

Lakes coastal economy, the heart of industrial and agricultural America from Duluth to Toledo to Buffalo, doesn't need this stress and lurch into reverse.

Canada is our Nation's largest fair trading partner and Ohio's biggest trading partner. Our region will work with any President and Prime Minister to reinvest in our Nation's industrial and agricultural base. Why not focus tariffs on China where the trade gap is enormous and there is no fair trade, or Mexico where the wages and the gap of wages is horrendous compared to our country? Why pick on the middle-class and hard-laboring people of the Great Lakes?

We live in a fair market economy. We should. Rising tariffs will only cripple economic growth here, and the Trump administration has just shot itself in the foot again. Our Nation's trade gaps need to be fixed with far too many unfair penny-wage nations and exploitative trade relationships.

Don't pick on our part of the country. Don't break what doesn't need fixing.

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 36 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:

You are the Lord. There is no other. On this day, may we appreciate that all that surrounds us is of Your making. All that lives and breathes finds its life in You.

May we look for the ways You call us to participate in Your creative work in the world, to desire to be laborers in Your vineyard, stewards of the bounty You have generously bestowed on us.

May we dedicate ourselves to give our best efforts to reveal the creative reality of Your peace, Your justice, and Your love around the globe and in our communities.

So, in our appreciation for what You have done, our participation in what You are doing, and our dedication to what You in Your grace plan will do, may we prove faithful this day.

In Your sovereign name, we pray.
Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's pro-

ceedings 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.

RECOGNIZING WORLD CANCER DAY

(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 World Cancer Day.

Today, on World Cancer Day, we unite to raise awareness, show support, and reaffirm our commitment to the fight against cancer.

This disease knows no boundaries. It touches every community, every family, and too many lives, including my own.

Today is not just about recognizing the challenge but strengthening our resolve. It is about honoring the fighters, survivors, and those that we have lost. It is about supporting researchers, doctors, caregivers, and advocates who work tirelessly to improve treatments, find cures, and bring hope.

Cancer may be a formidable opponent, but we are not powerless. Early detection, better treatments, and continuous advancements are saving lives. Awareness leads to action, and action leads to progress.

Whether it is through fundraising, supporting a loved one, or promoting healthy lifestyles, each of us has a role to play.

Mr. Speaker, let's commit to stand together as we move closer to a world where cancer is no longer a devastating diagnosis but a challenge that we overcome.

PROTECTING AMERICAN TAXPAYERS' SENSITIVE INFORMATION

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

Ms. ANSARI. Mr. Speaker, day after day, Donald Trump is abusing power, breaking the law, and tearing apart our Constitution.

Trump has handed over the government to Elon Musk, an unelected billionaire who does not care about the American people.

Trump has given Musk and his cronies extensive access to confidential,

personal information across all Federal agencies, including the Treasury. The Treasury makes 1.5 billion payments a year to taxpayers, businesses, and seniors, everything from Social Security benefits to tax refunds, Medicare, and Medicaid.

Musk now has access to Americans' confidential tax refund information, which includes their names, Social Security numbers, and home addresses.

That is why I am headed to Treasury this evening to stand up for Arizonans' privacy and to stand up for our democracy.

As a member of the House Oversight Committee, we are calling out this breach of law, privacy, and national security on behalf of the American people.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. LOUDERMILK). Members are reminded to refrain from engaging in personalities toward the President.

TRUMP TACKLES FENTANYL

(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, Donald Trump has been President only 2 weeks, and he is delivering on his Promises Made, Promises Kept on behalf of the American people. I know firsthand of his courage, as I led the House delegation for the opening of the American Embassy in 2018 in Jerusalem.

The failed policies of Biden-Harris have left American families in danger of illegal aliens bringing in lethal drugs, including fentanyl.

Yesterday, President Trump announced a deal that the Mexican Government will deploy thousands of Mexican troops to the border. Canada is implementing new protective commitments. House Republicans are taking action, voting on the HALT Fentanyl Act, led by Congressmen MORGAN GRIF-FITH and BOB LATTA.

Sadly, the regime in Tehran is defiant, having sent assassins to murder Donald Trump as war criminal Putin has ignored peace initiatives with record rocket attacks on civilians in Ukraine, and Putin state television has shamefully broadcast nude pictures of America's First Lady, Melania Trump, who is so beloved.

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.

PROTECTING TREASURY PAYMENT SYSTEM

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

Mr. MIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today because Elon Musk, an unelected billionaire, is repeatedly and blatantly

breaking the law, including by usurping the legislative and appropriations authority expressly reserved to Congress.

Musk has claimed powers that even the President himself does not hold, including the authority to “delete” agencies created and funded by this body.

Among other things, he has gained control over the Treasury’s payment system, the mechanism for processing all payments made by the Federal Government.

