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

### DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,  
June 24, 2025.

I hereby appoint the Honorable DON BACON 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.

### REMARKABLE LIFE AND LEGACY OF FREDERICK W. SMITH

(Mr. KUSTOFF of Tennessee was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. KUSTOFF. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Frederick W. Smith, who left us this past Saturday, June 21, 2025, at the age of 80.

Mr. Speaker, if I were to stand and speak at this podium all day, I would barely be able to scratch the surface of Fred Smith's extraordinary life, his influence on the country and the world, and his profound impact on the city of Memphis.

To many people, Fred Smith will likely be remembered as a titan of industry and the founder of FedEx. To my constituents, he will be remembered as a champion for the city of Memphis. Personally, I will remember Fred Smith as a man who loved his country and devoted his life to the American Dream.

Born in Marks, Mississippi, and raised in Memphis, he was very proud of his country. Fred Smith was a true patriot, serving honorably as a captain in the United States Marine Corps in Vietnam. After that service, he returned home with a bold idea: a company that could deliver packages overnight around the world.

Fred Smith turned that idea into a global enterprise, revolutionizing international supply chains, transforming how businesses operate, and changing how people connect. Fred Smith not only directed and dominated the modern logistics industry; he created it. For more than 50 years after the conception of FedEx, he continued to lead it.

Today, FedEx operates in over 220 countries, but its heart and headquarters remain in Memphis, Tennessee. Through FedEx, Fred Smith turned Memphis into a global logistics hub, driving economic growth across the region while employing tens of thousands of Tennesseans.

Today, the FedEx World Hub at Memphis International Airport is one of the busiest and largest cargo airports in the world. FedEx is the largest Fortune 500 company in the State of Tennessee.

Fred Smith's commitment to Memphis went far beyond business. In fact, upon Fred's passing on Saturday, former Memphis Mayor Jim Strickland said: "Fred Smith was the most significant Memphian in history."

Indeed, he gave Memphians a fair shot at their American Dream, and his philanthropic work helped support countless organizations.

Thanks to Fred Smith, Memphis acquired the NBA's Grizzlies in 2001 when he committed to purchasing the naming rights for the future home of the basketball team, the FedExForum.

Just 2 years ago, when The University of Memphis was ambitiously pursuing stadium upgrades for the football team, Fred Smith and his family committed \$50 million to help the school achieve its financial goals.

Fred and Diane Smith and the Smith family have donated to so many worthwhile causes in the Memphis area, including the world-class Memphis Zoo.

Memphians can also thank Fred Smith for saving the FedEx St. Jude golf tournament when it lost its previous title sponsor.

Yesterday, when discussing the life of Fred Smith, I talked with my good friend, Chris Richards. She was the general counsel at FedEx and a close adviser to Fred Smith.

A little over 25 years ago, Fred came to Chris with an idea that he told her that she would not like. He wanted FedEx to be involved in a major motion picture in which the plot involved crashing a FedEx plane. Fred thought that the script for "Cast Away" was a great read and could be a good movie that could benefit the company.

As FedEx's lead attorney, Chris told Fred that there had never been an airline that willingly participated in a movie where they gave permission to crash their plane. Chris advised against all of it.

Yet, Fred wanted to think outside the box, and he signed off on the idea. He was really impressed with the production staff and the movie's star, Tom Hanks.

That would be important years later because, at the request of former Senator Bob Dole, Fred became involved in the creation and fundraising of the World War II Memorial to honor and remember our Nation's Greatest Generation.

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Fred would become a major factor in getting that memorial constructed. It would cost a lot of money to raise and build such a monument. As a result of that movie, Fred turned to his friend Tom Hanks for his help in public service to help raise funds for the memorial.

Indeed, that movie ended up being good for FedEx and, in turn, good for the World War II Memorial and our Nation.

With his passing, we honor and celebrate a lifetime of inspiring service and leadership. We celebrate a marine, a Memphian, and a really good man.

Roberta and I mourn with Diane and the entire Smith family. Our Nation lost an innovator, a job creator, a trailblazer, and a leader. We are all better off for the remarkable life that he led.

#### GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE, BY THE PEOPLE, AND FOR THE PEOPLE

(Mr. GREEN of Texas was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, and still I rise.

I rise today in the name of government of the people, by the people, and for the people. I rise today because our country is nearing a moment of decision. I rise because we are at the intersection of democracy and autocracy.

I rise to announce that, at this moment in time, I have filed H. Res. 537. H. Res. 537 is a privileged resolution. H. Res. 537 has been filed because I believe that the President of the United States has committed an impeachable act.

H. Res. 537 addresses abuse of Presidential powers by disregarding the separation of powers, devolving American democracy into an authoritarian—an authoritarian, an authoritarian—government, usurping congressional power to declare war.

