

dedicated mom who always prioritized them and their well-being over anything else.

My prayers are with her three sons; Tyler, Brady, and Camden; her partner, Joey Bernier; her brothers, Jeff and Donald Pierce; and her large extended family, including her mom, grandmother, and cousins; plus all the players she loved so much, both current and former.

Kelly truly reflects what I love the most about our community and our district: hardworking, passionate, and dedicated. She leaves a humongous hole in our community and will be dearly missed.

As her family, friends, and the entire Salpointe community grieves, know that our community is alongside them. May Kelly's legacy on this Earth continue to inspire all of us today and our future generations. She will be dearly missed. May she rest in peace.

HONORING BISHOP CALVIN WOODS, Sr.

(Ms. SEWELL of Alabama was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Ms. SEWELL. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the extraordinary life and legacy of a civil rights icon and a beloved Birmingham pastor, Bishop Calvin Woods, Sr., who passed away on August 16, 2025, at the age of 91.

Bishop Woods was a cherished member of the Birmingham community whose moral leadership served as a guiding light during the civil rights movement and beyond.

Born and raised in Birmingham, Alabama, Bishop Woods attended Parker High School before earning his bachelor's degree from Miles College. He went on to complete several more degrees at the Universal Baptist Institute and Union Baptist Seminary, as well as the School of Truth.

In 1956, Bishop Woods began his nearly six decades of involvement in the civil rights movement, cofounding the Alabama Christian Movement for Human Rights alongside his brother, Reverend Abraham Woods, and the Reverend Fred Shuttlesworth.

Bishop Woods worked closely with Dr. Martin Luther King and participated in numerous civil rights demonstrations, including the Birmingham campaign and the 1963 March on Washington. Following the shooting of five African-American protesters at a Birmingham supermarket, Bishop Woods planned public protests and later filed a lawsuit challenging the unjust suspension of schoolchildren for demonstrating against segregation.

Despite being beaten, arrested, fined, and imprisoned, Bishop Woods was never afraid to stand up for what he believed was right. As a result of his fearless advocacy, he was appointed by Dr. King as a SCLC City Convener for the Birmingham Ministers Leadership Conference.

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Bishop Woods was a devoted man of God whose love for his family and his community was unmatched. He spent more than three decades as the pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church in Birmingham, and held numerous leadership roles in the community.

He served as a board member of the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute and a member of the National Baptist Convention Board of Directors.

In 2006, Bishop Woods was named president of the Birmingham SCLC, and one year later, he became president of the New Era Baptist State Convention.

Madam Speaker, on a personal note, I am forever grateful for the sacrifices that Bishop Woods made in the name of equality and justice for all. He stands as a testament to the power of ordinary Americans to achieve extraordinary social change. I know that I get to walk the Halls of Congress as Alabama's first Black Congresswoman because of his courageous efforts.

The city of Birmingham, the State of Alabama, and our entire Nation are indebted to him for his tireless fight to end segregation.

On behalf of Alabama's Seventh Congressional District, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the extraordinary life and legacy of Bishop Calvin Woods, Sr.

Madam Speaker, may he rest in peace and may his legacy live on in the lives that he touched and in the change that he sparked.

DATA COLLECTED BY DOGE

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

Mr. LARSON of Connecticut. Madam Speaker, I rise this morning to talk about a very troubling concern that is taking place in Congress.

Madam Speaker, you may be aware that the so-called DOGE group, a group of individuals that was put together by Elon Musk and President Trump that were unvetted and unaccountable, have now gotten the data of more than 300 million of our fellow Americans. They have taken that data and put it in a cloud, making it vulnerable to being hacked. It is an unsecured position by people who had no right to go into individuals' personal data and information.

Madam Speaker, I asked Chairman ESTES yesterday if he would call a hearing on this so that we could bring the whistleblower in who made this evident and clear that this data is being kidnapped and taken to the cloud, which means, for those of you that don't understand this, an unsecured place.

The Social Security Administration has no idea. When I asked my fellow Republican colleagues if they had any idea where this data was, they had no idea either. It is long overdue that, as an equal branch of government, we

hold the executive branch accountable when they are taking people's personal data and Social Security information and exposing it. There is no reason why any 24-year-old, unvetted, unaccountable person should have access to any American's Social Security information.

Madam Speaker, you have more than 177,000 Social Security recipients in your own district. Is there not one Republican who will stand up and say: We need a hearing. We demand to know where this information is. We want to know why they need this information.

I think you know why. It is because they want to privatize Social Security. They are dissembling Social Security from within.

Democrats are aware of this, but all citizens—whether Republican, Democrat, or unaffiliated—ought to be concerned and shocked by the fact that your data, your personal information, has been hacked by people who were not vetted and are unaccountable and have placed this in a cloud, meaning in an unsecured place, that anyone could hack into. Imagine that the Social Security administration has no idea what they have done with this data.

We asked Elon Musk and DOGE to come before this Committee on Ways and Means, and they refused to come. Why? Because they believe they are above the law. They don't believe that they are accountable to an equal branch of government. Now they have gone in and taken the data that they were after. Why is Elon Musk after it? Because that data contains information about the \$2.7 trillion of the people's money that is in Social Security.

If I sound a little angry, it is because I am. Every American ought to be angered and outraged that this is going on. We vowed to protect their information and keep it safe and secure. This administration and Elon Musk have sent DOGE into Social Security to take this information. It is morally wrong. It is not legal, and it is long overdue that we take action.

