

From the BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir in Indiana to the Sri Radha Krishna Temple in Utah, sacred spaces for faith communities have been targeted with acts of hate, vandalism, and desecration.

These are not isolated incidents. It is part of a rise in violence. It is a part of a rise in division in our country. It is not just happening to temples. It is happening to all places of worship.

Every American deserves the right to safely practice their faith without fear. That is why we need to continue fighting for increased resources for security at places of worship, like these temples. We must be committed to doing more to combat the rise in hate that we are experiencing in the United States to ensure that our communities are protected.

Madam Speaker, I will continue to work with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to do that.

SUPPORTING SMALL BUSINESSES

Mr. SUBRAMANYAM. Madam Speaker, since May, 33 new small businesses have officially opened in Prince William County.

They include AlSham, a Syrian grocery store and bakery; GN Banquet Center, an event venue; Modern Remodeling, a restoration service; Shotted, a Saudi-style coffee shop; My Haberdasher, a custom suits and tuxedo rental service; Dry Time Restoration, a water damage service; Chocolate, which I guess is not a candy store but an apparel store in Manassas Mall; Doyle Systems, a full-service mechanical contractor; and Ebenezer Roofing.

The growth of these businesses reflects the innovation and entrepreneurship of our communities, especially of the folks in Prince William County. I am looking forward to continuing to support them as they continue to grow their businesses in one of the best places to do business in the country: Northern Virginia.

RECOGNIZING HAYMARKET GAINESVILLE LIBRARY

Mr. SUBRAMANYAM. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize and thank the Haymarket Gainesville Library for having a new collection of books in Nepali.

This is part of a greater effort in Prince William County to include more books in other languages, including Urdu, as part of their world languages collection. We have a great Nepalese community in our region, and we want to make sure that they are supported.

Nearly 175 Nepali language books and around 250 Urdu language books were received as donations by community members. This is a testament to the value of public libraries as a resource to our communities and the growing diversity of our region, as well.

Public libraries, including where our office hosts our office hours, continue to be an asset for all communities and age groups. I am proud that a library in my district is at the forefront of being that space for constituents of all backgrounds.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until 2 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 32 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 1400

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker at 2 p.m.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

Call us back to You, Lord God. Receive us once again from the wide and scattered lands where our own choices have led us. Take us up into Your merciful embrace and remind us that You have never forsaken us.

Then give us new and undivided hearts. Grant us a new spirit, a spirit renewed by Your forgiveness and recreated by the power of Your own holy spirit.

Remove from us our hearts of stone—our stubbornness and obstinance, our inclination to dig in our heels and hold on to the reins rather than yield to Your leading.

Give us instead hearts of integrity and tenderness that we would obey Your command and live lives in reliable service to the people whose welfare You have entrusted to us.

Unto Your grace plan we commend this day, into Your keeping we offer our best efforts.

In Your merciful name we pray.

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 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.

TRUMP TAX CUTS FOR FAMILIES

(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, on behalf of American families, Republicans in the House, led by MIKE JOHNSON, and Senate have delivered on the promises made by President Donald Trump to enact historic tax cuts.

Among the accomplishments: Take-home pay for families will increase by over \$10,000 per year, no tax on tips for millions of workers, no tax on overtime for over 80 million hourly workers, no tax on Social Security, providing tax relief for 88 percent of seniors.

President Trump and Republicans in the House and Senate are committed to cutting taxes, increasing wages, and creating millions of jobs.

In conclusion, God bless our troops as the global war on terrorism continues. Trump is reinstituting existing laws to protect American families with peace through strength, revealing war criminal Putin's lies, insulting Trump and mocking Trump, talking lovely in the morning, killing babies later in the afternoon with Russian missiles.

Our sympathy to the family of Iryna Zarutskaya of Charlotte, North Carolina, on her merciless murder.

CONGRATULATING SERGEANT KEVIN KALLINEN

(Mrs. FEDORCHAK asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. FEDORCHAK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sergeant Kevin Kallinen, who retired on August 13, for his remarkable 45½ years of service to the Grand Forks Police Department.

Sergeant Kallinen holds the record as the longest serving sworn officer in the department's history, a distinction earned through dedication, remaining calm under pressure, and an unwavering commitment to public safety.

He began his law enforcement career at just 20 years old and joined the Grand Forks Police Department in 1980. Promoted to sergeant in 1997, he chose to remain on patrol where each day brought the opportunity to meet people, solve problems, and make a difference in his community.

On behalf of North Dakota, I congratulate Sergeant Kallinen on this incredible milestone and thank him for his decades of faithful service. His story will live on for years to come as a truly remarkable achievement.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. WILSON of South Carolina). Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 2 o'clock and 6 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 1630

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro

tempore (Mr. ONDER) at 4 o'clock and 30 minutes p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or votes objected to under clause 6 of rule XX.

The House will resume proceedings on postponed questions at a later time.

UNITED STATES GRAIN STANDARDS REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2025

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 4550) to reauthorize the United States Grain Standards Act, and for other purposes.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 4550

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "United States Grain Standards Reauthorization Act of 2025".

SEC. 2. DECLARATION OF POLICY.

Section 2(b) of the United States Grain Standards Act (7 U.S.C. 74(b)) is amended—

(1) in paragraph (2), by striking "and" at the end;

(2) in paragraph (3)(F), by striking the period at the end and inserting "; and"; and

(3) by adding at the end the following: "(4) that the Secretary shall prioritize the adoption of improved grain grading technology to provide for efficient, accurate, and consistent grading of grain.".

