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

PRAYER

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

The CHAPLAIN. Holy and eternal God, we come to You on this auspicious day, a day of grief, a day of confusion, a day of consternation.

We reflect on the horrific moments of 9/11, when the country was assaulted by evil's wicked hand, only to continue in anguish when confronted with the senseless violence of the assassination of Charlie Kirk and the simultaneous attack on high schoolers in Colorado even just yesterday.

Gracious God, receive the agony that resides in the depths of our hearts and call up within us a deeper desire to respond to these tragedies not with words of animus or rancor that only deepen the divide but to speak into these days as representatives of Your peace.

Remind us again that our days are short but our lives are in Your hands and You call us to live even these days as unto You.

Inspire us now to lead our communities toward more civil dialogue, to turn the temperature down, and to rise above the animosity and claim the redemption that can only be found in You.

We turn to You with all that we are, as we are, that You would use us to proclaim Your peace. It is in the strength of Your name I 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 Indiana (Mr. SHREVE) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. SHREVE 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

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

REMEMBERING LEW THOMPSON

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

Mr. WOMACK. Mr. Speaker, on August 26, Madison County, the State of Arkansas, and the Nation's trucking industry lost a remarkable self-made businessman when Lew Thompson of Huntsville died unexpectedly at his home. I lost a dear friend.

The Lew Thompson brand is synonymous with short-haul trucking, particularly in the live-haul business. His iconic red trucks are recognizable all over Arkansas and our Nation. Lew had an entrepreneurial spirit, taking a one-man show, hauling turkeys for Butterball, to a major fleet of 700 trucks and 1,200 trailers. It is a rags-to-riches, multimillion-dollar operation.

He had a huge heart for his home region and never forgot his roots and the friends and family that contributed to his enormous success.

I will never forget my last visit with Lew and the folks at Lew Thompson & Son Trucking the week before he passed away. He was excited about the future and now gone too soon.

Mr. Speaker, I send my condolences to his wife, Carla; his son, Josh; his

daughter, Tiffany; and scores of extended family and friends. Rest in peace, my dear friend.

FIGHTING NUTRITION CUTS

(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, in my suburban Philadelphia district, more than 75,000 people struggle with not enough food. They struggle with hunger every single day.

That is why I voted against the cuts to SNAP, our Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program. These cuts are going into effect now, and my constituents will do with less. These nutrition cuts hurt seniors, children, families, and veterans. The Gospel of Matthew teaches us to do better.

For I was naked and you clothed me; I was a stranger, and you welcomed me; a prisoner and you visited me; hungry and you offered me food.

May we use the privilege of our voices and our votes not to inflame but to inspire.

HONORING MIRANDA DABNEY

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

Mr. HERN of Oklahoma. Mr. Speaker, today I honor Miranda Dabney who has served Oklahoma's First District with unwavering dedication since my very first day in office.

For nearly 7 years, Miranda's tireless work and invaluable contributions have been the cornerstone of our team's success. From shaping our message to driving our mission forward, her impact is immeasurable. We simply would not be where we are today without her.

I am immensely proud of her remarkable achievements and the legacy she

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leaves with us. Miranda is not going far. She will be working for the Committee on Appropriations under my dear friend and fellow Oklahoman, Chairman TOM COLE.

As she embarks on her next chapter, I have no doubt her career will continue to flourish, inspiring us all. I thank Miranda for her service and for making Oklahoma stronger.

RECOGNIZING MAGGIE MANCINELLI-CAHILL

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

Mr. TONKO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the tremendous contributions of Maggie Mancinelli-Cahill, Producing Artistic Director of the Capital Repertory Theatre, as she retires from her storied career bringing the joy of live theater to patrons across the capital region and beyond.

Since 1995, Maggie has directed more than 125 productions, workshops, and readings, helping to cement the repertory as a treasured cornerstone of both the city of Albany and the wider theater community. The warmth of her personality would always shine through as she enthusiastically welcomed audiences at the start of so many shows.

Throughout her three decades at the repertory, Maggie nurtured local artists and performers, while sharing her own illustrious talents and creativity with a grateful audience.

Countless local organizations have recognized Maggie's abundance of vision, resilience, and, yes, optimism. While the curtain is closing on this act of Maggie's brilliant career, I know her theatrical artistry will continue to inspire our community for years to come.

Bravo, Maggie, bravo. Congratulations.

REMEMBERING DUANE ANKNEY

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

Mr. DOWNING. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of former Montana State Senator Duane Ankney, known to many as the "King of Coal."

Elected to the State legislature in 2006 from Colstrip, Montana, which he proudly called the heartbeat of eastern Montana, Senator Ankney was a steadfast advocate for the working men and women who power our State. He understood the value of coal not just as a resource but a way of life for thousands of Montanans.

