

PRAYER

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

Almighty Lord, You who shakes the heavens and causes the Earth to tremble, You who causes the sea to roar and the dry land to shudder, shake us from our falseness and rekindle our desire to love and to serve You in faithfulness and truth.

You own all that we value. You own the silver and the gold, the cravings of our hearts, and the successes we achieve: all those things that we are inclined to place before our allegiance to You and deem more important than our obligation to steward this abundant wealth for the benefit of Your creation.

Fill this place with Your spirit. With the might of Your Word, speak to us of Your power and purpose, that there will be no doubt in our minds that You alone are our desire. Everything we want, that we need, and that we are given has been given by Your hand, that we would turn our hearts and minds to You and dedicate our efforts to ensure that all the people we serve—Your people—would have the assurance of Your provision, even when the world around them trembles and the upheaval of these times threatens their well-being.

Lord of the whole Earth, sea, and sky, to You may we give our whole selves, that what we do on this day would reveal Your power and provision for the children of Your creation, the very people You have entrusted to our care.

In Your mighty 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 Michigan (Ms. TLAIB) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. TLAIB 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.

SCHUMER SHUTDOWN HURT AMERICANS

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to ad-

dress the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, the Schumer shutdown was proven irresponsible, achieving nothing and hurting American families.

Last week, I joined with Republican colleagues in voting to open the government, as Republicans originally voted in September to keep it open.

Now that the 43-day Democrat shutdown, the longest in history, is over, the government can get back to work on behalf of the American people.

The Democrat shutdown caused the loss of paychecks, destroyed jobs, delayed services to our military, and included the inconvenience of delayed and canceled flights worldwide.

I am grateful for the leadership of President Donald Trump and Speaker MIKE JOHNSON for promoting families first over failed political stunts.

In conclusion, God bless our troops as the global war on terrorism continues. Trump is reinstituting peace through strength, revealing war criminal Putin lies, insulting Trump and yesterday attacking a Turkish-flagged tanker, causing evacuation in Romania, both NATO allies that we so value.

Our prayers for the recovery of South Carolina native Jesse Jackson.

EPSTEIN REMARKS

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

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, Republicans have to decide if they are going to protect pedophiles or seek justice for survivors of sex trafficking and abuse.

I sat across from survivors—some of them were as young as 13 and 14 at the time—and they told us over and over again to follow the money.

The Treasury Department, Mr. Speaker, is sitting on suspicious activity reports on Epstein's financial network, detailing thousands of transactions totaling more than \$1.5 billion. In fact, J.P. Morgan knew about these suspicious transactions for more than a decade. He had 134 accounts with J.P. Morgan, but they chose to look the other way and continue to profit.

The corrupt administration would rather protect the rich and powerful, their billionaire donors, and stop the truth from coming out.

Survivors of this horrific and systematic sexual abuse deserve justice, and the public deserves to know the full truth.

Don't be fooled. President Trump has the power to release the full, unredacted files right now without congressional action and end the coverup today.

RECOGNIZING COLONEL RIC TRIMILLOS

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

Mr. CRANK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Colonel Ric Trimillos for his extraordinary dedication and service as Scoutmaster of Troop 66 in Colorado Springs.

For years, Ric has served as a mentor and a role model to the Scouts of Troop 66. His commitment to the principles of scouting has created a nurturing environment where Scouts are encouraged to grow into responsible, competent leaders.

Ric's ability to connect with youth, guide them through challenges, and celebrate their achievements is a testament to his deep compassion and unwavering dedication.

Under his guidance, Troop 66 has thrived. Ric has led countless campouts, service projects, and leadership training events, always with a focus on building resilience, teamwork, and respect.

His mentorship has helped many Scouts earn the rank of Eagle Scout and, more importantly, has instilled in them a lifelong commitment to service and integrity.

On behalf of all of those whose lives he has touched, I extend my deepest gratitude and heartfelt recognition.

END HUNGER NOW

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

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, under Donald Trump, America is joining the ranks of other countries in all the wrong ways. Freedom House now lists us among nations where judges and prosecutors face political attacks.

Reporters Without Borders says that our press freedom has sunk to a historic low.

Now, Trump has crossed a line that no U.S. President ever dared cross: He withheld food assistance that Americans were legally entitled to, blocking nutrition benefits not because the country can't afford them but because he thinks it helps him politically.

In my work as co-chair of the Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission, I have seen brutal regimes use food as a weapon and leaders starve their own people to hold on to power. I never ever thought I would see a U.S. President try to rip a page from the same playbook.

What a shameful moment in our history, and I will continue to fight to end hunger now.

RECOGNIZING BRIAN "HOOTY" ADAM

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

Mr. EZELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a distinguished public servant from Hancock County, Mississippi, Brian "Hooty" Adam, who will retire on December 21, 2025, after more than four decades of serving his community.

Hooty began his career in 1985 as a firefighter, answering the call when his neighbors needed him most. In 2003, he became director of Hancock Emergency Management Agency, a role he has carried with steady leadership for 22 years.