SEC. 3. OFFICIAL INSPECTION AUTHORITY AND FUNDING.

Section 7 of the United States Grain Standards Act (7 U.S.C. 79) is amended—

(1) in subsection (e), by adding at the end the following:

"(5) The Secretary may provide that domestic non-export grain loaded or unloaded into or out of a rail car, barge, truck, or other container, at an export port location, shall be inspected in the manner provided in this subsection or subsection (f), as the Secretary determines will best meet the objectives of this Act.";

(2) in subsection (g)(2), by striking "fund created" and inserting "trust fund created"; and

(3) in subsection (j)—

(A) in paragraph (1)(C), by striking "fund which" and inserting "trust fund which";

(B) in paragraph (3)—

(i) by striking "fund created" and inserting "trust fund created"; and

(ii) by striking "credited to the fund" and inserting "credited to the trust fund account"; and

(C) in paragraph (5), by striking "2025" and inserting "2030".

SEC. 4. WEIGHING AUTHORITY.

Section 7A of the United States Grain Standards Act (7 U.S.C. 79a) is amended—

(1) in subsection (c)(2), by striking "State agency" and inserting "State agency or official agency"; and

(2) in subsection (1)—

(A) in paragraph (1)(C), by striking "fund created" and inserting "trust fund created";

(B) in paragraph (2), by striking "fund created" and inserting "trust fund created"; and

(C) in paragraph (4), by striking "2025" and inserting "2030".

SEC. 5. TESTING OF EQUIPMENT.

Section 7B(a) of the United States Grain Standards Act (7 U.S.C. 79b(a)) is amended by striking "fund created" and inserting "trust fund created".

SEC. 6. LIMITATION ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND SUPERVISORY COSTS.

Section 7D of the United States Grain Standards Act (7 U.S.C. 79d) is amended—

(1) by striking "activities" and inserting "activities, equipment, and development of technology"; and

(2) by striking "2025" and inserting "2030".

SEC. 7. GENERAL AUTHORITIES.

Section 16 of the United States Grain Standards Act (7 U.S.C. 87e) is amended—

(1) in subsection (e), by striking "Department of Agriculture" and inserting "Department of Agriculture and official agencies"; and

(2) in subsection (j), by striking "fund created" and inserting "trust fund created".

SEC. 8. REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS.

Section 17A(e) of the United States Grain Standards Act (7 U.S.C. 87f-1(e)) is amended by striking "fund described" and inserting "trust fund described".

SEC. 9. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.

Section 17B(e) of the United States Grain Standards Act (7 U.S.C. 87f-2(e)) is amended—

(1) in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by striking "The Secretary may, to the extent determined appropriate by the Secretary" and inserting "On December 1 of each year, the Secretary shall";

(2) in paragraph (1), by striking "and" at the end;

(3) by redesignating paragraph (2) as paragraph (3); and

(4) by inserting after paragraph (1) the following:

"(2) an analysis of any and all existing deficiencies in the technology evaluation process and recommendations to advance the efficiency, accuracy, and consistency of grain grading and minimize costs imposed on the Federal Government and the grain export industry; and".

SEC. 10. FUNDING.

Section 19 of the United States Grain Standards Act (7 U.S.C. 87h) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a), by striking "2021 through 2025" and inserting "2026 through 2030"; and

(2) in subsection (b)(1)(A), by striking "other services" and inserting "other services (excluding grading services performed under the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946)".

SEC. 11. ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

Section 21 of the United States Grain Standards Act (7 U.S.C. 87j) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a), by adding at the end the following: "Notwithstanding the previous sentence, if the Secretary does not make a new appointment upon the completion of a term of an existing member (including such existing member's second successive term), then such existing member shall continue to serve until such appointment is made."; and

(2) in subsection (e), by striking "2025" and inserting "2030".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. THOMPSON) and the gentlewoman from Kansas (Ms. DAVIDS) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Pennsylvania.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the bill under consideration.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Pennsylvania?

There was no objection.

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to speak on behalf of the United States Grain Standards Reauthorization Act of 2025, a piece of legislation that is more than 100 years old and plays a vital role in preserving safety, quality, and a standard of excellence for the American grain industry.

If we want America to maintain its status as the safest, most abundant grain supply in the world, reauthorization of this act before several of its key provisions expire at the end of September is absolutely essential.

Originally passed in 1916, the United States Grain Standards Act gave the Federal Government the authority to set official marketing standards for grains and oilseeds. It also provided a framework for inspection and weighing procedures.

Because of the United States Grain Standards Act, the American grain industry has developed an enduring reputation for consistency and quality in the global market.

This vital tool plays a critical role in reinforcing the strength of our agriculture supply chain. It ensures that farmers, whether they grow corn, sorghum, soybeans, or any other grain, receive a fair price that reflects the quality of their crop. It allows buyers of U.S. grain to feel confident in the safety and quality of the products they need.

The United States Grain Standards Act also supports U.S. trade, a crucial part of the American farm economy. In 2024, the U.S. exported more than \$26 billion of American grains. In just my home State of Pennsylvania alone, almost \$100 million of corn and barley are exported every year.

These exports make a difference to the bottom line for family farmers in Pennsylvania and across our country.

American agriculture has certainly changed since 1916, and the United States Grain Standards Act continues to evolve with the times. The 2025 reauthorization of the act includes key improvements that will help grain standards continue to modernize while emphasizing cost-effectiveness from both government and industry.

This legislation promotes technological innovation by advancing grain grading tools to improve accuracy, efficiency, and consistency while giving USDA the flexibility to invest in critical technological upgrades. Annual reports on technological challenges and