Throughout his service, he championed energy independence, defended rural jobs, and gave a voice to communities too often overlooked. Senator Ankney wasn't afraid to speak hard truths or to take tough stands. He led with grit, with principle, and a deep love for Montana.

Today, we remember him as more than a legislator. We remember him as a fighter. He was a friend and a champion to the people he served.

PROTECTING AMERICA'S INFRASTRUCTURE

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

Mr. SHREVE. Mr. Speaker, our Department of Defense is charged with protecting America's critical infrastructure. Our current standards are simply insufficient. The United States is vulnerable to attack on our defense infrastructure by our adversaries, as we were reminded of today like no other.

Fortifying our defense critical infrastructure is imperative, and funding it is our job. My amendment No. 269 directs a comprehensive review of current interagency coordination of DOD implementation to ensure physical and cybersecurity for our air, rail, and maritime infrastructure that underpins our military readiness.

My amendment No. 270 directs our Secretary of State with developing a comprehensive strategy to counter Iran's and Hezbollah's missionary and propaganda operations in Latin America.

Iran's goal in Latin America is to export its ideology to the region, so as to cultivate anti-Americanism in our Western Hemisphere. There must be a clear plan and strategy to counter their malign influence.

Mr. Speaker, these two amendments were unanimously passed yesterday and included in the National Defense Authorization Act, and I thank my colleagues for supporting these amendments.

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STOP ILLEGAL ENTRY ACT OF 2025

Mr. KNOTT. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to House Resolution 682, I call up the bill (H.R. 3486) to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to increase penalties for individuals who illegally enter and reenter the United States after being removed, and for other purposes, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. GOLDMAN of Texas). Pursuant to House Resolution 682, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary, printed in the bill, modified by the amendment printed in part B of House Report 119-255, is adopted and the bill, as amended, is considered read.

The text of the bill, as amended, is as follows:

H.R. 3486

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 "Stop Illegal Entry Act of 2025".

SEC. 2. COMMISSION OF CRIMES BY ALIENS UNLAWFULLY PRESENT IN THE UNITED STATES.

Section 275 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1325) is amended—

(1) in subsection (a), by striking "2 years" and inserting "5 years"; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

"(e) Any alien—

"(1) who—

“(A) enters or attempts to enter the United States at any time or place other than as designated by immigration officers,

“(B) eludes examination or inspection by immigration officers, or

“(C) attempts to enter or obtains entry to the United States by a willfully false or misleading representation or the willful concealment of a material fact, and

“(2) thereafter is convicted of any crime punishable by more than 1 year of imprisonment, may be fined under title 18, United States Code, and shall be imprisoned not less than 5 years and may be imprisoned for any term of years or for life.”.

SEC. 3. INCREASED PENALTIES FOR REENTRY OF REMOVED ALIEN.

Section 276 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1326) is amended—

(1) by redesignating subsections (c) and (d) as subsections (d) and (e), respectively;

(2) by striking subsections (a) and (b) and inserting the following:

"(a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to subsections (b) and (c), any alien who—

“(1) has been denied admission, excluded, deported, removed, or has departed the United States while an order of exclusion, deportation, or removal is outstanding; and

“(2) thereafter enters, attempts to enter, or is at any time found in, the United States, unless—

“(A) prior to the alien's reembarkation at a place outside the United States or the alien's application for admission from foreign contiguous territory, the Secretary of Homeland Security has expressly consented to such alien's reapplying for admission; or

“(B) with respect to an alien previously denied admission and removed, such alien establishes that the alien was not required to obtain such advance consent under this or any prior Act,

shall be fined under title 18, United States Code, imprisoned not more than 10 years, or both.

"(b) CRIMINAL PENALTIES FOR REENTRY OF CERTAIN REMOVED ALIENS.—

"(1) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding the penalty under subsection (a), and except as provided in subsection (c), an alien described in subsection (a)—

“(A) who was convicted before such removal or departure of 3 or more misdemeanors involving drugs, crimes against the person, or both shall be fined under title 18, United States Code, imprisoned not more than 15 years, or both;

“(B) who has been excluded from the United States pursuant to section 235(c) because the alien was inadmissible under section 212(a)(3)(B) or who has been removed from the United States pursuant to the provisions of title V, and who thereafter, without the permission of the Secretary of Homeland Security, enters the United States, or attempts to do so, shall be fined under title 18, United States Code, and imprisoned for a period of 10 years, which sentence shall not run concurrently with any other sentence;

“(C) who was removed from the United States pursuant to section 241(a)(4)(B) who thereafter, without the permission of the Secretary of Homeland Security, enters, attempts to enter, or is at any time found in, the United States, shall be fined under title 18, United States Code, imprisoned for not more than 10 years, or both; and