Mr. Speaker, I take no delight in what I am doing. I do this because I love my country. I do this because I understand that the Constitution is going to be meaningful or it will be meaningless. I do it because I understand that the President of the United States of America has a duty to consult Congress before taking this country to war. I do it because no one person should have the power to take over 300 million people to war without consulting with the Congress of the United States of America.

I do this because, if I do not, this authoritarian President that we currently have will continue to assume power. He has already instigated an assault on the citadel of democracy, the Capitol of the United States of America. He went so far as to pardon the persons who were actually involved in the assault. He has denied persons due process of the law.

I believe that, if we do not take immediate action, this authoritarian President will devolve the country into authoritarianism. I believe he is a would-be dictator who would become a dictator.

I today announce that, later today, I will bring these Articles of Impeachment to the floor, and I will call for a vote. I believe that the hour of decision is upon us, and we all have to decide: Are we going to go down and choose the path of democracy, or will we allow ourselves to choose the low road of autocracy?

I believe that this country has come too far to allow a single person to declare war without conferring with the Congress of the United States of America.

This is why I stand. This is what I will do, and I do it in the name of my country that I love dearly.

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

#### CELEBRATING 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF FULKS RUN GROCERY

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

Mr. CLINE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a beloved mainstay in Virginia's Sixth District, Fulks Run Grocery, celebrating 75 years of continuous and family-owned service.

Fulks Run Grocery was opened in 1949 by Navy veteran Garnett Turner and his wife, Lena, as a general store offering a little bit of everything. They are probably best known, though, for their award-winning Turner country ham, using an old-fashioned sugar-cured recipe from Garnett's grandfather.

Over the years, ownership passed from Garnett to his brother, Miles, and wife, Marcella; to Garnett's son, Ron, and wife, Peggie; and now to his grandson, Chad Ritchie, and wife, Anna.

Alongside General Manager Jared Bowser, they continue to proudly serve their corner of Rockingham County and beyond.

On June 14, they gathered in celebration with live music, door prizes, and the HamVan turning out their famous ham sandwiches. Even the store's very first employee, Virginia Ann Fawley Hulvey, joined in.

Fulks Run Grocery isn't just a store. It is a legacy rooted in family and community.

I congratulate the Turner family on reaching this incredible milestone. I wish them many more years of success, and I look forward to stopping into the store again soon.

CONGRATULATING STUART HALL SCHOOL BOYS' BASKETBALL TEAM

Mr. CLINE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Stuart Hall School boys' basketball team on winning their first 2025 VISAA Division 4 State championship.

The Dragons secured the championship with a 69-56 victory over Rise Academy, led by standout performances from Owen Laver with 17 points, Tiberius Fields with 16 points, and Christian Scott with 12 points.

They finished the season with a 13-game winning streak and a 19-2 record.

The Dragons' dominant defense allowed the fewest points per game in all VISAA divisions.

I again congratulate the 2024-2025 Stuart Hall boys' basketball team, consisting of Wade Bland, Ethan Baiotto, Xavier Bland, Latham Fields, Tiberius Fields, Harper Kauffman, Owen Laver, Cori Powell-Nisbett, Malachi Payne, Linney Reed, and Christian Scott.

The team was led by Head Coach Jeff Lafave and Assistant Coach Rob Hagy.

I also recognize two significant individual honors: Tiberius Fields was named VISAA Division 4 Player of the Year, and Jeff Lafave was named VISAA Division 4 Coach of the Year.

It is an honor to have such a program in Virginia's Sixth Congressional District, and I wish them the best for many seasons to come.

#### REQUIRING DHS TO REPORT HIGH-RISK INDIVIDUAL ENCOUNTERS

Mr. CLINE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the Special Interest Alien Reporting Act.

In recent years, over 400 individuals on the terrorist watch list have been caught trying to enter our country through our southern border due to the failed policies of the previous administration, with many of these individuals coming from hostile nations, like China and Iran, which seek to do us harm. This situation demands a means for positive change.

When we don't know who is coming in, where they are headed, or what their intentions are, every single American community is put at risk.

That is why House Republicans are stepping up. This week, we are set to vote on the Special Interest Alien Reporting Act. This commonsense bill would require the Department of Homeland Security to publicly report the number of high-risk individuals encountered at the border because without transparency, there is no accountability. Without accountability, our national security is on the line.

This critical legislation is not just necessary but vital. It puts the American people first.

We will keep fighting to secure our border and protect every American citizen.

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#### STOP THIS INSANE ATTACK ON HEALTHCARE THAT AFFECTS EVERY SINGLE AMERICAN

(Mr. COURTNEY of Connecticut was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. COURTNEY. Mr. Speaker, today is June 24, and it is almost exactly a month ago that in this House, the misnamed One Big Beautiful Bill Act was passed in the dead of night after hours and hours of debate while the American people were asleep at home. With the rush of events that take place every single day, it sometimes gets hard to remember exactly where that stands and what is going on.