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The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker.

PRAYER

Reverend Dr. Lindsay Curtis, Grace Baptist Church, Norwalk, Connecticut, offered the following prayer:

Dear Jehovah God, our divine company keeper, it is with hearts full of passion and unwavering faith that we gather today, seeking Your divine protection and wisdom. Envelop us in Your safety as we pursue our daily tasks, ever mindful of Your promise to send angels to guard us.

Please, dear God, guide this deliberative body in every decision, trusting in Your steadfastness and in Your presence as our beacon of truth. Walk beside us, gently moving our hearts unto Your intended path. Enter our lives, Lord, filling us with Your wisdom to see our choices through Your vision. Wrap us in the warmth of Your love, as we place all hopes and faith in You. Grateful for Your protection, we surrender our worries, aligning our steps and our thoughts to Your will and Your way. We pray in the mighty name of Your Son.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. 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. Will the gentlewoman from Pennsylvania (Ms. DEAN) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Repub-

lic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

WELCOMING REVEREND DR. LINDSAY CURTIS

The SPEAKER. Without objection, Mr. HIMES of Connecticut was recognized for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

Mr. HIMES. Mr. Speaker, on this consequential day, when this body is likely to make law and debate critical things, it has already been a good and blessed day because our day was opened with a prayer by Reverend Dr. Lindsay Curtis.

Dr. Curtis is well into his second decade leading as senior pastor at Grace Baptist Church, a 129-year-old faith community in the center of my district, Norwalk, Connecticut.

The church has thrived under Pastor Curtis' leadership, and I admire him as a friend, as a mentor, and as a spiritual guide not just for his understanding of the Scripture, but for his deep commitment to ministry.

Dr. Curtis, over the course of his career, has served as president of the Connecticut State Missionary Baptist Convention. He has served as chairman of the Advisory Board of Directors of Norwalk ACTS, which is a partnership of civic leaders. He has acted as the president of the Norwalk NAACP, commissioner of the Judicial Selection Commission, and when he sees a problem, he uses ministry to solve it.

Just this summer, out of nowhere, he conjured up a summer camp for 150 children in Norwalk, Connecticut, who might not otherwise have a way to constructively spend their days.

I have always loved the quote attributed to St. Francis of Assisi. That quote is familiar to so many of you: Always preach the Gospel. Sometimes use words.

Lindsay Curtis embodies that idea in his ministry, and his superb record is

blemished perhaps only by my suspicion—and it is a suspicion—that he thinks that somehow the Chicago Bulls fit into the Trinity, but above all else, our God is a forgiving God, so I am sure that that will not be a problem.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Dr. Curtis so much for opening us up today.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Ms. Lasky, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed with an amendment in which the concurrence of the House is requested, a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 4. An act to rescind certain budget authority proposed to be rescinded in special messages transmitted to the Congress by the President on June 3, 2025, in accordance with section 1012(a) of the Congressional Budget and Impoundment Control Act of 1974.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. MOORE of Utah). The Chair will entertain up to five further requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

RECOGNIZING AYBRAH ZELENSKI AND ELENA GOURLEY

(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 two outstanding students from West Shamokin Junior-Senior High School, Aybrah Zelenski and Elena Gourley, who earned top national honors at the Future Business Leaders of America National Leadership Conference.

FBLA is a nationwide student organization that prepares young people to become community-minded business

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leaders through career development and leadership opportunities. Their annual leadership conference brings together over 11,000 students from more than 2,000 schools nationwide to compete in career and leadership building events.

While in Anaheim, California, Aybrah placed sixth in public speaking and Elena placed seventh in career exploration.

West Shamokin's FBLA chapter, founded in the fall of 2023, has quickly made a name for itself and has proven that a small, rural school can leave a big mark on the national stage.

Mr. Speaker, I applaud both Aybrah and Elena and the entire West Shamokin FBLA team for their leadership, hard work, and bright futures. They make their school, their community, the Commonwealth, and this Congressman very proud.

RECOGNIZING PASQUOTANK COUNTY EMS NATIONAL AWARD

(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 Pasquotank County Emergency Medical Services for earning their prestigious 2025 Best in Category Award for Health from the National Association of Counties.

Out of 157 entries, Pasquotank County EMS was recognized as one of the best health programs in the country and the only winner from North Carolina.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, Pasquotank County EMS, like many counties, faced a serious shortage of paramedics and emergency safety workers.

