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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:

Holy God, how often we come to You asking for Your protection, Your support, Your encouragement, and Your strength for the day. Again today, we pray for these things.

We pray that You will help us be on our guard against everything that is not of You, forswearing hatred and unrighteousness, and remaining alert when facing decisions that erode our character and undermine our best intentions.

We pray that You will help us stand firm in our faith, trusting in Your intimate involvement in our lives and in Your ultimate redemption of the many events that seem to test our souls.

We pray for courage when faced with situations that challenge us to demonstrate perseverance and integrity.

We pray for strength, not dominance and not victory, but the strength of conviction, a strength found only in Your righteousness and made effective through Your wisdom.

But perhaps the thing we are least inclined to pray for, and the thing that we most need, is that You enable us to do all of these things in love. For love requires us to set aside all bitterness, anger, hurt, and self-righteousness, and to open our hearts to those with whom You have called us to serve.

Lord, grant us all these things in accordance with Your will, but above all, help us to love as You have loved us.

In sure and certain hope that You will hear and answer all our prayers, we offer them in Your merciful name.

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 Tennessee (Mr. BURCHETT) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. BURCHETT 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

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

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF DIANE JORDAN

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

Mr. BURCHETT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a dear friend of mine, Diane Jordan. She was the first Black woman to serve on the Knox County Commission. Diane served four terms from 1992 to 2007 and was known for her passion for improving Knox County while wearing some really cool cowboy hats of hers, and that is one right there.

Diane grew up in our community and knew it better than anyone. She was always serving and looking for ways to make it better.

In a time of great division in Knoxville, she was one of those who was al-

ways in the middle of it trying to fix things with peaceful conversations, Mr. Speaker, something we don't see a lot of anymore. She is known for her sayings about working together across the aisle to bring change to the people we represented as one.

We could all take a lesson from Diane, Mr. Speaker. After four terms, she continued public service through community philanthropy and mentoring other city officials, including my friend, former Knoxville Councilwoman Gwen McKenzie.

She leaves behind her husband of 41 years, Reverend John Jordan, eight kids, and more than 20 grandkids. She has always been in my prayers. She was a dear friend.

I remember when my daddy died, she was extra kind to my mama, and I will always remember that. I remember walking with her in the Martin Luther King Day parade that was always the coldest day of year, Mr. Speaker, and every dadgum person knew her. It was like walking with a rock star. She always made me feel very special.

Diane will be missed, but I know she is with Jesus right now, and she is doing better than all of us.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

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

Mr. FROST. Mr. Speaker, in celebration of Black History Month, I rise today to recognize extraordinary Black luminaries from central Florida for their work and impact on the community that I proudly represent.

Through tireless advocacy, they have strengthened our neighborhoods, expanded opportunity for those too often left behind, and improved the lives of countless families across Orlando: Admiral David Brewer, Alvin J. Cowans, Jennifer Desir Hilaire, Chet Glover,

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Florida Supreme Court Justice James Perry, Anne Piervil, Lisa Williams, the late great State Senator Geraldine Thompson, and the late Eatonville Mayor Eddie Cole.

Today and always, we celebrate their achievements and continue to honor Black excellence, not just Black history, but also the history we are continuing to create.

RELIEF FOR EARLY ON-SET ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE

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

Mrs. KIM. Mr. Speaker, today I rise in support of my bill, the BRIDGE for Young Onset Alzheimer's Disease Act.

Right now, Americans diagnosed with Alzheimer's after age 65 receive immediate Medicare coverage, but those diagnosed before 65, despite facing the same devastating disease, are forced to wait nearly 29 months for the exact same care.

For the 200,000 Americans living with young-onset Alzheimer's, that delay is devastating.

The BRIDGE for YOAD Act fixes this gap by eliminating the Medicare waiting period for those with young-onset Alzheimer's. Early access to care matters. This disease progresses very quickly. Many patients lose the ability to work or support themselves long before coverage kicks in, while families are left to shoulder an additional \$20,000 a year in out-of-pocket costs.

Congress has acted before for rapidly progressing diseases like ALS. We should do the same here. As one of my constituents put it, this bill puts health and dignity first.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support the BRIDGE for YOAD Act.

EAST FULLERTON LITTLE LEAGUE 70TH ANNIVERSARY

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

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize East Fullerton Little League's 70th birthday.

Little League's mission is to instill in children the values of sportsmanship, honesty, loyalty, and courage, aiming to produce well-adjusted, stronger, and happier children.

