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The House met at noon and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. GILL of Texas).

DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,

December 9, 2025.

I hereby appoint the Honorable BRANDON GILL to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

MIKE JOHNSON,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

MORNING-HOUR DEBATE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of January 3, 2025, the Chair will now recognize Members from lists submitted by the majority and minority leaders for morning-hour debate.

The Chair will alternate recognition between the parties, with time equally allocated between the parties and each Member other than the majority and minority leaders and the minority whip limited to 5 minutes, but in no event shall debate continue beyond 1:50 p.m.

LETTERKENNY ARMY DEPOT PLAYS IMPORTANT ROLE

(Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the great work being done at Letterkenny Army Depot in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania.

Recently, on a visit there with Senator DAVE McCORMICK and Depot Commander Colonel Lewis, I was able to see firsthand how the Army depot works every day to support our warfighters.

Since assuming command in July, Colonel Lewis has overseen more than 1,500 personnel, who perform critical work repairing and modernizing the air and missile defense systems that allow the U.S. military to remain the most technologically advanced and lethal fighting force in the world.

Beyond supporting our warfighters across the globe, Letterkenny Army Depot is a vital economic driver in the region, bringing nearly half a billion dollars back to the district through jobs and contracts.

It is an honor to represent Letterkenny in Congress, and I was grateful to have the opportunity to revisit and see the incredible work that is being done in Franklin County.

On behalf of everyone in Pennsylvania's 13th District, I offer my thanks for the important role that Letterkenny plays in aiding our warfighters and look forward to their continued innovation and dedicated service to our country.

ENERGY AND COMMERCE COMMITTEE WORKING DILIGENTLY

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to highlight the great energy bills that will come to the House floor later this week.

This Congress, Republicans on the Energy and Commerce Committee have worked diligently to improve grid reliability as well as the permitting process for Federal projects, ultimately supporting President Trump's goal of unleashing American energy dominance.

Upcoming legislation that came out of the Committee will ensure that reliability and affordability are prioritized when making decisions about our electric grid. These bills will also reverse the trend of the last 4 years, such as restrictions on natural gas pipelines that were blocked by radical blue State governments' Green New Deal agenda.

I was proud to support these bills out of the Energy and Commerce Com-

mittee and look forward to seeing this legislation passing Congress and being signed into law by President Trump.

EXPRESSING GRATITUDE TO ARNIE AND LINDA MCCLURE

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the community impact of Arnie and Linda McClure of Shirleysburg, Pennsylvania.

Arnie is an accomplished businessman, a farmer, a published author, and a civic leader. In 1980, Arnie founded The Valley Log, a weekly newspaper in Huntingdon County. Arnie has served as the publisher and editor over the last 45 years.

Arnie's contributions to journalism also include multiple books on Pennsylvania history. Additionally, Arnie and his wife, Linda, are partners in the McClure Mills Farms.

Arnie's wife, Linda, is a community leader in her own right. Currently, she serves as the president of the Mount Union District School Board. Together, Arnie and Linda are a powerhouse couple in Huntingdon County, Pennsylvania.

I express my gratitude to both Arnie and Linda for their many contributions to making Huntingdon County, Pennsylvania, a stronger and better community.

CELEBRATING BARR RIDGE FARMS

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the Lieb family of Barr Ridge Farms as the Farm Family of the Year in Cambria County, Pennsylvania.

Barr Ridge Farms is operated by Aaron and Bob Lieb, the triple-great-grandsons of Adam Lieb, who founded the dairy farm in 1861.

The Farm Family of the Year is awarded by the Cambria County Farm Bureau to a multigenerational family farm that has been active and well respected in the farm bureau.

Located in Nicktown, Pennsylvania, Barr Ridge Farms produces approximately 1,200 gallons of milk every day.

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The Lieb family also grows corn, soybeans, and a variety of grass to feed the animals.

On behalf of everyone in Pennsylvania's 13th Congressional District, I offer my heartfelt congratulations to the Lieb family on this notable recognition and express gratitude for their enduring commitment to the Pennsylvania agricultural community.

16TH ANNUAL MARCH FOR THE FOOD BANK

(Mr. MCGOVERN of Massachusetts was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, food costs are sky high, and regular people are struggling to put dinner on the table for their families. More and more people are relying on emergency food assistance at food banks and food pantries just to survive.

This extraordinary need, exacerbated by Trump's cruelty and his administration's awful policies that have increased hunger made this year's March for the Food Bank of Western Massachusetts more important than ever.

Every November, an incredible team of antihunger advocates, concerned neighbors, and Federal, State, and local officials embark on a 43-mile walk to raise funds for and awareness about the terrible problem of hunger.

As always, NEPM's incredible radio host Monte Belmonte led the group, pushing a shopping cart and rallying us to keep up the fight. This year, Monte's son Pax marched with us to support his dad and our effort to end hunger.

I was joined by my incredible family—my wife, Lisa; my son, Patrick; Wendy, Bill, and Courtney Talcott; and baby Hazel. Their support and commitment to the cause of ending hunger means the world to me.

