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

DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
July 14, 2025.

I hereby appoint the Honorable YOUNG KIM 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.

CELEBRATING A GENERATIONAL WIN FOR PENNSYLVANIA'S 15TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

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

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate a generational win for working families, our farmers, small businesses, and for the future of this great Nation: the signing of the One Big Beautiful Bill Act by President Trump.

This landmark legislation is not just a win for agriculture. It is a win for the American people. It delivers the larg-

est middle-class tax cut in American history, bringing real relief to hard-working Pennsylvanians and families all across this great country.

Without this bill, the average taxpayer in Pennsylvania's 15th District would face a 24 percent tax increase. A family of four earning the district's median income would be hit with a \$1,145 tax hike without this legislation, the equivalent of nearly 5 weeks of groceries for a typical household in our region.

This bill delivers on President Trump's commitment to rebuild our economy, reward work, and protect the American Dream.

For Pennsylvanians, this bill accomplishes the following: 66,690 families in PA-15 will benefit from an expanded child tax credit; 7,652 family farms in our district are now protected from the death tax; 38,110 small businesses in PA-15 are safeguarded by the 20 percent small business deduction, keeping effective tax rates low and allowing reinvestment in our local communities; 96 percent of PA-15 taxpayers are benefiting from the double standard deduction, reducing taxable income and simplifying filing.

This is the largest tax cut in history for middle-and working-class Americans.

According to the Joint Committee on Taxation, the biggest winners are workers and families earning under \$50,000 per year.

We are talking about \$10,000 or more in extra take-home pay per year for working families. This bill eliminates taxes on tips, overtime pay, and Social Security benefits, and introduces new savings accounts for every newborn to help families build a stronger future.

It even includes a made in America car loan interest deduction and a major domestic energy expansion to drive down household costs and strengthen our national security.

Madam Speaker, the One Big Beautiful Bill Act is also the most con-

sequential investment in agriculture in decades. It is what I like to call farm bill 1.0. It restores the farm safety net, providing producers with the certainty they need to weather the storms, navigate market volatility, and continue to feed, fuel, and clothe America.

This bill finally ends the era of reactive ad hoc disaster spending and replaces it with long-term solutions, including investments in trade promotion to open up new markets for our farmers; livestock biosecurity to protect our food supply from foreign animal disease; specialty crops and dairy which are too often overlooked; agricultural research to ensure America leads, not China; and provides 6 years of funding for several critical programs that do not have permanent baseline support.

Critically, this bill delivers \$120 billion in deficit reduction, while protecting the right of family farmers to pass down their land without the IRS knocking on the door.

The One Big Beautiful Bill Act empowers rural communities, protects taxpayers, and helps lift more Americans out of poverty and into the dignity of work.

Let me be clear: This bill is not the finish line. It is a sizable downpayment on the full farm bill, and more progress is coming.

However, this is a generational victory for the American people; a victory made possible by the leadership of President Trump and the voices of rural America.

This is what it looks like when we listen to the people who make this country work: our farmers, small business owners, families, and workers.

The One Big Beautiful Bill Act is a promise kept. It is a blueprint for prosperity, and it puts the American Dream back within reach for millions.

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CONGRATULATING KENDALL
PIERSON

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

Mr. CORREA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to highlight my young neighbor, Kendall Pierson, who just graduated summa cum laude, which means really good grades, from Mater Dei High School in Santa Ana.

Kendall was a member of the National Honor Society, the California Scholarship Foundation, and the National Art Honor Society. She was a dedicated member of her high school's basketball team that finished seventh in the Nation.

Outside the classroom, Kendall volunteered at the Ronald McDonald House and supported the Deaf Mass in Orange County. Clearly, Kendall is a role model to all of us.

Kendall will be attending the University of Utah this fall to study business. We are going to miss her, but I know, and her Grandma Catherine knows, that she is going to be back after she finishes at the University of Utah.

Madam Speaker, I congratulate Kendall on her graduation.

CELEBRATING CONSUL AUDREY RIVERA

Mr. CORREA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the incredible service of Dr. Audrey Rivera Gomez, head consul of the Mexican Consulate in Santa Ana.

For years, she has served the Mexican community in southern California. Under her leadership, the consulate has promoted educational, cultural, and preventive programs to keep young people from being addicted to fentanyl.

Dr. Rivera Gomez has supported countless Mexican women entrepreneurs and Mexican immigrant-owned businesses. She won Woman of the Year 2025 for her dedication to the immigrant community.

Madam Speaker, we are going to miss her in Santa Ana, but we know at her next post she will continue to be successful.

