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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:

From wherever we have come, and wherever we now find ourselves, may our seeking lead us to You, O Lord. No matter how far we have wandered, regardless of the distance we have strayed, You have always remained near to us. May we return to You that You may have mercy on us.

Whether our way of life has proven unsustainable, or our life decisions shameful, You have always maintained Your love for us. May we abandon all that has dishonored You and surrender our willfulness to Your forgiveness.

Then, by Your forbearance, may we realize that our thoughts are not Your thoughts, nor are our ways Your ways. Your Heavens are high above the Earth, so Your will far surpasses what our limited perspective can imagine.

On this day, grant us the overwhelming joy to be found knowing that You want us to have a role in Your sovereign plan. May we engage in the work You have set before us with gratitude for the opportunity You have given us to serve You and this Nation at this time.

And may this day bring glory to You and peace in our lives and the lives of those whom we have been called to represent.

In Your mighty name, we 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 Florida (Mr. BILIRAKIS) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. BILIRAKIS 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.

### SWEARING IN OF THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The SPEAKER. The Chair will now administer the oath to Anne Dressendorfer Binsted, of Virginia, appointed November 25, 2025, to act as and to exercise the duties of Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Representatives effective December 31, 2025. The Chief Administrative Officer-designate will now approach the well.

The Chair will now swear in the Chief Administrative Officer of the House.

The Chief Administrative Officer-designate took the oath of office as follows:

Do you solemnly swear or affirm that you will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that you will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that you take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that you will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which you are about to enter, so help you God.

The SPEAKER. Congratulations.

### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will entertain up to 15 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

### HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF RABBI GARY KLEIN

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

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Rabbi Gary Klein, a devoted spiritual leader, dear friend, and true mensch.

For 35 years, Rabbi Klein served as the spiritual heart of Temple Ahavat Shalom in Palm Harbor, Florida. He answered this sacred calling with humility, wisdom, and compassion. He guided his congregation with warmth and moral clarity. He built a community rooted in kindness, responsibility, and faith.

I was honored to join him in his congregation for many Passover Seders, moments that reflected his generosity of spirit that I will never ever forget.

Rabbi Klein's commitment to tikkun olam extended beyond the synagogue. A trusted adviser on Israel, he served on AIPAC's National Council and worked tirelessly to strengthen the U.S.-Israel relationship. I will miss him dearly. He was one of a kind and irreplaceable.

Mr. Speaker, may his memory be eternal and a blessing, and may God comfort his grieving widow, Ilene, and devoted children. He was a wonderful, wonderful person.

### PRESIDENT TRUMP'S ILLEGAL TARIFFS

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

Mr. STANTON. Mr. Speaker, no matter who you are shopping for this holiday season, you will be paying a lot more due to Trump's illegal tariffs.

Prices for toys and games are up 17 percent. Clothing and shoes are up 20 percent. Electronics are up 34 percent.

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Home and kitchen gifts are up a whopping 38 percent.

Too many Arizona families are getting squeezed, and their paychecks are buying less and less. Joy and happiness are being replaced with stress and fear, fear that they can't provide for their families, and fear that things aren't getting any better.

Until Congress stands up to Trump and his illegal, reckless tariffs, things won't get better. Arizona families will continue to face uncertainty, but the Speaker of this House is about to send Congress home for the holidays without a single vote to rein in the President's abuse of tariff power, not one vote.

Enough is enough. House Republicans need to stand up for their constituents, stand up to Trump, and put an end to this tax on American families.

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

#### RECOGNIZING SHERIFF DAVE LANGE

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

Mr. FINSTAD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sheriff Dave Lange, who is retiring this month after a nearly 40-year career in law enforcement, including 29 years with the Nicollet County Sheriff's Department.

A proud son of southern Minnesota, Sheriff Lange joined the department right out of high school as a jailer-dispatcher. He then went on to work briefly in North Mankato before returning to the sheriff's department for good.

In 2002, he was elected sheriff, a position he has proudly held for the past 23 consecutive years. Since joining in the mid-1980s, Sheriff Lange has seen the department navigate decades of change. During his years of leadership, he spearheaded the procurement of new vehicles and equipment and oversaw the implementation of new technologies within the department.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Sheriff Lange for his years of service and the example that he has set for all of us in southern Minnesota. I offer congratulations to Sheriff Lange on his retirement and best of luck in this next chapter.

#### HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF CHUCK MANGIONE

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

Mr. MORELLE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Rochester's own Chuck Mangione, a world-class musician whose unique sound carried our city's spirit to every corner of the globe.

Born and raised in Rochester, Chuck never forgot where he came from. From

his early days playing alongside his brother, Gap, as The Jazz Brothers, to studying at and later leading the Eastman School of Music's jazz program, Chuck's commitment to his hometown never wavered. His flugelhorn gave us classics like "Feels So Good," earned Grammy Awards, and became the soundtrack to unforgettable moments.

In Rochester, we remember Chuck not just for his fame but for his generosity, joy, and the pride he shared in our community. He leaves a legacy that will keep our city swinging for generations. May we honor him by celebrating our hometown music the way Chuck always did.

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#### HONORING STORM VICTIMS IN WASHINGTON STATE

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

Ms. SCHRIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the communities all over the Eighth Congressional District and throughout Washington State that are feeling the tremendous impacts of this week's and last week's storms and floods.

Nearly 5 trillion gallons of rain in just 7 days have swelled rivers to record highs and at record speeds, trapping many before they even had a chance to evacuate. One person drowned. Countless houses were severely damaged; some even lifted right off their foundations. Farms were under water. Livestock was evacuated. So many families are worried about how they will ever get back on their feet.

Amid this tragedy, we also saw the very best in our communities. Neighbors helped neighbors. Emergency planners and government leaders kept careful watch, planned the evacuations, prevented dams from overtopping, monitored levees, and arranged for temporary shelter.

Our first responders have displayed immense bravery, working around the clock to conduct helicopter and swift water rescues, sometimes putting their own lives at risk. They are true heroes, and we are deeply grateful.

As our communities begin this process of recovery, I want them to know that I will do everything I can here with my colleagues to ensure they get the Federal support they need to recover.

#### SUPPORTING WHOLE MILK FOR SCHOOLCHILDREN

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

Mr. MANNION. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of legislation that promotes the health and well-being of America's schoolchildren, while

strengthening American agriculture, including the world-class dairy products and family farms across Central New York and the Mohawk Valley. That legislation, Mr. Speaker, is the Whole Milk for Healthy Kids Act.

Earlier this week, the House passed this bill with overwhelming bipartisan support, a clear sign that commonsense policy can still bring Democrats and Republicans together.

This bipartisan bill that I proudly cosponsored does something simple and practical. It gives schools the flexibility to serve nutritious milk options, while supporting local dairy farmers.

Since whole milk was removed from school cafeterias, milk consumption has dropped sharply. Kids aren't meeting recommended daily intake, and that matters for their health and their focus. Speaking as a former teacher for nearly three decades, it matters for their academic success.

Mr. Speaker, notably, this bill doesn't mandate changes. It simply restores choice. Kids can't learn on empty stomachs. This is the right policy for our schools, for our farmers, and for our country. I thank my colleagues for supporting it.

#### IMPACT OF EXPIRING TAX CREDITS

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

Ms. DELBENE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call out the impact of the Republican healthcare crisis in my community, particularly those hurt by the expiring tax credits.

One of those people is Gerry from Kirkland. Gerry has cancer and depends on his Affordable Care Act coverage to afford treatment. Right now, Gerry and his wife pay \$2,800 a month in premiums. Without the ACA tax credits, the same plan next year will cost him nearly \$4,500 a month. That is a 67 percent increase.

Gerry and his wife thought they could retire comfortably. Instead, they are facing \$54,000 a year in insurance premiums alone because of the healthcare crisis that Republicans and Donald Trump created. There is no way they will be able to sustain themselves with that much of a price increase.

Mr. Speaker, I am going to keep fighting for Gerry and the millions of other Americans so that they can afford the coverage they need.

#### GUN SAFETY IN AMERICA

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

Mr. WHITESIDES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to share the story of someone from my district who I know personally. Her name is Mia Tretta.

In 2019, as a 15-year-old freshman at Saugus High School, Mia was shot in