I am grateful to Congressman RICHIE NEAL and former Congressman Joe Kennedy for joining the march. I thank my colleagues in State government for showing up and continuing to work tirelessly to protect people in Massachusetts from the cruelty of this administration: Our amazing Governor, Maura Healey; Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources Commissioner Ashley Randle; State Senators Jo Comerford and Jake Oliveira; State Representatives Natalie Blais, Mindy Domb, Lindsay Sabadosa, Homar Gomez, Shirley Arriaga, and Pat Duffy.

I thank Northampton Mayor Gina-Louise Sciarra, Greenfield Mayor Ginny Desorgher, Holyoke Mayor Joshua Garcia, and Chicopee Mayor John Vieau for marching with us.

The hundreds of other people who joined the march—students, advocates, members of my staff, community leaders such as Tim Garvin of the United Way of Central Massachusetts, Sean Barry, Shannon from the Martin Luther King Center in Springfield, and so many, many more—are incredible. We

had double the number of marchers this year compared to last.

Along the way, the marchers stopped by some of the incredible food pantries that serve the people of western Massachusetts: the Amherst Survival Center, UMass Amherst Campus Pantry, Stone Soup Cafe, Kate's Kitchen and Providence Ministries, and Lorraine's Soup Kitchen & Pantry.

We were able to keep going thanks to the nourishment of De La Luz and Holyoke Community College Culinary Arts program, Berkshire Brewing Company, Bub's Bar-B-Que, Holyoke Hummus, and Hillside Pizza. A shout-out to Dean's Beans coffee for keeping us caffeinated during the entire march.

I also thank local law enforcement—Deerfield and Springfield Police, and the Hampden, Hampshire, and Franklin County Sheriff's Departments—for keeping us safe along the march.

I thank our media sponsors—New England Public Media and WRSI 93.9, The River—for broadcasting the walk and raising awareness among people in western Massachusetts.

I am so grateful to my friend, Andrew Morehouse, of the Food Bank of Western Massachusetts and his entire team, particularly the development team, for all they do to improve food security among people in western Massachusetts and for their work in organizing this incredible event every single year.

This march is tough. The days are very long, and we were exhausted by the end of it, but it is nothing compared to the struggle people in poverty face every single day just trying to survive in the United States of America, the richest country in the history of the world.

My great desire is to never again have to do this walk, not because of the long days or the cold weather or the aching legs and feet, but because I dream of a day when every family is food secure and no person goes to bed wondering where their next meal is going to come from.

Sadly, we are further from that goal today than we were a year ago. The Trump administration and the Republicans in Congress have taken a sledgehammer to basic needs programs that help regular people afford food. They have completely ignored rising costs and the needs of real people, instituting the largest cuts to healthcare and food assistance in American history, all to give tax breaks to the wealthiest people in this country.

This year's march raised nearly a million dollars, and that is a lot of money, but it is nowhere near enough to make up for the cuts imposed by Trump's big, ugly bill.

Charity alone has never, will never, can never make up for the hundreds of billions of dollars in Federal cuts. Ending hunger requires strong Federal investments in basic needs programs and a strategy championed by the Federal Government.

Until we have a government that is willing to meaningfully invest in basic

needs programs, we will continue to march in support of a future where we are able to finally end hunger now.

RECOGNIZING BRANDAN HOLLIDAY

(Mr. TAYLOR of Ohio was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. TAYLOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Master Sergeant Brandon Holliday.

Brandon recently returned home from deployment, serving with the 332nd Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron in southwest Asia. While on deployment, Master Sergeant Holliday served as a night-shift flight chief, leading over 56 security forces members for U.S. Central Command.

Master Sergeant Holliday's home unit is the 121st Security Forces Squadron based at Rickenbacker Air National Guard Base. He also serves his community as a law enforcement officer, as an emergency management specialist for the Kettering Police Department, and as a part-time sergeant and deputy sheriff for the Aberdeen Police Department and Adams County Sheriff's Office, respectively.

In total, Master Sergeant Holliday has 12 years of experience in the Armed Forces and over 15 years of law enforcement experience. Upon returning home from his recent deployment, Master Sergeant Holliday was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal in recognition of his outstanding leadership.

What makes America exceptional are men and women like Brandon Holliday, the quiet heroes who put their lives on the line in defense of our freedoms. This country is forever indebted to our servicemembers and their families, who sacrifice so much to preserve our experiment in self-government.

All of America thanks Master Sergeant Holliday.

RECOGNIZING UNIVERSITY OF CINCINNATI CLERMONT WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL TEAM

Mr. TAYLOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the University of Cincinnati Clermont women's volleyball team. The Cougars defeated Kent State Tuscarawas to win the United States Collegiate Athletic Association Division II championship. This is UC Clermont volleyball team's second title in its history. What makes this title even sweeter is that Kent State knocked the Cougars out of the playoff tournament last year.

UC Clermont dominated the playoffs, thanks to their tireless work ethic and family culture. Ending the season 23-4, the Cougars secured the top tournament seed and rode the momentum to the national championship.

Multiple Cougars were named to the all-tournament team, showcasing the amazing work the coaches and support staff do to develop these young women into star players. Winning titles is truly a joint effort between players, coaches, and parents. It takes teamwork to achieve great things, and that is something I hope the girls carry with them for the rest of their lives.