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The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. GUEST).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
March 19, 2026.

I hereby appoint the Honorable MICHAEL GUEST to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

MIKE JOHNSON,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

Dr. Brent Carr, Carolina Bible College, Anderson, South Carolina, offered the following prayer:

Heavenly Father, we come before You today with humility and gratitude, acknowledging that You are the sovereign God who raises up nations and sustains them by Your providence.

In this place of leadership, we recognize that every good gift our Nation has received has come from Your hand of grace.

For nearly 250 years, Lord, You have shown remarkable faithfulness to the United States through wars, trials, testing, and prosperity.

Like General George Washington knelt in the snow of Valley Forge and prayed that we confess that we are in need of Your guidance and Your protection, we pray that today. For our strength does not come from affluence or from armies, but our strength comes from Almighty God.

Bless today the leaders that are gathered in this Capitol. Lord, grant them, wisdom, courage, and humility as they lead us in truth and justice for all.

Forgive us where we have strayed from Your ways. Lord, we ask today, as we feel Your presence in this place,

that You would draw the heart of America back to You.

For Thine is the kingdom and Thine is the power and Thine is the glory forever and ever. In Jesus' name.
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 gentlewoman from Pennsylvania (Ms. DEAN) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania 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.

WELCOMING GUEST CHAPLAIN DR. BRENT CARR

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the gentlewoman from South Carolina (Mrs. BIGGS) is recognized for 1 minute.

Mrs. BIGGS of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to thank Dr. Brent Carr for that prayer and for the spirit in which it was given. It was a reminder of our need for God's guidance, wisdom, and grace in this body and in our daily lives.

I thank his beautiful wife, Katie, and their girls for being here with him.

For over a decade, Dr. Carr has worked with families, young people, and churches across the country, often supporting them through some of their most challenging moments. That kind of work doesn't make headlines, but it

does reflect a life committed to serving others and to sharing the hope we have in Christ.

He also serves as president of Carolina Bible College, an institution that played an important role in my life and continues to equip men and women to live out their faith and to serve in their communities.

I am grateful for his leadership and proud to have him here, representing South Carolina's Third District today.

Mr. Speaker, we thank Dr. Carr. He is a friend, a mentor, and a faithful servant.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

FUND TSA NOW

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

Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, last weekend, I flew through Philadelphia International Airport where three security checkpoints are now closed.

The lines were long, yet our dedicated TSA officers moved us through security with speed, efficiency, and professionalism.

They are doing the work, keeping us safe, even though it has been more than a month since they have been paid. The only reason their paychecks have stopped is because Republicans in Congress, led by the Speaker of the House, refused to act.

The Speaker could have held a vote today or a month ago to fund TSA, FEMA, the Coast Guard, and our cybersecurity folks, all the parts of the Department of Homeland Security that

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are untainted by ICE's cruelty and corruption.

Republicans are refusing to pay Federal workers. Withholding paychecks from dedicated public servants does not make America safer. It makes us more vulnerable in our neighborhoods, our airports, and overseas.

Mr. Speaker, listen to Americans. Hold ICE accountable and fund TSA now.

HONORING HALL OF FAME COACH JAMES "RABBIT" FULGHUM

(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, take me out to the ball game. Greene County residents gathered at the James R. Fulghum Athletic Complex Baseball Field, a place dear to us and forever linked to legendary Hall of Fame Coach James "Rabbit" Fulghum, to honor his remarkable life.

He earned the nickname "Rabbit" for his incredible speed on and off the field. As the baseball coach of Greene Central High School, he led the team to five State championships, served as AD for 38 years, and founded our American Legion team.

I will always cherish the memory of our 2024 State championship, standing by the coach, with the players waving him onto the field. He joined them in a moment of pure joy.

It was deeply moving to see his family, former players, including ECU Coach Godwin, and the community at his funeral service held at this very baseball field, a place that has witnessed so many inspiring athletes and life lessons.

As a community servant and man of faith, he rested at home plate. He scored his final run. The crowd sang "Take Me Out to the Ball Game."

Mr. Speaker, I extend my heartfelt condolences to his wife, Janette, and his family.