Musk promised to cut \$2 trillion from the Federal budget. The entire domestic discretionary budget is only \$917 billion, which means the only way Musk can achieve this promise is through massive cuts to Social Security and Medicare.

Musk now has the ability to shut off Social Security and Medicare payments with the flip of a switch. Controlling our payment systems also gives Elon Musk access to the personal information of every American who has ever received a Social Security, tax refund, or other government payment. Why does he need this information? What safeguards are there against abuse? We don’t know.

This cannot stand. We in Congress must act, enforce the law, and uphold the Constitution.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, January 30, 2025.

Hon. MIKE JOHNSON,
Speaker, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on January 30, 2025, at 3:24 p.m.:

Appointments:
United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control
With best wishes, I am,
Sincerely,

KEVIN F. MCCUMBER,
Clerk.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, February 4, 2025.

Hon. MIKE JOHNSON,
Speaker, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on February 4, 2025, at 1:28 p.m.:

Appointment:
Public Interest Declassification Board
With best wishes, I am,
Sincerely,

KEVIN F. MCCUMBER,
Clerk.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE STRATEGIC COMPETITION BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE CHINESE COMMUNIST PARTY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces the Speaker’s appointment pursuant to section 4(a) of House Resolution 5, 119th Congress, and the order of the House of January 3, 2025, of the following Members to the Select Committee on the Strategic Competition between the United States and the Chinese Communist Party:

Mr. MOOLENAAR, Michigan, Chairman
Mr. WITTMAN, Virginia
Mr. BARR, Kentucky
Mr. NEWHOUSE, Washington
Mr. LAHOOD, Illinois
Mr. DUNN, Florida
Mr. JOHNSON, South Dakota
Mrs. HINSON, Iowa
Mr. GIMENEZ, Florida
Mr. BILIRAKIS, Florida
Mrs. KIM, California
Mr. MORAN, Texas
Mr. NUNN, Iowa

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. 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 9 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 1601

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mrs. BICE) at 4 o’clock and 1 minute 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.

9/11 MEMORIAL AND MUSEUM ACT

Mr. WESTERMAN. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 835) to provide a one-time grant for the operation, security, and maintenance of the National September 11 Memorial & Museum at the World Trade Center to commemorate the events, and honor the victims, of

the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, and for other purposes.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 835

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 “9/11 Memorial and Museum Act”.

SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.

In this Act:

(1) NATIONAL SEPTEMBER 11 MEMORIAL & MUSEUM.—The term “National September 11 Memorial & Museum” means the National September 11 Memorial & Museum at the World Trade Center Foundation, Inc., established to commemorate the events of, and honor the victims of, the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001, at the site of such attacks.

(2) ELIGIBLE ENTITY.—The term “eligible entity” means the official organization, as in existence on the date of enactment of this Act, that—

(A) operates the National September 11 Memorial & Museum; and

(B) is an organization described in section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and exempt from taxation under section 501(a) of such Code.

(3) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means the Secretary of Homeland Security.

SEC. 3. ONE-TIME GRANT FOR NATIONAL SEPTEMBER 11 MEMORIAL & MUSEUM.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Subject to the availability of appropriations made in advance for such purpose to the Office of the Secretary and Executive Management of the Department of Homeland Security, the Secretary shall award to the eligible entity a grant in an amount determined by the Secretary subject to subsection (c), to be used by such entity solely for the purposes described in subsection (b), if upon review of the application submitted pursuant to subsection (d), the Secretary makes a determination pursuant to subsection (e) that such entity satisfies the criteria required under subsection (f).

(b) PURPOSE.—The one-time grant awarded under subsection (a) shall be used by the eligible entity for the operation, security, and maintenance of the National September 11 Memorial & Museum.

(c) GRANT AMOUNT.—The one-time grant under this section may not be for less than \$5,000,000 or more than \$10,000,000.

(d) APPLICATION.—To be considered for an award of the one-time grant under this section, the eligible entity shall submit to the Secretary an application at such time, in such manner, and containing such information as the Secretary may require.

(e) REVIEW; DEADLINE FOR AWARD.—If the Secretary, after review of the application from the eligible entity, determines that the eligible entity satisfies the criteria under subsection (f), the Secretary shall award the one-time grant to the eligible entity, not later than 90 days after the date of receipt by the Secretary of the completed application submitted by such entity.

(f) CRITERIA.—In determining the amount of the one-time grant consistent with subsection (c), the Secretary shall consider the following:

(1) The needs of the eligible entity, and ability and commitment of such eligible entity to use grant funds, with respect to ensuring the security and safety of visitors at the National September 11 Memorial & Museum.

(2) The number of visitors to the National September 11 Memorial & Museum who would benefit.