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

DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
June 11, 2025.

I hereby appoint the Honorable RUDY YAKYM III, 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.

RECOGNIZING LAUREN MATTHEW OF WEST VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL STATE CHAMPION

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

Mr. BAUMGARTNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding Lauren Matthew of West Valley High School of Spokane, the rightful State champion in the girls' 400-meter race.

Lauren is the winner. However, the Washington State high school record books will tell a different story.

Last weekend, a transgender athlete claimed the Class 2A girls' State title

in the 400-meter dash for the second year in a row. Every person in this country deserves dignity and respect, but this outcome is unfair and deeply troubling.

Keeping women's sports female is common sense and an issue that unites the vast majority of Americans. Transgender males should not be competing in girls' athletic events. It is not just unfair. It is a betrayal of the young women who dedicate themselves to excellence through hard work and training.

Like many others, I welcomed President Trump's executive order earlier this year, keeping men out of women's sports, as a step in the right direction. However, in Washington State, the law still requires schools to allow participation in sports based on gender identity, not biological sex. That violates Title IX and Federal protections for women's athletics.

We honor these young ladies like Lauren Matthews for their commitment, their discipline, and their performance. Moreover, we will keep fighting to ensure fairness in women's sports is not just a talking point but a promise kept. Their achievements deserve to be celebrated.

Here in this Chamber, Lauren Matthews and all the young female athletes out there just like her are celebrated.

Here in the Halls of Washington, D.C., in our Nation's Capitol on the floor of Congress, I am proud to recognize Lauren as the champion of the State 400-meter dash. She is an outstanding athlete and an inspiration to so many young girls and young athletes out there, including my own.

Mr. Speaker, I encourage Lauren to keep running hard, keep working, keep inspiring, keep winning, and know that we in Congress have her back.

ECONOMIC HARM OF TARIFFS IN NEW YORK STATE

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

Mr. KENNEDY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to sound the alarm on the economic harm President Trump's reckless tariff policies continue to cause across this country, especially in my district of western New York.

Make no mistake, Mr. Speaker, these tariffs are taxes, and they are being paid not by foreign governments or corporations but by working families and small businesses at home.

Whether it is raw materials, auto parts, or everyday goods at the grocery store, these costs are being passed on directly to American consumers. Families struggling to put food on the table are now being squeezed from every angle by rising prices, unstable markets, and Republican policies that put politics over people.

Mr. Speaker, whether you call it tariff roulette or a trade tug-of-war, it has created instability that has devastated communities across the country.

In western New York we are already seeing the fallout. As a Representative for a northern border community, I can tell you firsthand, Mr. Speaker, that this trade war is hurting Americans.

Annually, Canadians have a \$1.1 billion economic impact in western New York. In our community, we have already seen a serious drop in Canadian visitors who for decades have driven across the border to support our local economy.

This is happening all across America as well. It is hurting our economy, and it is devastating to the people who live in our great country. It is not pocket change. It is people's paychecks.

Additionally, it goes beyond tourism. Canada is New York State's largest trading partner. New York exports

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more than \$17 billion in goods and services across the border each year, supporting tens of thousands of jobs. Disrupting that trade through politically motivated tariffs puts those jobs at risk. That is not leadership. That is economic sabotage.

Pair that with this President's big, ugly bill that guts healthcare, slashes food assistance, and throws millions off their insurance, and what we have got is a vise grip on the American people and our economy.

We don't need chaos. We need common sense, and we need smart economic policy. We need stability and support for working families, not another round of trade retaliation disguised as strategy. We must reject this reckless approach and stand up for workers, small businesses, and families who are paying the price. In western New York and across this country, people are not pawns. Americans deserve better.

It is time to reject this billionaire's first agenda and fight for an economy that works for everyone.

HONORING MATERNITY DIRECTOR MARY ANN MURPHY

Mr. KENNEDY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an extraordinary woman, Ms. Mary Ann Murphy, maternal care director at Mercy Hospital of Buffalo, as she retires after an incredible 46 years of service to our community.

Throughout her career, Mary Ann helped deliver more than 90,000 babies. That is not just a number. It represents generations of families, lives she safely welcomed into this world, and moments she helped make unforgettable.

Mary Ann touched my own family's life. We delivered four beautiful babies at Mercy. While three were traditional deliveries, one was of our daughter, Brigid, who was not expected to survive. Mary Ann made sure we had compassionate, skilled nurses who understood our situation. She ensured our family could stay with us around the clock, arranged sleeping accommodations, and provided bereavement support, including a special memory box created in honor of our beautiful baby.