APPOINTMENT OF INDIVIDUALS TO MEDAL OF VALOR REVIEW BOARD

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces the Speaker's appointment, pursuant to section 3(b) of the Public Safety Officer Medal of Valor Act of 2001 (42 U.S.C. 15202), and the order of the House of January 3, 2025, of the following individuals on the part of the House to the Medal of Valor Review Board for a term of 4 years:

Mr. Jayson Richardson, Gloster, Louisiana

Mr. Brandon Clabes, Choctaw, Oklahoma

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BILL TO OUTLAW WOUNDING OF OFFICIAL WORKING ANIMALS ACT OF 2025

Mr. McCLINTOCK. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to House Resolution 1115, I call

up the bill (H.R. 4638) to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide that an alien who has been convicted of harming animals used in law enforcement is inadmissible and deportable, 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. Pursuant to House Resolution 1115, the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on the Judiciary, printed in the bill, modified by the amendment printed in House Report 119-554, is adopted, and the bill, as amended, is considered read.

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

H.R. 4638

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

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Federal Working Animal Protection Act".

SEC. 2. INADMISSIBILITY AND DEPORTABILITY RELATED TO HARMING ANIMALS USED IN LAW ENFORCEMENT.

(a) INADMISSIBILITY.—Section 212(a)(2) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1182(a)(2)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

"(J) HARMING ANIMALS USED IN LAW ENFORCEMENT.—Any alien who has been convicted of, who admits having committed, or who admits committing acts which constitute the essential elements of an offense under section 1368 of title 18, United States Code (relating to harming animals used in law enforcement), is inadmissible."

(b) DEPORTABILITY.—Section 237(a)(2) of the Immigration and Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1227(a)(2)) is amended by adding at the end the following:

"(G) HARMING ANIMALS USED IN LAW ENFORCEMENT.—Any alien who has been convicted of, who admits having committed, or who admits committing acts which constitute the essential elements of an offense under section 1368 of title 18, United States Code (relating to harming animals used in law enforcement), is deportable."

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The bill, as amended, shall be debatable for 1 hour equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on the Judiciary or their respective designees.

The gentleman from California (Mr. McCLINTOCK) and the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. RASKIN) each will control 30 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from California.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. McCLINTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on H.R. 4638.

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

There was no objection.

Mr. McCLINTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, Freddie is a 5-year-old male beagle that was found on the side

of a Georgia road and adopted into the USDA's detector dog program.

In August 2023, Freddie began his current job as a CBP agriculture detector dog at Dulles International Airport. He and his handler, Melissa Snyder, worked the early-morning flights arriving primarily from Central America and Africa. As of late last year, Freddie had conducted more than 590,000 searches, resulting in more than 2,000 alerts that led to more than 1,800 seizures of prohibited agricultural products and almost 2,500 different pieces of quarantined material.

Mr. Speaker, it was during this important work last June when Freddie alerted to luggage on a flight from Egypt. While Agent Snyder questioned the owner, this man violently kicked Freddie with sufficient force to lift Freddie off of the ground. Freddie suffered contusions to his right forward rib area. He was taken off duty for 2 weeks to recover.

It turns out that the Egyptian national was smuggling 117 pounds of meat and produce which were prohibited from entering the United States.

In the same month as Freddie's attack, leftist protesters in Los Angeles physically attacked horses used by the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department for crowd control during an anti-ICE riot. Horses are used extensively by Federal agencies for crowd control and also for access to remote areas along the border frequented by human and drug traffickers.

Mr. Speaker, Congressman CALVERT brings us this simple bill that says that if you are convicted of harming a law enforcement animal or you admit to doing so while you are a guest in our country, you will be immediately expelled and never be allowed to return.

It is true that we have good laws to punish such animal cruelty, and yes, such assaults can be defined as moral turpitude to bar admission. Yet, as we have discussed before on this floor, that finding can often require Byzantine legal proceedings that eat up many years and thousands of dollars of resources, if they are pursued at all.

Mr. Speaker, I know many of our Democratic colleagues support the border policies of the Biden-Harris administration, which encouraged the largest illegal mass migration in history. They allowed members of the world's most violent criminal gangs and cartels into our communities, suppressed American workers' wages, and cost taxpayers an estimated \$160 billion a year to support.

I know that many are now vigorously and, in some cases, violently opposing the enforcement of our immigration laws under the Trump administration. They can't change these laws, so they seek to obstruct their enforcement and attack, harass, and threaten the law enforcement officers who are upholding them.

Some Democratic State and local officials have even revived the disgraced doctrine of nullification that we all