mr. Speaker, one of the largest challenges our country faces is exploding deficits. The Republican budget would add \$2.4 trillion over 10 years to the existing deficits.

Let me show this chart. On this chart, the yellow line shows the existing deficits as they currently are projected. The Republicans would take those existing deficits and add, over 10 years, \$2.4 trillion.

Now, Ray Dalio and Jamie Dimon have said that this is a disaster and that the bond markets are afraid.

Why are the bond markets afraid?

It is because they know that the Fed would engage in quantitative easing, buying up more Treasury bonds, as people outside view the Treasuries as more risky. This will lower the value of the dollar, and it will make basically all Americans poorer.

However, people are tired of just hearing one side bash the other side about deficits and no one doing anything about it. So, today, we are introducing a plan, a real plan, to lower deficits in America.

This plan would take the deficit down over the next 10 years to below 3 percent of GDP. The historic leverage over the last 40, 50 years has been under 4 percent of GDP.

As far as the Republican plan, by the way, independent analysis takes the

deficits to 8.6 percent of GDP. That is the highest it has ever been in peacetime. Our plan would take it back down to under 4 percent.

Mr. Speaker, here you see the Republican deficits, here you see the current deficits and here you see our plan which would reduce deficits by \$12 trillion.

Now, Mr. Speaker, you say: How are we going to do this deficit reduction?

Where are the spending cuts, and where are the revenue generators?

It is pretty simple actually. We need to start with the Pentagon and modernizing the Pentagon. This is what Elon Musk actually signed up to do with SpaceX and initially with DOGE. He wanted to cut the bloated defense contractors and the waste out of the Pentagon. We need not cost-plus accounting. We need new competition.

Secondly, we need to go after negotiating with Big Pharma. Medicare should be negotiating drug prices.

Third, we should be stopping Medicare Advantage from ripping off the American people. They are upcoding, and they are making people sicker than they actually are. We should make competitive procurement for the government.

None of this, by the way, is in the Republican plan. These are the big-ticket items that would actually start to reduce the deficit. They always say that our side is not for spending cuts. Right here are actual spending cuts of what we can be doing to reduce the deficit.

Also, Musk has called for ending fossil fuel subsidies. Let's have some revenue generators. We have to vote to cut spending and generate revenue.

Let's tax billionaires. I never understood the billionaire argument. I have more billionaires than anyone in this Chamber. There are five trillion-dollar companies in my district: Apple, Google, Nvidia, Broadcom, and Tesla. I am saying: Let's raise taxes on them.

I don't understand how this is a hard vote for 434 other Members of Congress. We should be making sure that we are taxing our stock buybacks. We should be making sure that when we have large inheritances that people who are inheriting it actually have to pay capital gains so that we, in this country, start to reward hard work again and not just speculation.

This is so we celebrate the people who are doing daily work and paying taxes as opposed to just speculators who are avoiding taxes.

Anyway, this plan would reduce the deficit, reduce debt by \$12 trillion over 10 years, and it would also reduce the interest payments on the deficit every year which would add an extra \$2 trillion of savings.

Now, I am not saying this plan is perfect, but here is what I think every Member of Congress should do: Propose how you are going to reduce the deficits, and tell the American people how the math works.

Every Member of Congress owes that to their constituents.

Mr. Speaker, if you disagree with me, then have your own plan. Here is what I do know: The Republican plan is just going to explode deficits, and it is going to hurt the American economy and make us all poorer.

I hope, Mr. Speaker, we can come together in this body to be honest with the American people, to actually have a calculator to do math, and to propose real plans for deficit reduction.

CONGRATULATING GREG PARKER, RETAILER EXECUTIVE OF THE YEAR

(Mr. CARTER of Georgia was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate Greg Parker on being named 2025 Retailer Executive of the Year by Convenience Store News.

Greg, the founder and CEO of Parker's Kitchen, has grown his business from one store in 1976 to his 100th in a grand opening in April of 2025.

His brand has become a role model in business, being synonymously described as clean, friendly, profitable, and philanthropic. Greg exhibits the best characteristics of this award. He is a leader. He positively impacts his community, and he strives for business excellence.

He is often recognized for his significant philanthropic efforts, recently donating \$20 million to the Savannah Community Foundation. This generous donation is just one of many throughout his successful career.

Mr. Speaker, the First District of Georgia appreciates Greg and his many years of friendship.

SAVANNAH: OUR NATION'S TOP HONEYMOON DESTINATION

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize Savannah's recent distinction as one of the Nation's top honeymoon destinations. The city was ranked sixth overall, accompanied by renowned areas such as Palm Springs, Napa Valley, and Miami.

Savannah's downtown offers visitors a plethora of experiences. The Savannah Historic District offers preserved architecture and museums for history enthusiasts. Broughton Street offers a wide range of shopping options, featuring a mix of small, local shops and larger commercial retailers.

If visitors prefer a more relaxing experience, Tybee Island is just 15 minutes away. On Tybee Island, vacationers can enjoy the serene beaches, outdoor activities, and coastal relaxation.

Savannah's distinctive blend of cultural richness and coastal beauty makes it an ideal destination for new-luweds.

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HONORING ROBERT HEADLEY

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Robert Headley, for receiving the Student Organization Leader of the Year Award at Georgia Southern University.