

real cures. We have to continue funding the research.

The truth is that, even before the current administration, we weren't doing enough. Last year, the Federal Government spent about \$7 billion on cancer research. The war in Iran is costing us more than a billion dollars a day.

Think about that. We will spend more on the war in Iran in 1 week than we spend on cancer research in an entire year. Think about the lives that could be saved and the families who would get to spend more holidays and graduations with their loved ones if we had the right priorities.

We don't need to spend billions more on unnecessary wars in the Middle East or ballrooms or more ICE agents. Instead, let's do what we do best as a country and invest in innovation and science to save lives.

□ 1045

STOCK-TRADING BAN

Mr. MAGAZINER. Mr. Speaker, it has been exactly 1 year since Speaker JOHNSON said that he supports a stock-trading ban for Members of Congress. One year, and what has happened? Absolutely nothing.

We need to pass a congressional stock-trading ban because it is not fair that Members of Congress have access to inside information that influences major industries—the pharmaceutical industry, the tech industry, and others—and can trade off of that information that average Americans don't have.

By the way, Members of Congress should not be conflicted when making decisions about how to legislate. The overwhelming majority of the American people want this reform. They understand that we have a corruption problem in Washington.

If a bill were brought to the floor today, it would pass overwhelmingly. I have a bipartisan bill along with CHIP ROY, and Members on both the left, right, and center: PRAMILA JAYAPAL, ALEXANDRIA OCASIO-CORTEZ, BRIAN FITZPATRICK, and TIM BURCHETT. We have a great bill with over 100 cosponsors. We could vote on that today, and it would pass.

We have got a discharge petition. We can get this done. We need a Speaker with the courage to do the right thing and call a vote.

HONORING NANCY METAYER

(Mr. MOSKOWITZ of Florida was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. MOSKOWITZ. Mr. Speaker, south Florida is grieving because Nancy Metayer, the beloved vice mayor of Coral Springs, Florida, tragically passed away earlier this month.

This was not just the loss of a public official. This was the loss of a daughter, a friend, and a powerful voice for our State. It is the kind of tragedy that stops people in their tracks and

leaves an entire community asking how someone so vibrant, so committed, and so full of promise could be taken from us so suddenly. Nancy was a rising star and, more importantly, she was a great person.

There were really two types of phone calls I got from Nancy. Whenever I saw her name come up on my phone, I never knew which one I was going to get. The first was a call about somebody who needed help, there was an issue, a family, a problem in the community, something Nancy believed needed attention, action. She was relentless in the best sense of the word. She was never calling about herself, something she needed. She was always calling about help for someone else. She was always their advocate, and Nancy wanted to use her voice for others.

That instinct to fight for people showed up in every part of her public life. Nancy was a proud advocate for the Haitian community, and she understood that representation matters. She knew that public service is about making sure every family, every neighborhood, and every voice counts. She also brought that same passion to fighting for the environment because she believed that we must protect the world and that it must be left better for the next generation.

That, Mr. Speaker, was the first type of call I got from Nancy. The second type of call was actually my favorite type of call. That is where Nancy disagreed with me, maybe something I was going to do, something I had already done, and Nancy never hesitated to make sure I knew how she felt. She had a gift of communicating her feelings. She could challenge you directly, push you to be a better person, and still make you feel respected in the process. That is rare, and that is who Nancy was.

Nancy wanted to join us here in Congress and be our colleague. She was taken from us on the eve of her announcement. I will say plainly what so many others know to be true, that had Nancy decided to take that step the next day, Nancy would have probably won that race. She would have had the strength, the talent, and the heart for this institution. She understood that public service is about showing up for people, standing up for people, and never losing sight of who we send to this body.

While all of us in the Florida delegation cannot help bring Nancy here as a Member of this body, we can help make sure that her name and her legacy are honored. That is why I am announcing today that I will introduce legislation to name a post office in Nancy Metayer's honor, so that her life of service to south Florida will be permanently recognized by the people and the communities she loved.

Nancy Metayer mattered. She mattered to the city of Coral Springs. She mattered to Broward County. She mattered to south Florida. She

mattered to her family, her friends, and all of us who had the privilege of knowing her. Her death is a tragedy. Her loss is profound. Her life, her voice, and her legacy will endure.

Mr. Speaker, I ask for a brief moment of silence in Nancy Metayer's honor. May her memory be a blessing.

PERSECUTION OF AHMADI MUSLIMS IN PAKISTAN

(Mr. MCGOVERN of Massachusetts was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to call attention to a grave injustice unfolding in Pakistan. Last December, an Ahmadi Muslim educator, Mubarak Ahmad Sani, was sentenced to life in prison; not for violence, not for incitement, but for possessing a Koran.

Mr. Sani was convicted under Pakistan's blasphemy laws. His sentence is a stark reminder of how these laws stifle the ability of religious minorities to study, to pray, and to express themselves freely.

Sadly, Mr. Sani's case is not an anomaly. It reflects a systematic persecution of Ahmadi Muslims who are denied equal citizenship rights in Pakistan. They are prevented from calling themselves Muslims under Pakistan's Constitution, jailed and prosecuted under anti-Ahmadi laws, denied the right to participate freely in elections, and even prevented from burying their dead with dignity.

