

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.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to 15 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

PRESIDENT TRUMP SUCCEEDS WITH STRENGTH

(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. Mr. Speaker, I am grateful, at the direction of President Donald Trump, the U.S. Armed Forces have successfully destroyed the nuclear threat of Iran, defending American families. General Dan Caine, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and a VMI graduate, correctly praised this as "the largest B-2 operational strike in U.S. history."

Iran is the leading state sponsor of murderous terror in the world, and President Trump has successfully ended a nuclear-armed Iran. Promises made, promises kept.

President Trump has proven his willingness for negotiations. However, enemies of America insult this effort. Dictator Assad of Syria was warned in 2017, the Iranian regime was warned, and war criminal Putin has been warned.

In conclusion, God bless our troops as the global war on terrorism continues. Trump is reinstating existing laws to protect American families with peace through strength, revealing war criminal Putin's lies, insulting Trump and mocking Trump, with Putin-ist leaders proposing Russian nuclear weapons for Iran this week.

WE ARE AT THE CROSSROADS OF DEMOCRACY AND AUTOCRACY

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

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

I believe my country to be at the crossroads of democracy and autocracy. The moment of decision is near. We will have to decide whether we will have a country that abides by a Constitution that is meaningful or ignores a Constitution such that it becomes meaningless.

I choose to stand on the grounds laid by the Founders and Framers of the Constitution. I stand today to announce that at the conclusion of this 1-minute message, I will bring Articles of Impeachment to the attention of the House of Representatives.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO OFFER RESOLUTION RAISING A QUESTION OF THE PRIVILEGES OF THE HOUSE

Mr. GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to clause 2(a)(1) of rule IX, I rise to give notice of my intention to raise a question of the privileges of the House.

The form of the resolution is as follows:

H. Res. 537, impeaching, Donald J. Trump, President of the United States, for high crimes and misdemeanors.

In the House of Representatives, June 24, 2025, Mr. AL GREEN of Texas submitted the following resolution;

Resolution, impeaching Donald J. Trump, President of the United States, for high crimes and misdemeanors.

Resolved, that Donald J. Trump, President of the United States, is impeached for high crimes and misdemeanors, and that the following Articles of Impeachment be exhibited to the Senate:

Articles of Impeachment exhibited by the House of Representatives of the United States of America in the name of itself and of the people of the United States of America, against Donald J. Trump, President of the United States of America, in maintenance and support of its impeachment against him for high crimes and misdemeanors.

Article I.

Abuse of Presidential Powers by Disregarding the Separation of Powers, Devolving American Democracy into Authoritarianism by Unconstitutionally Usurping Congress' Power to Declare War.

In his conduct of the Office of President of the United States, Donald J. Trump, in violation of his constitutional oath faithfully to execute the Office of President of the United States and, to the best of his ability, preserve, protect, and defend the Constitution of the United States, and in violation of his constitutional duty to take care that the laws be faithfully executed, abused the powers of the presidency when he disregarded the doctrine of separation of powers by usurping Congress's power to declare war and ordered the United States military to bomb another country without the constitutionally-mandated congressional authorization or notice to Congress—cognizant of the fact that should an-

other country's military bomb a facility within the United States of America, it would be a de facto declaration of war against the United States of America.

On June 12, 2025, the State of Israel initiated attacks on Iran, ostensibly to target sites and individuals of importance to Iran's nuclear program. Iran retaliated, and the conflict has escalated between Israel and Iran, though at no point did Iran pose any imminent threat to the United States.

On June 21, 2025, President Trump announced "successful" attacks on three nuclear sites in Iran: Fordow, Natanz, and Estahan via his social media network, Truth Social. President Trump failed to seek prior congressionally-mandated authorization for the use of military force. Congressional leaders were not appropriately briefed or notified of the attack plans despite foreign leaders being given advance notice of the planned U.S. military action.

President Trump's unilateral, unprovoked use of force without congressional authorization or notice constitutes an abuse of power when there was no imminent threat to the United States, which facilitates the devolution of American democracy into authoritarianism, with an authoritarian president who has instigated an attack on the United States Capitol, denied persons due process of the law, and called for the impeachment of federal judges who ruled against him—making Donald J. Trump a threat to American democracy.

Article I, Section 8, Clause 11 of the United States Constitution grants Congress the sole power to declare war: "[The Congress shall have the Power . . .] To declare war . . ." At the time, the Framers of the Constitution emphasized the goal of limiting the monarchical power of any single individual person to take a country to war over personal whims and preferences—no constitutional exception exists for a successful military action.

In starting his illegal and unconstitutional war with Iran without the constitutionally-mandated consent of Congress or appropriate notice to Congress, President Trump acted in direct violation of the War Powers Clause of the Constitution. President Trump has devolved and continues to devolve American democracy into authoritarianism by disregarding the separation of powers and now, usurping congressional war powers.

In all of this, Donald J. Trump has abused the powers of the presidency in a manner contrary to his trust as President, has become a threat to American democracy, subverted our constitutional government, and devolved democracy into authoritarianism, to the great prejudice of the cause of law and justice, and to the manifest injury of the people of the United States.