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HONORING RICK WHITTINGTON

Mr. CORREA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the career of Rick Whittington and his valuable service to our community and our Nation.

Mr. Whittington was a U.S. Navy veteran and served as a member of the Seabees during the Vietnam war. He made honorable contributions to the fight as a member of a construction unit, and he never forgot the dark moments of the Vietnam war.

In fact, when he returned home from Vietnam, he was one of those individuals who was harassed by the anti-Vietnam war protesters. Yet, he kept his resolve and always remembered the pride of serving America.

Mr. Whittington is most proud of the work he has done as a civilian helping our Nation safely dispose of nuclear waste through his innovative products.

I thank Mr. Whittington for his service and his contribution to our community.

RECOGNIZING JIM OREGEL

Mr. CORREA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor my good friend and fellow Anaheim High School alumnus, Jimmy Oregel, for a life of dedication to the city of Anaheim and to Anaheim High School.

At St. Boniface, where we both attend, he helped found the Orange County Congregation Community.

We are both diehard Anaheim High School football fans, and at Anaheim, he served as a sports team manager. Upon graduation, Jimmy joined the football booster club and took over as president in 1976, and he has held that position.

Jimmy was inducted into the Anaheim High School Hall of Fame in 2008. Please join me in recognizing Jimmy's life of service to Anaheim High School and to the city of Anaheim community.

GOLDEN AGE OF AMERICA HAS
ARRIVED

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

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to share the importance of the One Big Beautiful Bill Act that President Trump signed into law on July Fourth.

President Trump's America First policy is widely popular with the American public, and the big, beautiful bill took historic steps to enact this agenda into law. Unleashing American energy, further supporting our Border Patrol and ICE agents, and ensuring that working-class Americans keep more money in their pockets are common-sense policies that my constituents overwhelmingly support. I am proud to have helped deliver on this agenda.

Now, with this legislation finally signed into law by President Trump, Main Street businesses will be able to expand, and working-class Americans will take more money home in each paycheck. The golden age of America has arrived.

POLITICAL VIOLENCE IS NOT THE ANSWER

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, this past weekend marked 1 year since the attempt on President Trump's life in Butler County, Pennsylvania. While we thank God that President Trump's life was not taken, we mourn the loss of an innocent father, firefighter, and proud Pennsylvanian, Corey Comperatore.

Political violence of any kind has absolutely no place in our society. Yet, the violent rhetoric coming from my colleagues across the aisle has not stopped. Now, a year after the assassination attempt on President Trump's life, they have turned their violent action toward our courageous ICE agents, who work every day to protect our communities.

The political violence that we are seeing in our society today will not stop unless the violent rhetoric stops. One life lost to political violence is one too many.

I ask my colleagues to remember that, regardless of our political beliefs, violence is never the answer to our Nation's problems.

RECOGNIZING PENNSYLVANIA ENERGY AND
INNOVATION SUMMIT

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, this week, President Trump will join Senator DAVE McCORMICK in Pittsburgh for the inaugural Pennsylvania Energy and Innovation Summit.

As President Trump returns our Nation to energy dominance and forges ahead in the race to dominate artificial intelligence, Pennsylvania stands ready to meet the energy needs that AI creates. This summit is huge. It is huge for the Commonwealth, for Pennsylvania, and for America.

Under the Trump administration, we have already seen historic investments in the Pennsylvania economy, including the Nippon and U.S. Steel merger and Amazon's \$20 billion investment in building data centers in the Commonwealth.

Now is the time to build on this momentum to ensure that Pennsylvania is the hub of AI development throughout this great land.

HONORING RITCHEY'S DAIRY

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a family-owned and operated dairy business in Martinsburg, Pennsylvania, that has been a cornerstone of the dairy industry in Blair County for 85 years.

Ritchey's Dairy was founded by Oliver Ritchey in 1940 just outside of Martinsburg in Blair County. With the help of his son, Paul, and his grandson, Reid, Oliver expanded operations and delivery routes throughout the ensuing decades, offering all types of milk to the local community.

Ritchey's Dairy even made history when it became the first dairy in the area to transport milk purchased from other local farms in a tanker truck.

In 1986, Reid Ritchey oversaw an expansion of the facility, which accommodated a new ice cream production room, additional freezer space, and new offices. Now, as the fourth generation of Ritchey's takes over, Reid's son, Andrew, has continued to expand the operation.

On behalf of everyone in Pennsylvania's 13th Congressional District, I congratulate Ritchey's Dairy on the 85th anniversary of its founding and its proud continuation of the dairy industry in Blair County, Pennsylvania.

HONORING VETERANS OF THE
REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM
ARMED FORCES DAY

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