FISCAL YEAR 2026 NDAA

(Ms. TOKUDA of Hawaii was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Ms. TOKUDA. Madam Speaker, when the Armed Services Committee reported out this year's NDAA, it was a bill I was proud to support after months of bipartisan work, careful oversight, and real provisions to strengthen our national defense. That is the kind of process this committee is known for.

As we have sadly seen before, the amendments being considered are largely partisan poison pills set to, once again, diminish the bipartisan work of our committee. Through a closed, partisan process, Rules Committee Republicans stripped away balance and accountability. They denied Democrats and, by extension, our constituents the chance to openly debate

issues that demand answers, like the National Guard in our streets, the purges at the Pentagon, or the abuse of Trump's unilateral military force abroad.

Not surprisingly, not one of the ten amendments I submitted were made in order.

Let me tell you what Republicans apparently don't care about: Accountability for predators.

I offered an amendment to disinter Dr. Robert McCormick Browne, a man accused of sexually abusing dozens of students in Hawaii, from the National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific. A predator like that does not deserve to rest amongst heroes. The Republicans said no. By refusing to act, they are, once again, protecting a pedophile, allowing him to lie in a place of honor instead of standing amongst survivors and justice.

Taking care of veterans. I proposed suspending commissary debit card fees that unfairly tax veterans and their caregivers. I also proposed eliminating medical copays for Native Hawaiian veterans, the same healthcare benefits that Native American and Alaska Native veterans currently receive. Republicans said no. Apparently, they believe veterans should keep getting nicked-and-dimed for basic healthcare and food.

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Madam Speaker, with regard to safe housing for servicemembers, I proposed an amendment to increase investment in barracks for unaccompanied servicemembers and establish clear timeliness standards for maintenance work orders.

No servicemembers should be forced to live with black mold, broken plumbing, and unsafe conditions. I have walked through those barracks myself.

Republicans said no, again. I guess they are fine sending troops off to war and combat and then sending them home to live in squalor.

With regard to standing up to China, I introduced an amendment requiring congressional approval before advanced AI chips, critical to our most sophisticated weapons and intelligence systems, could be exported to Beijing. It was blocked.

I also proposed raising the Taiwan Security Cooperation Initiative cap to \$8.5 billion, fully paid for with existing tariff revenue that is coming in, to strengthen Indo-Pacific deterrence. Republicans still said no. If this is their idea of strength, China will be the one that wins.

It wasn't just me that didn't get amendments included in the NDAA. Many of my colleagues put forward commonsense ideas like prohibiting the deportation of veterans without due process, as in the case of my constituent, Mr. Sae Joon Park, or clarifying that the National Guard can't be turned into an immigration police force. Yet both of these amendments were blocked.

Madam Speaker, here is the truth. It is an intentional choice that we make to take an oath to be of the people and for the people.

In a democracy, we debate. We vote. We let the American people see exactly where we stand. In an autocracy, that choice is stripped away. Dissent is silenced, and decisions are made behind closed doors.

That is the difference. That is the danger. That is a choice. Shutting down debate isn't just about dysfunction. It is a betrayal of our oath and our disservice to every single servicemember, veteran, and family who depends on us.

They fought for us. They have sacrificed for us. They have died for us. They deserve leaders who fight for them and not politicians who game the process.

I will always stand up for all of Hawaii's servicemembers, their families, and the communities that support them. Their sacrifices inspire me every single day.

Madam Speaker, there is another way. There is a better way. It is called democracy, and it begins with a choice.

RECESS

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

Accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 11 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. MOORE of Utah) at noon.

PRAYER

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

Heavenly Father, we pray not our will, but Yours be done this day.

Don't answer our prayers with words we want to hear, but cause us to hear how You wish us to respond to the concerns for which we pray.

Don't listen to us when we ask for Your favor, lest we be inclined to demand more, but grant us the faith to trust in Your provision when what we have doesn't seem enough.

Don't shower us with blessings we desire, but bless us with more of You, that we would desire nothing else.

Don't lead us away from the challenges that lie before us, but challenge us to follow You as you lead us through them.

Don't quell our anxieties that hurt our hearts with worry, but transform our hearts that they would seek first Your righteousness.

Do not forsake us. Do not be far from us, O Lord our God, but come quickly

to help us this day, for You, O Lord, are our Savior.

It is in Your sovereign name we pray. Amen.

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 gentlewoman from Oregon (Ms. DEXTER) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. DEXTER 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.

CELEBRATING ARLINGTON, TEXAS, CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

(Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. WILLIAMS of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and celebrate a remarkable milestone for the city of Arlington, Texas. This year marks the 80th anniversary of the Arlington Chamber of Commerce.

As the city's oldest and largest business organization, the Chamber has been a pillar of the community for eight decades, serving over 1,000 members and advocating for businesses of all sizes.

The hardworking families and entrepreneurs of Main Street are the backbone of our economy, and it is vital that they have the resources they need to succeed.

For 80 years, Arlington Chamber members have worked tirelessly to address key issues facing small businesses throughout the community.

Through securing and expanding resources, the Chamber has brought immeasurable growth to our city.

I commend the Arlington Chamber for 80 years of excellence, and I thank them for their continued commitment to serving Texas. In God we trust.

NATIONAL GUARD IN PORTLAND

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

Ms. DEXTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today not just as a Member of Congress but as a proud Oregonian.