

democracy, which is our hope in a better future and our faith in one another. The bedrock of democracy is the faith that things can change because people can change.

In this world where it feels like every force is pulling us apart and where the platforms we live on can leave us feeling like politics and persuasion are pointless, amidst all of that, I have good news. While real disagreements exist and while our politics and this place don't always bring out the best in us, I see every day back in Delaware that we are not as divided as the algorithms make it seem.

Whether I am meeting with healthcare providers or educators, farmers or first responders, students or seniors, whether I am in red areas or blue areas, I see that people are good and kind and decent.

While it may be easier to destroy, I see that we still have the capacity to build something better.

We can build the housing of tomorrow that makes the American Dream of homeownership within reach, a healthcare system that allows every American to live and to thrive.

We can be truly profamily by building a cradle-through-career support system with paid leave, universal childcare, and strong public schools so that it is actually affordable to start a family.

We can build an economy of the future that protects workers and guarantees that the new prosperity made possible by new technologies are shared by the many and not concentrated with the few.

We can do hard things, Mr. Speaker, if we are willing to do the hard work. We can do the hard work of hope, the hard work of changemaking, of choosing grace over grievance, of learning from history so that we are not doomed to relive it.

Mr. Speaker, if there is one enduring truth, it is that we can still tap people's better angels if we choose to see them.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Ms. Lasky, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed without amendment bills of the House of the following titles:

H.R. 972. An act to amend the Sloan Canyon National Conservation Area Act to adjust the boundary of the Sloan Canyon National Conservation Area, and for other purposes.

H.R. 2815. An act to provide equitable treatment for the people of the Village Corporation established for the Native Village of Saxman, Alaska, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the Senate has agreed to without amendment a concurrent resolution of the House of the following title:

H. Con. Res. 72. Concurrent resolution authorizing the use of Emancipation Hall in the Capitol Visitor Center for a ceremony as part of the commemoration of the days of remembrance of victims of the Holocaust.

The message also announced that the Senate has passed bills of the following titles in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 1070. An act to establish a National STEM Week to promote American innovation and enhance STEM education pathways for all students, including those in rural, urban, and underserved communities.

S. 2245. An act to amend the Digital Coast Act to improve the acquisition, integration, and accessibility of data of the Digital Coast program and to extend the program.

The message also announced that pursuant to the provisions of 10 U.S.C. 4355(a), as amended by Public Law 118-159, the Chair, on behalf of the Democratic Leader, appoints the following individual to serve as a member of the Board of Visitors of the U.S. Military Academy:

The Senator from Michigan (Mr. PETERS) (Appropriations).

The message also announced that pursuant to Public Law 98-183, as amended by Public Law 103-419, the Chair, on behalf of the President pro tempore and upon the recommendation of the Majority Leader, appoints the following individual to the United States Commission on Civil Rights for a term of six years:

Sara Frankenstein vice Gail Heriot.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until 2 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 17 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 1400

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. CRANK) at 2 p.m.

PRAYER

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

Lord, have mercy upon us. As nation rises against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, as famines and tragedies surround us, let us not be distressed or deceived. For it is in times like these, when wars and rumors of wars overwhelm our sense of certainty and security, that we lose sight of Your righteousness and doubt Your hand in our lives.

Lord, have mercy upon us. Show us what right is. For far more righteous than our attempts at vengeance, and far more just than our own sense of justice, is Your holy wrath and judgment against all that undermines Your design for peace and amity, even among enemies.

Lord, have mercy upon us. Deliver us from the suffering that wars inflict upon the innocent and the upright.

Preserve them from becoming collateral damage, too often the ill-considered cost of conflict.

Lord, have mercy upon us. Keep in Your everlasting care those who serve on the front lines, who fight for freedom and defend the right to live in safety and security.

Lord, have mercy upon us. Speak Your word of truth to the leaders who wield the power to bring conflict to an end. Inspire in them a deep desire to listen for and to yield to Your will.

Lord, have mercy upon us and grant us Your peace in these days.

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 Massachusetts (Mr. MCGOVERN) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. MCGOVERN 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.

MAKING IN ORDER AT ANY TIME CONSIDERATION OF H. CON. RES. 38, DIRECTING THE PRESIDENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 5(c) OF THE WAR POWERS RESOLUTION TO REMOVE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES FROM UNAUTHORIZED HOSTILITIES IN THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN

Mr. MAST. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that it be in order at any time to consider H. Con. Res. 38 in the House if called up by the chair of the Committee on Foreign Affairs or his designee; that the concurrent resolution be considered as read; and that the previous question be considered as ordered on the concurrent resolution to adoption without intervening motion, except for 2 hours of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs or their respective designees.

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

There was no objection.

MAKING FOOD MORE AFFORDABLE

(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, as part of my statewide End Hunger Now

tour, I recently visited Growing Places in Gardner, Massachusetts, with my friend Representative LORI TRAHAN.

Under the incredible leadership of Ayn Yeagle, Growing Places is building a regional food system in north central Massachusetts. By utilizing its new commercial kitchen to clean, chop, and dehydrate local produce, the food center is helping farmers bring their fruits and vegetables to market while also expanding access to nutritious food across our region.

LORI and I heard directly from community members that Growing Places is helping them eat more nutritiously, particularly amid sky-high food prices caused by Trump's awful economy.