During that time, he guided the county through countless emergencies; destructive storms; and, most notably, the unimaginable challenges of Hurricane Katrina. Through every crisis, Hooty was a source of strength—calm, prepared, and fully committed to protecting the people of Hancock County, Mississippi. His leadership saved lives, strengthened emergency response across our region, and set a standard of service that we should all admire.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Hooty Adam for his extraordinary dedication and in wishing him the very best in his well-earned retirement.

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HONORING PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR: TIELA SCHURMAN

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

Ms. McDONALD RIVET. Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate Midland High School principal Tiela Schurman for being named the Michigan 2026 High School Principal of the Year.

Principal Schurman's compassionate and hands-on leadership sets an example for schools across the country. She is an extraordinarily gifted leader who inspires those around her to stand up for every child in all of our communities.

It is her passion for education and her fervent belief in every child's potential that guides the work she does every day. She encourages collaboration and teamwork among educators, making Midland High School a safe space that uplifts everyone under its roof.

Principal Schurman pushes her students to dream big, asking them every single week, "Chemicals, you determine your legacy. What will be it?"

There are years ahead in her leadership journey in education. I have no doubt that she will leave a legacy of educational excellence, deep caring, and a spark of hope for every student she encounters.

Go Chemicals.

USMC HELICOPTER SUPPORT IN VIETNAM

(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, as we recently celebrated veterans across the country, H.R. 5939, the USMC Helicopter Support in Vietnam Congressional Gold Medal Act, would award a Congressional Gold Medal to the Vietnam-era Marine Corps and Navy veterans who performed vital helicopter support missions.

These flight crews executed incredibly risky and dangerous operations. They successfully carried out lifesaving medical evacuations, transporting approximately 189,000 servicemembers.

Recognizing those who put their lives in harm's way to help out our wounded is long overdue. With the enactment of this bill, Congress can and must take the crucial step toward finally giving these brave veterans the hero's welcome they so deserve.

RESIGNATION AS MEMBER OF COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following resignation as a member of the Committee on Natural Resources:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, November 18, 2025.

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

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: I want to sincerely thank the Committee for its graciousness in allowing me to waive onto the Committee on Natural Resources earlier this year. It has been a privilege to serve and to help advance environmental justice policies for the people in New York's Seventh District and in Puerto Rico.

Thank you for the privilege of holding three committees over the past few years. I will continue to remain on Small Business and Financial Services. Effective this week, I will remove myself from the Committee on Natural Resources to make room for another member who wishes to take the opening.

It has been an honor to contribute to the committee's mission, and I look forward to continuing to advance our shared priorities in other capacities.

Sincerely,

NYDIA M. VELÁZQUEZ,
Member of Congress.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the resignation is accepted.
There was no objection.

ELECTING A MEMBER TO A CERTAIN STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Republican Conference, I offer a privileged resolution and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 886

Resolved, That the following named Member be, and is hereby, elected to the following standing committee of the House of Representatives:

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY: Mr. Fong.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

ELECTING MEMBERS TO CERTAIN STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Democratic Caucus, I offer a privileged resolution and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 887

Resolved, That the following named Members be, and are hereby, elected to the following standing committees of the House of Representatives:

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES: Mr. Conaway.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND WORKFORCE: Mrs. Grijalva.

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY: Mr. Walkinshaw (to rank immediately after Ms. Pou).

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES: Mrs. Grijalva (to rank immediately after Ms. Rivas).

Mr. MCGOVERN (during the reading). Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be considered as read.

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

There was no objection.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF S.J. RES. 80, PROVIDING FOR CONGRESSIONAL DISAPPROVAL OF THE RULE SUBMITTED BY THE BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT RELATING TO "NATIONAL PETROLEUM RESERVE IN ALASKA INTEGRATED ACTIVITY PLAN RECORD OF DECISION"; PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.J. RES. 130, PROVIDING FOR CONGRESSIONAL DISAPPROVAL OF THE RULE SUBMITTED BY THE BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT RELATING TO "BUFFALO FIELD OFFICE RECORD OF DECISION AND APPROVED RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN AMENDMENT"; PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.J. RES. 131, PROVIDING FOR CONGRESSIONAL DISAPPROVAL OF THE RULE SUBMITTED BY THE BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT RELATING TO "COASTAL PLAIN OIL AND GAS LEASING PROGRAM RECORD OF DECISION"; PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H. CON. RES. 58, DENOUNCING THE HORRORS OF SOCIALISM; PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 1949, UNLOCKING OUR DOMESTIC LNG POTENTIAL ACT OF 2025; PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 3109, RESEARCHING EFFICIENT FEDERAL IMPROVEMENTS FOR NECESSARY ENERGY REFINING ACT; PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 5107, COMMON-SENSE LAW ENFORCEMENT AND ACCOUNTABILITY NOW IN DC ACT OF 2025; PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 5214, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA CASH BAIL REFORM ACT OF 2025; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up