In response, they developed an innovative tiered response system allowing ambulances to quickly respond to emergencies while paramedics provided essential support when needed, improving their service, making it faster and more efficient.

Pasquotank County EMS is a shining example of hard work, innovation, and dedication.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate each and every one on this remarkable honor.

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LOVE THY CITY INITIATIVE

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

Mr. MORAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Love Thy City event held in Tyler, Texas, a community-wide initiative that reminds us that service to our neighbors does not start in Washington, D.C. It starts in the heart and in the home, and it extends to every corner of this Earth.

Organized by local citizen leaders, churches, nonprofits, and volunteers of

all ages, Love Thy City is a day of service to others, rooted in the great command to love our neighbors. That is a principle that transcends politics and parties, race and gender, and every other perceived difference between us.

It is our shared responsibility to care for everyone around us just as the Good Samaritan did, not because government would tell us to, but because the love of Christ propels us to.

Whether it is cleaning up a park, helping a neighbor in need, or simply showing kindness to a stranger, Love Thy City challenges us to use our active faith to lead by example and invest in our communities, not just with words, but with action.

This is what makes east Texas strong: faith, service, and a deep love for God and for others. I am proud to honor this effort today and to recognize all those who give their time to love their neighbor.

PROVIDING BEST EDUCATION FUNDING FOR ALL FAMILIES

(Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, our children are under attack.

Mr. Speaker, \$6.8 billion in education funding, dollars appropriated by Democrats and Republicans, is frozen. These are funds that should have been available on July 1.

In Pennsylvania, that is \$230 million. Resources, including summer programs and teacher training, hang in limbo.

Abington School District, my alma mater, is missing more than \$250,000. Some schools may be able to function while the President's latest whims play out in court, but as is the case with most of his orders, Trump has stolen the most from those who have the least.

The Norristown Area School District, just 15 miles from my district of Abington, is owed three times as much, more than \$750,000 in Federal funds.

This is not about government efficiency. It is about greed, incompetence, and cruelty.

When Secretary McMahon testified before the Appropriations Committee, I asked her: "Why are you in this job?" Her response: "I want the best for my family," not all families, her family.

When Republicans tell us who they are, Mr. Speaker, we should believe them.

GETTING ANIMAL HEALTH RESEARCH RIGHT IN FARM BILL

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

Mr. MANN. Mr. Speaker, in honor of the Nation's 249th birthday, House Republicans delivered the largest tax cut in our Nation's history for middle- and working-class families, strengthened

the farm safety net, and voted to get our country back on track.

The One Big Beautiful Bill Act gave a lifeline to the agricultural community by updating reference prices, expanding crop insurance, and saving millions of family farms from the death tax. The relief was long overdue. We are grateful, but the work doesn't stop there.

It is past time for Congress to pass a fiscally conservative 5-year farm bill, including support for agricultural research and development. We have seen the devastating impact disease outbreaks can have with the HPAI virus, and now we must continue to take steps to prevent the New World screwworm from reaching our borders.

The Big First District is home to crown jewels of the animal health corridor, where world-renowned research happens, positioning the United States to focus on disease prevention rather than outbreak control after the fact.

By investing in agricultural research, we strengthen our food supply chain and, in turn, our national security, all while providing the best and most effective return on taxpayer dollars.

We cannot afford to put our food security at risk by not prioritizing adequate investments in animal health research when we pass the next iteration of the farm bill. I urge this body to get this right.

STARVATION IN GAZA

(Ms. TLAIB asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, the Israeli Government has deliberately blocked food, medicine, and fuel from entering Gaza. The entire population of Gaza is experiencing famine, and half a million Palestinians are facing catastrophic levels of starvation.

At least 66 Palestinian children have already been starved to death. Maybe if my colleagues would close their eyes, or pretend that they are not Palestinians, they would care, that they would care that Palestinians have been forced to eat grass and animal feed—they are human beings—while thousands of trucks carrying food sit blocked at the border.

The Israeli Government is using starvation as a weapon of war. Now, the Israeli forces are deliberately shooting and killing starving Palestinians lined up for food, and the responses by the Israeli Government do not add up. Mr. Speaker, 875 have been murdered in 6 weeks alone.

The so-called Gaza Humanitarian Foundation, backed by the Israeli Government and the Trump administration, is a deadly sham. The United Nations calls it a death trap.

The Israeli soldiers have even admitted it themselves. They were ordered to deliberately shoot unarmed Palestinians, many of them children, calling it a killing field.

This is not a game, Mr. Speaker. These are human beings.