Wherefore Donald J. Trump, by such conduct, warrants impeachment and trial, and removal from office.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under rule IX, a resolution offered from the floor by a Member other than the majority leader or the minority leader as a question of the privileges of the House has immediate precedence only at a time designated by the Chair within 2 legislative days after the resolution is properly noticed.

Pending that designation, the form of the resolution noticed by the gentleman from Texas will appear in the RECORD at this point.

The Chair will not at this point determine whether the resolution constitutes a question of privilege. That determination will be made at the time designated for consideration of the resolution.

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LEECHBURG ROTARY CLUB CELEBRATES 100 YEARS OF SERVICE

(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 and congratulate the Leechburg Rotary Club on an incredible milestone, 100 years of dedicated service to their community.

Since receiving their charter in 1925, the Leechburg Rotary has been a pillar of civic engagement, compassion, and leadership in Armstrong County.

From their very first project of placing Bibles in hotel rooms to helping pave Canal Street, building a new bridge over the Kiskiminetas River, and championing the creation of a high school band in the 1930s, the Leechburg Rotary has always stepped up to improve life for their neighbors.

Whether it is supporting veterans or assisting children with disabilities or flipping pancakes for a good cause, generations after generations of Rotarians have kept the spirit of service alive.

The Leechburg Rotary Club has helped build more than infrastructure. They built a sense of community, and for that we are grateful.

Mr. Speaker, I again congratulate Leechburg Rotary on a century of service.

RESTORE FUNDING FOR LIFESAVING FOOD 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 23rd time to ask the Trump administration to honor its word and restore funding for lifesaving food aid for malnourished children. This is not a Democratic or Republican issue.

President Ronald Reagan expanded the Food for Peace program, calling it a way to share America's bounty with the world's most vulnerable.

President George W. Bush launched the largest global health initiative in history, PEPFAR, and strengthened food assistance, as well.

President Obama increased funding for ready-to-use therapeutic food for combating child hunger globally.

Why? Because all the of these Presidents, Democrats and Republicans, understood that feeding the world's hungry is not just a moral responsibility, but also an imperative for our own national security. If we don't do it, our adversaries will.

Now, since the Trump administration cut off this funding 5 months ago, factories are idle, shipments are not being made, and kids are going hungry. The Trump administration has said they will restore this funding, but it has been 5 months. They have not done it yet. They need to honor their word and restore funding.

HONORING WALLY SAFRIT ON HIS RETIREMENT

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

Mr. MCDOWELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize an unparalleled figure within the city of Kannapolis, Mr. Wally Safrit, who will be retiring this summer, after more than 40 years of service.

Wally has been involved in the city of Kannapolis since before its inception. In 1982, he joined with community members to begin the push for incorporation, spearheading the legal process of creating a municipality. By 1984, he had successfully helped to guide the city into incorporation, and in 1986 he officially became the city attorney.

Since then, he has worked tirelessly to guide Kannapolis through complex legal opportunities. From the downtown revitalization to forming a minor league baseball team, Wally has been involved in just about every project in Kannapolis' history. His contributions have been irreplaceable, and his legacy is a thriving town that is home to more than 50,000 people.

I thank Wally for his many contributions to the community. I wish him a long and joyous retirement.

END HUNGER NOW

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

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, last week, Democratic Whip KATHERINE CLARK, Representative AYANNA PRESSLEY, and I joined the Greater Boston Food Bank and Mass General Brigham to highlight the persistent problem of hunger, now made exponentially worse by policy proposals from Donald Trump and Republicans in Congress.

While President Trump and Republicans in Congress dismantle programs

like Medicaid, SNAP, and WIC, stakeholders in our home State are forming new partnerships to improve food security.

Take, for example, the plant-based food pantry we visited last week at the Mass General Revere Community Health Center. Patients can access nutritious produce and pantry staples provided by the food bank to bridge the gap because SNAP benefits are already too low. The pantry features a teaching kitchen, so health center patients can learn how to cook nutritious meals.

Food is medicine. While these partnerships are key to supporting the health and well-being of hungry families, they cannot make up for the draconian cuts being pushed by Republicans. It is time to drop these cuts, better invest in basic needs programs, and end hunger now.

REPEAL ROADLESS RULE

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

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, the Forest Service is beginning the process to repeal the 2001 Roadless Rule, a move that has been long overdue.

I commend Secretary Rollins, as she pointed out that this rule has been disastrous for the West, blocking forest thinning, logging, and road construction. As you can see from the map here, about 640 million acres are controlled by the Federal Government across our country, about half of that in the Forest Service.

These restrictions made it harder to fight wildfires, protect public safety, and manage our forests responsibly. When government puts up gates and keeps people out from doing forest practices that are positive or even being able to get in and fight fires because the roads are disappearing, it is a bad deal for all of us.

The rule was pushed through in the final days of the Clinton administration, backed by environmental activists in Washington, not the people who actually live near these forests and suffer from the smoke and the threat. It has led to overgrown, unhealthy forests, and prevented rural counties from using this land to create jobs which generate the income for their local governments, schools, and roads and reduced fire risk.

Repealing the Roadless Rule is an important step toward restoring this entry we need to our lands, improving wildfire response, and bringing back common sense to forest management.

RECOGNIZING THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

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

Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the United