While this was very personal, it seemed like special care for our family. This was simply what Mary Ann did for all families. She showed love during their happiest moments and their hardest days.

Mary Ann's role went beyond the four walls of the hospital. Her compassion and leadership didn't just shape patient experiences or the maternity ward, she shaped our entire community.

As one colleague of hers put it: Mary set the standard for the quality and compassion that defines Mercy maternity to this day.

At her retirement, Mary Ann said: "It's the best job in the world; 46 years in the blink of an eye."

Let us thank Mary Ann Murphy not only for what she has done, but for who she is: a caregiver, a leader, an inspira-

tion, and a friend. Her legacy will continue in every nurse she has mentored and every family she touched, including my own.

Congratulations to Mary Ann. May she enjoy her well-earned retirement, and Godspeed.

HONORING THE LIFE OF DOUG SKAFF

(Mr. MOORE of West Virginia was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. MOORE of West Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of a true Mountaineer, former West Virginia delegate and minority leader in our house, Doug Skaff.

Doug tragically and unexpectedly passed away yesterday, leaving behind three beautiful children and his wife, Melisa.

Doug was a West Virginian through and through. From his time as student body president at West Virginia University to his time in the West Virginia House of Delegates, Doug loved our State, and he loved our people.

Years ago Doug and I actually coached our children's soccer team together in Kanawha City, and it was a wonderful experience for my children and his.

He was a wonderful father and a wonderful community leader. He was somebody who just loved life and could light up an entire room when he walked into it.

Doug loved politics. He just fed off of it. He loved the debate. He loved running for office. He was just great at it. He tragically left us far too young. He was 48 years old when he tragically left this Earth yesterday.

Mr. Speaker, I ask all my fellow West Virginians to join my wife, Mina, and me to pray for them and their family in this tragic time period. He is going to be so missed in the State of West Virginia. We will never forget him and the indelible mark that he left on our people.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.

God bless you, Doug, my friend.

RESCISSIONS PACKAGE: CORPORATION FOR PUBLIC BROADCASTING

(Ms. BONAMICI of Oregon was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Ms. BONAMICI. Mr. Speaker, I rise to condemn the House GOP's rescission request that would take back \$9.4 billion in Federal funding Congress appropriated for foreign aid, the State Department, and public media.

We know how devastating the loss of this funding would be for people around the globe. Ending these investments will undoubtedly cost lives and diminish our standing in the world.

Taking back the almost \$1.1 billion in funding that Congress appropriated for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting is ludicrous.

The Trump administration says they are cutting public broadcasting because it is partisan and biased.

What is the basis for that claim?

Maybe it is because the shows on PBS, like the very popular "Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood," teach children the importance of kindness, respect, empathy, and caring for others. These are all traits that are absent from this current administration.

The only partisan bias is from this administration itself as they seek to weaponize public broadcasting, which offers many benefits to everyone, including: alerting the public and sharing information about emergencies in times of crisis; teaching children reading and social and emotional development skills; and reaching areas that lack reliable and affordable access to broadband internet, particularly in rural areas.

The loss of PBS KIDS in particular would deprive millions of children and families of formative learning experiences from programs that are designed specifically for kids, not just "Daniel Tiger's Neighborhood," but also "Arthur," "Sid the Science Kid," and much more.

The Trump administration claims to be pro-family, but this request to rescind the funding is yet another antifamily example from this administration.

Further, the \$1.1 billion cost for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting represents 0.0001 percent of the entire Federal budget. PBS reaches every congressional district across the country and costs a mere \$1.60 per person each year.

What else provides so much value for less than \$2 per person?

The Trump administration is cutting pennies of valuable programming out of spite. Most Americans trust PBS because it is publicly funded. Just like public broadcasting should be objective, so should the funding decisions about it.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to reject this rescission package.

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IRA CLEAN ENERGY INCENTIVES DEFENSE

Ms. BONAMICI. Mr. Speaker, in their big, ugly bill, Republicans are once again trying to rip away clean energy tax credits, one of the most effective job-creating tools we ever had.

Thousands of workers, many in rural and coastal counties in my home State of Oregon, but also across the country, will lose the jobs they just started. Jobs in solar, wind, battery storage, clean manufacturing, those are jobs with good wages and benefits that are supporting their families.

Ripping away these credits means that instead of finishing construction on clean power plants, Republicans will abandon billions in sunk costs, leave half-built equipment, and electricity bills will go up. Utility companies are expecting major rate hikes if these credits vanish because, without them,