

him. His father, Fran, was a beloved high school football coach, and his older brothers, Michael and Jay, were standout athletes, as well. In the backyard of their home, they weren't just playing football. They were shaping a champion.

At Mount Union, Nick Sirianni won three national championships, but an injury nearly ended his playing career. Instead of giving up, he pivoted, launching a coaching career that would take him from his alma mater to the NFL. He climbed the ranks with the Chiefs, Chargers, and Colts, proving himself every step of the way.

Four years ago, he took over as head coach of the Philadelphia Eagles and wasted no time turning them into a real contender, but this season, against all odds, his underdog Eagles did more than just compete. They dominated.

In a stunning Super Bowl victory, his team overwhelmed the Kansas City Chiefs, proving that heart, preparation, and relentless determination can overcome even the toughest challenges.

Nick's success isn't just measured in wins. It is measured in the message he sends to every small-town kid in Jamestown, New York, the southern tier, and across small-town America: No dream is too big, and no setback is too great. Success is never given. It is earned. It is built on faith in God, family, and an unrelenting will to win. It is forged through late nights, overcoming obstacles, and moments of doubt that are met with unwavering determination. It is about proving that talent when paired with hard work can take you anywhere.

Nick's hometown stands a little taller today. He has shown us what is possible when resilience meets opportunity.

While hoisting the Lombardi Trophy is an unforgettable triumph, I know this: His greatest chapters lie ahead for him.

I congratulate Coach Sirianni. He has reached the top of the mountain. He is a Super Bowl champion. Chautauqua County celebrates him, and America honors him. I know there is even more yet to come.

Fly, Eagles, fly, and go Bills.

□ 1045

THE SCRIMMAGE LINE FOR LIBERTY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentlewoman from Ohio (Ms. KAPTUR) for 5 minutes.

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, Ukraine is the scrimmage line for liberty on the continent of Europe today. We all have witnessed hundreds of thousands of war deaths at record levels in this 11-year, cruel war that Russia has perpetrated against the free nation of Ukraine.

Russia had no provocation. For 30 years, Ukraine had tried to build her land forward.

Importantly, this morning in Europe, U.S. Secretary of Defense Pete Hegseth

made an opening statement, along with many of our allied nations, seeking an end to the horrific 11-year killing field that is Ukraine after war criminal Vladimir Putin's illegal invasion, as I said, in 2014. It has been 11 long years of war.

Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelenskyy has stated a negotiated peace will require an exchange of territory. Working with our closest and most-valued allies in NATO in the free world, the United States must do everything possible to bring full liberty to Ukraine and move Russia back into her own borders.

The international community must safeguard those borders, and those negotiations are yet to come. We have some hope this morning if we are serious about making sure the dividing line between the free world and the suppressed world is clearly drawn and safeguarded.

RIISING COSTS FOR OHIOANS

Ms. KAPTUR. Madam Speaker, I rise this morning on behalf of the people of northwest Ohio. We face an economic reality that many across our country are experiencing.

Prices are on the rise. Trade war panic is causing more inflation. Uncertainty and the short supply of goods and services rise as inflation rises. It was announced this morning that prices are up 3 percent across the board, more than expected over the past month of this new administration.

Too many families are overwhelmed by the cost of living, and everyday people are having to face really hard choices between paying for groceries or rent, between medicine or a tank of gas. Do you just fill it halfway?

The latest curse: rising property taxes. In Ohio, eggs cost between \$6.66 a dozen and \$8 a dozen. Gas is back up to over \$3 a gallon. Unemployment is ticking up. Property taxes are skyrocketing, and working people are being squeezed from all sides. They don't have a lot of time to think about politics.

With Democrats here in the House, President Biden was able to allow a few prescription drug prices to be lowered, but it is no secret that the majority of families struggle to pay for medicine when they need it.

Meanwhile, major pharmacy chains, like Rite Aid, are shutting their doors, leaving entire communities with no pharmacy.

Why are there no hearings on that here in Congress?

Where are people supposed to go to fill their prescriptions?

People aren't just feeling economic pressure. They are being crushed by it.

Rents keep rising. This forces families and seniors to downsize or leave communities they have called home for decades.

Consumer credit card fraud is on the rise, bilking people who are already stretched thin. When families have no room left in their budgets, far too many gamble on their futures, making desperate choices just to get by.

My district is no stranger to gambling with lottery tickets, scratch offs, and casinos. The wheels just turn faster. People take chances. In the last election, that is exactly what they did. They gambled.

Many didn't vote. They voted not because they support radical extremism but because they want to get ahead. They want this Congress and the new President to help them do that.

I hear them. We all should, but the reality is that prices are going up. The Consumer Price Index just rose over the past month with 3 percent unexpected inflation. Prices for eggs are up, as I have said, 53 percent.

Look at what is happening with the price of higher education, which is now unaffordable for the majority. If our young people can't afford to go to school and learn, what does that imply for the future of this country?

WICHITA REMEMBRANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Kansas (Mr. MANN) for 5 minutes.

Mr. MANN. Madam Speaker, January 29 is typically a day of celebration in Kansas. From Manhattan to Goodland, Topeka to Liberal, Kansas City to Dodge City, Kansans come together to celebrate the rich history of Kansas and to celebrate the anniversary of our statehood.

January 29, 2025, changed the meaning of this day for Kansans forever. The entire world stood in disbelief as we watched a tragedy unfold in the crash of American Airlines flight 5342 out of Wichita and a U.S. Army helicopter. The world lost 67 bright, innocent souls that day, and I speak for all Kansans when I say that this is a day that we will never forget.

When we celebrate our statehood in years to come, we will also feel the nudging of the somber emotions aroused by last month's accident. We will remember our fellow Kansans whose lives were tragically lost. They were farmers, parents, professors, college students with bright futures, all taken from us far too soon.

Audrey and I continue to grieve, and we are praying for the victims and their families. We express our deepest gratitude to the efforts of local, State, and Federal law enforcement officers and first responders. It is our prayer that God would continue to provide comfort to their families, communities, and loved ones.

There will be a lot to uncover in the days ahead. For now, we join Wichita, our beloved Kansas, and the Nation in mourning the lives lost.

Psalms 34:18 states: "The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit."

God is near us.

Kansas is the heartbeat of the country. As our State motto reminds us, we will persevere together through this difficult time.

FAREWELL TO LAURA FRANCIS

Mr. MANN. Madam Speaker, I rise in honor of Laura Francis, an American

patriot, a selfless neighbor, and a great friend.

Since 2018, Laura has served as the chair of the Kansas Republican Party's Big First District. Over the last 6 years, Laura oversaw the helm of a historic chapter of the Kansas GOP's First Congressional District.

Laura led our district in a historic election of delegates to secure President Trump's nomination. She rigorously defended our Nation's motto from being erased from law enforcement vehicles, fought to protect our children and their parents' ability to choose an education that is right for them, and grew our conservative base that will reverberate through Kansas politics for many years to come.

Somewhere in the middle of her historic term, she fell in love with her husband, Drew. On the same day as their first date, they attended an event that I hosted in my district in Garden City. They shared a phone call with President Trump that day, and the rest of their love story is history.

Laura and Drew married nearly 2 years later.

Laura is a fierce and loyal leader, but she is an even brighter neighbor, law enforcement community member, friend, mom, wife, and follower of Jesus.

Kansas is the pilot light of the country, and I can attest that the pilot light burns stronger and brighter because of Laura.

I thank Laura for her commitment and dedication to our congressional district, State, and Nation. It is so deeply appreciated.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until noon today.

Accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 52 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 1200

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. CRAWFORD) at noon.

PRAYER

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

Holy and most wise God, we seek Your wisdom: Wisdom to meet the challenges of this day, wisdom to discern what is the direction You would have us go, wisdom to determine what is the truth You wish us both to hear and speak.

How does a person become as wise as this? The first step You have said is to trust and honor You, O Lord.

So we take our first step today, before any legislative matters are

brought forth, before our committees are convened, and in advance of any votes brought to the floor, to show our reverence for You, O Lord.

May we also trust that You will equip us, You will guide us, and You will speak to us with the sufficiency of Your wisdom for the living of this day.

Believing in You and leaning on the strength of Your 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 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.

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.

RETURN POWER TO CONGRESS

(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, during the failed Biden-Harris administration, Federal agencies were allowed to drastically expand power, undermining the legislative authority of Congress.

Currently, the process for Congress to pass resolutions on an agency policy it disapproves of slows the ability of Congress to block destructive regulations, destroying jobs.

This week, House Republicans will vote on the Midnight Rules Relief Act, led by Congressman ANDY BIGGS. The bill allows Congress to disapprove of multiple policies through one resolution when those rules were issued during the last year of a Presidential term.

Ultimately, the bill will provide Congress with the necessary tools to reject regulations, protecting democracy and creating jobs.

In conclusion, God bless our troops as the global war on terrorism continues. Open borders for dictators put all Americans at risk of more 9/11 attacks as warned by the FBI. Trump will reinstitute existing laws to protect

American families with peace through strength.

I thank legitimate President Salome Zourabichvili of Georgia for protesting the rigged presidential election in Georgia.

ON BEHALF OF THE CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU

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

Ms. LEE of Nevada. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.

Let me tell you what the CFPB has done to protect working families for years, such as capping bank overdraft fees and credit card late fees, suing big banks for taking advantage of families, saving Americans over \$20 billion from abusive corporations.

Now, Elon Musk and DOGE want to kill it because it is better for billionaires and big corporations and not for you.

Let me be clear: This does nothing to make your life more affordable. It is quite the opposite. In fact, none of what the Trump administration has done so far is making life more affordable for working Nevadans.

If you are concerned about these attacks on working families and attacks on our Constitution itself, I implore you to call your nearest Republican.

Let's face it: They control Congress, and it is up to them to stand up and help us stop this unconstitutional power grab and deliver on their promise to make life more affordable for you.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to address their remarks to the Chair.

CELEBRATING THE RELEASE OF MARC FOGEL

(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 to celebrate the release of Pennsylvania schoolteacher Marc Fogel from Russian custody.

For more than 3½ years, Marc, a dedicated teacher, loving husband, and an American citizen, was unjustly detained in a Russian penal colony.

His punishment of 14 years of hard labor was an excessive and politically motivated sentence.

Despite years of bipartisan pleading with the Biden administration to bring Marc home, or at the very least designate him as wrongfully detained, there was no progress.

Enter Donald J. Trump.

In just 22 days, President Trump, Secretary Rubio, Special Envoy Steve Witkoff, and a team of advisers successfully negotiated Marc's release.

Mr. Speaker, Marc Fogel is now back on American soil and reunited with his family.