That is why it is hard to understand why the Trump administration has slashed local food programs that make local food more accessible.

Mr. Speaker, if we want to make food more affordable, if we want to support our farmers, if we want to make the lives of working families easier, it is time to reverse the devastating cuts to SNAP and reinstate local food programs that help to end hunger now.

#### PROTECTING AMERICANS IN MIDDLE EAST

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

Mr. SUBRAMANYAM. Mr. Speaker, we will obviously be talking about the Iran war this week, but something that is not getting enough attention right now is the 300,000 U.S. citizens in the region who are stranded because we sent all this firepower to the region.

If we are going to attack Iran, why didn't we have a plan to get American citizens out of the region? Someone just asked President Trump that question. Here is what he said: "Well, because it happened all very quickly. We thought, and I thought maybe more so than most—I could ask Marco—but I thought we were going to have a situation where we were going to be attacked. They were getting ready to attack Israel."

Mr. Speaker, I don't even know what that means. What I think is that with all that military firepower in the region, we could have given them a little bit of warning or at least more than just what we gave them.

Instead, only now are they being told to evacuate the region—with one caveat, though. They are on their own because there are barely any commercial flights going in and out of the region.

While hotels are being attacked and everything appears to be a target, this administration is not doing enough to help.

We should have seen this coming. Why aren't we valuing American lives more in the region? The administration was just telling them tough luck.

Mr. Speaker, this should be a national priority. If we are going to spend billions on jets and bombs, we can af-

ford to evacuate Americans. We need to get serious right now about protecting Americans in the Middle East.

#### INVESTMENT TRANSFORMS EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA

(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, eastern North Carolina is on the rise. Exciting investments are transforming our communities and creating new opportunities for young people and hardworking families.

U.S. Forged Rings is investing \$875 million in Hertford County, creating 625 new jobs and revitalizing our economy. In Edgecombe County, Amazon is bringing good-paying jobs. LS Cable & System USA is fortifying our manufacturing sector with an investment of \$50 million and 85 new jobs.

Mr. Speaker, clearly, the momentum is undeniable. These are more than just investments. These represent real opportunities. Together, we are reshaping our future.

#### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message in writing from the President of the United States was communicated to the House by Ms. Randall Holstead, one of his secretaries.

#### RECESS

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

Accordingly (at 2 o'clock and 7 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 1500

#### AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. ORDER) at 3 p.m.

#### NOTICE OF INTENTION TO OFFER RESOLUTION RAISING A QUESTION OF THE PRIVILEGES OF THE HOUSE

Ms. MACE. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to clause 2(a)(1) of rule IX, I rise to give notice of my intent to raise a question of the privileges of the House.

The form of the resolution is as follows:

Directing the Committee on Ethics to preserve and publicly release records of the Committee's review of violations or alleged violations of clause 9 (as it pertains to acts of sexual harassment) and clause 18 of rule XXIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives.

Whereas, there is no place for sexual harassment or unwelcome sexual advances in the House of Representatives;

Whereas, clause 9 of rule XXIII of the Rules of the House provides "Member,

Delegate, Resident Commissioner, officer, or employee of the House may not discharge and may not refuse to hire an individual, or otherwise discriminate against an individual with respect to compensation, terms, conditions, or privileges of employment, because of the race, color, religion, sex (including marital or parental status), sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, age, or national origin of such individual, including by committing an act of sexual harassment against such individual";

Whereas, clause 18(a) of rule XXIII of the Rules of the House provides "A Member, Delegate, or Resident Commissioner may not engage in a sexual relationship with any employee of the House who works under the supervision of the Member, Delegate, or Resident Commissioner, or who is an employee of a committee on which the Member, Delegate, or Resident Commissioner serves";

Whereas, clause 18(b) of rule XXIII of the Rules of the House provides "A Member, Delegate, Resident Commissioner, officer, or employee of the House may not engage in unwelcome sexual advances or conduct toward another Member, Delegate, Resident Commissioner, officer, or employee of the House";

Whereas, sexual harassment and unwelcome sexual advances by Members, Delegates, or Resident Commissioners, in violation of clause 9 and clause 18 of rule XXIII of the Rules of the House, affect the safety, dignity, and integrity of the proceedings of the House of Representatives: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Committee on Ethics shall:

(1) preserve all documents and investigative materials related to any violations or alleged violations of clause 9 (as it pertains to acts of sexual harassment), clause 18, or any other clause (to the extent an act of sexual harassment, unwelcome sexual advance, or sexual assault constituted a violation or alleged violation of such clause) of rule XXIII of the Rules of the House by a Member, Delegate, or Resident Commissioner; and

(2) not later than 60 days after the date of the adoption of this resolution, make publicly available all final reports, or in such cases where there is not a final report, the most recent draft report, conclusions, recommendations, exhibits, and attached or accompanying materials, with the personally identifiable information of victims, alleged victims, and witnesses redacted, related to the Committee's investigations into violations or alleged violations of clause 9 (as it pertains to acts of sexual harassment), clause 18, or any other clause (to the extent an act of sexual harassment, unwelcome sexual advance, or sexual assault constituted a violation or alleged violation of such clause) of rule XXIII by a Member, a Delegate, or Resident Commissioner.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under rule IX, a resolution offered from the