The hundreds of volunteers who take the jobs of running a Little League are usually the unsung heroes. That is why I am standing here today to recognize the Little League volunteers who have stepped up to the plate to demonstrate the benefits and values of volunteerism, family, and sportsmanship.

Let's follow the example of our Little League parents and volunteers by making a pledge to support youth in our community and to support the people who spend countless hours teaching America's favorite pastime.

Let's play ball, Mr. Speaker.

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SANTA CLARITA LADY FLYERS TRAGEDY

(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 heartbreaking and inspiring story of the Santa Clarita Lady Flyers, a 12-under hockey team that plays in my district.

While on the way to the Western Girls Hockey League playoffs, a snowplow collided head-on with one of their team vans, injuring five players and killing Manny Lorenzana.

We remember Manny as a loving dad to Brody, an excellent partner to April, and a talented tattoo artist.

After such a tragic event, the team rallied together and made the decision all on their own to play on for Manny and for their injured teammates. Amazingly, in the face of hardship that came far too early for those so young, the Santa Clarita Flyers ended up taking home the championship after a nail-biting final that ended 1-0 in overtime.

Here is what I want this amazing team and their families to know: The entire Santa Clarita community has their back, and we are deeply proud of them. I can't wait to cheer them all on at the next home game next season.

YOUR TAX DOLLARS ARE FUNDING THIS

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

Ms. DEXTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to tell the American people exactly what their tax dollars are being used for: imprisoning children, even infants.

Last month, DHS agents detained a sick 7-year-old and her parents in an urgent care parking lot while they were trying to get her medical attention.

Then they sent that child to the Nation's largest family detention facility, recently reopened by Trump, a facility where families report there is contaminated food, limited access to clean water, and where there have been confirmed measles cases.

Your tax dollars are funding this.

Last Friday, I traveled to Texas to fight to bring Diana and her family home to Oregon. I am grateful that Diana is home safe in Gresham.

This never should have happened in the first place. It is immoral to jail children. It should enrage every American that their tax dollars are being used to do so.

Congress controls the power of the purse. It is past time to reassert that authority and end this horrific practice. We must draw a bright red line: Taxpayer dollars cannot be used to imprison children. That is the bare minimum.

LAW-ENFORCEMENT INNOVATE TO DE-ESCALATE ACT

Mr. FITZGERALD. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to House Resolution 1057, I call up the bill (H.R. 2189) to modernize Federal firearms laws to account for advancements in technology and less-than-lethal weapons, and for other purposes, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. NEWHOUSE). Pursuant to House Resolution 1057, in lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary printed in the bill, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 119-18 is adopted and the bill, as amended, is considered read.

The text of the bill, as amended, is as follows:

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

TITLE I—LAW-ENFORCEMENT INNOVATE TO DE-ESCALATE

SEC. 101. SHORT TITLE.

This title may be cited as the "Law-Enforcement Innovate to De-Escalate Act".

SEC. 102. EXEMPTION OF CERTAIN LESS-THAN-LETHAL PROJECTILE DEVICES FROM RESTRICTIONS UNDER TITLE 18, UNITED STATES CODE.

Section 921(a) of title 18, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in the second sentence of paragraph (3), by inserting "or a less-than-lethal projectile device" before the period; and

(2) by adding at the end the following:

"(39)(A) The term 'less-than-lethal projectile device' means a device that—

"(i) is not designed or intended to expel and may not be readily converted to accept and discharge—

"(I) ammunition commonly used in handguns, rifles, or shotguns; or

"(II) any other projectile at a velocity exceeding 500 feet per second;

"(ii) is designed and intended to be used in a manner that is not likely to cause death or serious bodily injury; and

"(iii) does not accept, and is not able to be readily modified to accept, an ammunition feeding device—

"(I) loaded through the inside of a pistol grip;

or

"(II) commonly used in semiautomatic firearms.

"(B) If a person requests that the Attorney General determine whether a device satisfies the definition of 'less-than-lethal projectile device' under subparagraph (A), the Attorney General shall make the determination not later than 90 days after the date on which the Attorney General receives the device pursuant to the request."

TITLE II—INNOVATE LESS LETHAL TO DE-ESCALATE TAX MODERNIZATION

SEC. 201. SHORT TITLE.

This title may be cited as the "Innovate Less Lethal to De-Escalate Tax Modernization Act".

SEC. 202. EXEMPTION OF CERTAIN LESS-THAN-LETHAL PROJECTILE DEVICES FROM FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION TAX.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 4182 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended—

(1) by redesignating subsection (d) as subsection (e), and

(2) by inserting after subsection (c) the following new subsection: