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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. NUNN of Iowa).

### DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,  
April 21, 2026.

I hereby appoint the Honorable ZACHARY NUNN to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

MIKE JOHNSON,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

### MORNING-HOUR DEBATE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of January 6, 2026, the Chair will now recognize Members from lists submitted by the majority and minority leaders for morning-hour debate.

The Chair will alternate recognition between the parties, with time equally allocated between the parties and each Member other than the majority and minority leaders and the minority whip limited to 5 minutes, but in no event shall debate continue beyond 1:50 p.m.

### AMERICA IS GREAT BECAUSE AMERICA CAN CHANGE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair now recognizes the Member from Delaware (Representative McBRIDE) for 5 minutes.

Ms. McBRIDE. Mr. Speaker, last week, I had the privilege of visiting a historic landmark in Delaware formerly known as the Hockessin Colored School, which stands as a physical reminder of both the sin of segregation that scars our history and the change that is possible when dedicated citizens dare to build a more perfect Union, one

that lives up to our values and our promise.

This small building served as an elementary school for Black students in Delaware from the 1920s until the 1950s, a time when legal segregation still reigned and race determined where you could be educated in our State.

Recently preserved through a mix of public and private dollars and through the tireless work of the friends of the Hockessin Colored School, the building profiles the students, teachers, and families who relied on that school and who fought to make Delaware the first legally segregated State in America to end Jim Crow in our schools.

Now, one of three sites in Delaware that are part of the Brown v. Board of Education National Historical Park, it tells the story of Sarah Bulah, whose daughter would watch the bus pass her by on its way to an all-White school and who dared to fight to end legal discrimination in education for her daughter and all students.

In 1952, the first Black attorney barred in Delaware, Louis Redding, represented the Bulah family in court, securing a win at the State level that would ultimately be appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court, consolidated alongside four other cases into Brown v. Board of Education. The courage of parents and students across the country like the Bulahs eventually led to the unanimous decision to cast aside separate but equal and end racial discrimination in our schools across the country.

The greatest privilege of my visit was meeting Mr. James "Sonny" Knott, who attended the Hockessin Colored School in the 1930s and, after living history, has helped preserve it for future generations.

Mr. Sonny walked me through the building recounting stories of his childhood and his memories within that school. He showed me a picture of his mom on the wall sitting right next to

Sarah Bulah. He shared with me that he and his classmates never dreamed of a different world because the segregation of their childhood was all that they knew. He shared his and his fellow alumni's determination to protect that history and to inspire the students of today to believe in the possibility for progress before us, to continue our long march toward freedom and justice for all.

We have a long way to go, but hope flourishes from the knowledge of how far we have come. The stories told in this one-room schoolhouse are the stories of students and our State, of our classmates and our country.

As I stood there in the middle of that landmark, side by side with Mr. Sonny, looking at a picture of him sitting in the Oval Office with the President of the United States as he designated his school a national historical park 80 years after attending it, I was reminded of a simple but profound truth: America is great because America can change.

### COMMEMORATING 120TH ANNIVERSARY OF CONGREGATION BETH EMETH

Ms. McBRIDE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 120th anniversary of Congregation Beth Emeth, a generational cornerstone of the Jewish community in Wilmington and the surrounding areas.

A welcoming, inclusive, and engaging congregation, Beth Emeth has been celebrating, supporting, and shaping the experience of Jewish Delawareans for over a century and stands as a testament to the power of institutions of faith to bring people together, bridge divides, and to create spaces around shared purpose and compassion.

From their beginning in 1905 to the present, spiritual leaders have spoken at the Beth Emeth congregation. Whether in the home, school, or at work, rabbi after rabbi have transformed the Jewish community of Wilmington with passion and commitment

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to address social problems and societal wrongs.

Today, in their 120th year, Beth Emeth continues to strive to build a community rooted in acceptance, respect, peace, kindness, justice, and integrity, moral imperatives that continue to shape their work and the community around them.

I am grateful for their stewardship and leadership in the history of Wilmington, their role as a pillar of the Reform Jewish community in Delaware, and all that they do for their neighbors.

To the Beth Emeth community, I congratulate you on your thriving community of faith and your legacy. May the next century be full of continued community building and loving leadership of the Jewish community in Delaware and beyond.

#### HONORING REVEREND SNOW PEABODY

(Mr. CISCOMANI of Arizona was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. CISCOMANI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Reverend Snow Peabody for his continued efforts to give back to the community of Arizona, specifically through his work with Teen Challenge.

Now, Mr. Peabody has been working with Teen Challenge of Arizona since 1971 and has served as the executive State director for 50 years.

Reverend Peabody married his lovely wife, Ladelle, in 1976. They were married for 49 years and have three children: Sunny, Heaven, and Crystal Rain, as well as five grandchildren.

Now, Ladelle went home to be with the Lord at age 70 on March 14, 2025, just last year. Ladelle was a blessing to all that met her and to all that followed her direction as the Teen Challenge of Arizona State Music Director.

Ladelle could be seen at any of the five Arizona Teen Challenge centers singing songs of praise, engaging with everybody there, the men, the women, especially the children at the center, and bringing a joyful smile to each person that she met.

Together, the two led Teen Challenge for half a century, reaching and impacting countless lives. They began Home of Hope, a Teen Challenge center in Casa Grande. Additionally, they began the Springboard Home for Girls in Oro Valley back in 1976.

I was honored to speak at the Teen Challenge banquet last November where Reverend Peabody talked about leaving a seat open at his table because he knows that Ladelle is there, and she wouldn't want to miss it. She was with him at every single dinner and every single banquet, and at that special one, he left a seat open for her.

At that very moment it was clear to everyone in the room how much Teen Challenge means to both of them.

I thank Reverend Snow Peabody for his 55 years of incredible service with

Teen Challenge. May Ladelle's legacy live on forever.

#### TAX DAY

(Mrs. SYKES of Ohio was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mrs. SYKES. Mr. Speaker, last week was tax day. I probably don't have to remind most folks because it is a day that is both loved and lauded depending on who you are. For millions of Americans it is supposed to be a moment of relief, a chance to catch up, get ahead, and breathe a little easier because of the refunds that many expect.

But for far too many families, including my constituents in Ohio's 13th Congressional District, tax day was just another reminder that their money isn't going as far as it should.

While the President and House Republicans promised lower costs and bigger refunds, families are actually seeing grocery bills that are too high; gas prices that stretch their budgets; and rent, healthcare, housing, and everyday essentials that are taking up more and more of their paychecks.

When they finally get that tax refund, they will realize it doesn't go as far as promised, or they didn't get a tax refund at all, and it went nowhere.

That is not by accident.

Republican policies like the One Big Beautiful Bill Act gave massive tax breaks to millionaires, billionaires, and big corporations. The top 0.1 percent are receiving average tax cuts of more than \$300,000. Meanwhile, Americans earning less than \$50,000 a year are seeing their taxes go up.

Add in President Trump's lack of strategy on tariffs, which amounts to a national sales tax, and now families are paying more out of pocket while the wealthiest get a permanent tax break.

But that is not all. The one big, ugly bill also slashed a trillion dollars from Medicaid and cut billions to SNAP, jeopardizing healthcare and food for millions of Americans across the country and tens of thousands of my constituents.

And it is not just about coverage. It is about jobs. Hospitals and healthcare providers are the largest employers in Ohio's 13th District. When you cut funding at that scale you are not just hurting patients, you are threatening jobs, closing services, and weakening our local economy.

Mr. Speaker, we don't need to raise costs on working families to give more tax breaks to the wealthy. My Lowering Your Taxes Act expands the earned income tax credit and the child tax credit so working families can better afford childcare, groceries, housing, and other expenses. It would allow families to claim up to \$3,600 per child, lift them out of poverty, and allow them to decide where their dollars are needed the most, while also expanding tax relief to workers who are often left out.

My No Tax on Overtime for All Workers Act makes a simple promise:

If you work extra hours, you should be able to keep that extra pay because every extra hour on the job is time away from family, time spent working hard. That effort should be rewarded and not taxed, but because of the carelessly thrown together no tax on overtime provisions in the One Big Beautiful Bill Act, thousands of members of organized labor, the very people who built and made this country run, are excluded.

I have also worked with my colleagues, Republican and Democrat, through the bipartisan Problem Solvers Caucus to lower costs, strengthen supply chains, improve trade policy, and protect jobs in Ohio's 13th District, the birthplace of champions.

Trade policy should be strategic, not chaotic, and it should never leave American families paying the price.

I have called for restoring Congress' role in trade decisions because these choices are too important to be made without accountability.

There certainly is a need to ensure that American companies are able to compete with companies and goods from other countries with questionable labor practices, but what is happening with this administration is not the case. It is chaotic. It is expensive, and the national tax on goods costs way too much for the general American public.

At the end of the day, I will never stop advocating for my constituents and for the American public who deserve so much better than this.

We should all ask the question—because at the end of the day this is about who our economy works for—is it working for the families who are doing everything right, working hard, paying their taxes, going to work every day trying to get ahead; or is it working for the powerful and well-connected?

Well, I believe it should be working for the people, for the workers putting in overtime, parents trying to afford childcare, and families choosing between groceries and healthcare.

Working families deserve policies that lower costs and reward hard work and leaders who will fight for them every single day. I am that leader, and, Mr. Speaker, I call upon you and your majority to work alongside me.

#### GRAND DIVIDE

(Mr. MOORE of Utah was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. MOORE of Utah. Mr. Speaker, I was struck by a recent interview that former Senator Ben Sasse gave with Ross Douthat of The New York Times in which he argued that the future grand divide in human society will not be over income, class, or gender, but about how we incorporate technology into our lives.

If artificial intelligence, as many predict, is going to reduce economic scarcity in the long run, Senator Sasse argued that humanity will be left with