In Pakistan, discrimination has been given the weight of the law. This has emboldened extremists to target the Ahmadi Muslim community. Extremist groups, most notably a far-right Islamist party known as TLP, have engaged in a coordinated campaign of persecution. They vandalize mosques, form intimidating and violent mobs near community events, and even kill worshippers.

Incidents such as these are reported with disturbing frequency. Those responsible are very rarely held accountable. On the contrary, local authorities often bow to extremist pressure. They fail to prevent or contain violence. Then, to add insult to injury, they detain the victims of the attacks.

This climate of impunity sends a dangerous message: that persecution is permissible and that some lives are less worthy of protection than others.

In recent months, the government has taken steps to crack down on the TLP. Ahmadi Muslim communities have been able to breathe a little bit of a sigh of relief, and that is welcome.

However, human rights are interrelated and interdependent. The right to religious freedom cannot be guaranteed without also guaranteeing the right to freedom of assembly, to freedom of expression, and to equal protection under the law.

That means the Pakistani Government must take serious, sustained steps to address these broader crises. It

must reform or repeal laws that criminalize religious identity, ensure accountability for acts of violence, and uphold the rights of all citizens equally regardless of belief.

Mr. Speaker, the implications of this injustice are global. When a state legitimizes persecution, it weakens the universal principles of human rights and emboldens similar abuses elsewhere.

I urge the U.S. State Department to speak out clearly and forcefully to press the Government of Pakistan to release Mubarak Sani from prison, end its persecution of Ahmadi Muslims, repeal discrimination and discriminatory anti-Ahmadi laws, and uphold its international human rights obligations.

I believe when all is said and done, Mr. Speaker, that if the United States of America stands for anything, we need to stand out loud and foursquare for human rights. I hope we will do so in this case.

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 (Mrs. FEDORCHAK) at noon.

PRAYER

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

Sovereign God, as if on our behalf, the psalmist asks: What is humanity that You are mindful of them, human beings that You care for them?

Fallen though we are, You have given us life and breath, responsibility and opportunity, the company of friends and the testing of our adversaries, all from the depths of Your immense love for us.

Everything we have comes from You. Everything we encounter happens through You, and all things we endure find their resolution in You.

Lord of all creation, we cannot possibly imagine the why of Your generosity to us, nor the how that would reveal Your unfathomable wisdom. For we cannot know Your mind, nor dare we offer You counsel. And most certainly, we cannot persuade You or win Your favor.

Receive, then, our humble spirits and inspire in us this day the desire to bring glory to You, as we respond to Your unmerited grace and mercy, through our words and deeds, as we seek to serve You in this place.

In Your mighty 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 Virginia (Mr. WALKINSHAW) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. WALKINSHAW 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.

RESIGNATION AS MEMBER OF COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following resignation as a member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, April 21, 2026.

Hon. MIKE JOHNSON,
Speaker of the House, Washington, DC.

MR. SPEAKER, I write to announce my resignation from the House Foreign Affairs Committee—effective April 21, 2026.

It has been a privilege to serve alongside Chairman MAST and my colleagues on the Committee. I am grateful for the opportunity to contribute to its important work, and I look forward to continuing to serve the people of Indiana's Sixth District in a new capacity.

Sincerely,

JEFFERSON SHREVE,
Member of Congress.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the resignation is accepted. There was no objection.

ELECTING MEMBERS TO CERTAIN STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. MOORE of Utah. Madam Speaker, by direction of the House Republican Conference, I send to the desk a privileged resolution and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 1201

Resolved, That the following named Members be, and are hereby, elected to the following standing committees of the House of Representatives.

COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY: Mr. Joyce of Ohio.

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS: Mr. Shreve.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

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.

JOB NUMBERS GROW UNDER TRUMP

(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. Madam Speaker, President Donald Trump has a proven agenda of tax cuts, deregulation, energy dominance, and more. An immediate benefit is creating jobs.

The Department of Labor announced 178,000 new jobs in March, nearly triple the number forecast, a powerful confirmation of the Trump pro-growth agenda.

Most positively affected is manufacturing, the first growth in that area in 3 years, and also the construction industry, expanded by gains in specialty trades and residential homebuilding.

Yesterday, the Scout Motor Company with President Scott Keogh dedicated a phenomenal training facility with readySC and technical colleges in Blythewood, South Carolina, beginning the hiring of 4,000 skilled workers. Blythewood is now home of Scout.

In conclusion, God bless our troops. As the global war on terrorism continues, Trump is reinstituting peace through strength revealing war criminal Putin's lies, insulting and mocking Trump as war criminal Putin provides targeting information to Iran to kill Americans.

Our sympathy upon the death of the American patriot Jerry Bellune of Lexington, South Carolina, a fair and honest journalist.

HONORING CHUCK CONLON UPON HIS RETIREMENT

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

Mr. WALKINSHAW. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor my constituent, a man whose work has quietly shaped how this institution understands itself for more than three decades. Chuck Conlon is retiring after 31 years with CQ House Action Reports.

As Members came and went and Congresses turned over, Chuck never missed a step. The bills kept coming, the deadlines kept arriving, and Chuck kept delivering every report factual, thorough, and on time.

Members of Congress and their staff, from grizzled veterans who have seen it all to interns on their first week on the Hill, have relied on Chuck's reports to understand what is actually in the legislation before this body: what it does, what it costs, why it matters, and written clearly, completely, and without bias.

Chuck would stay late to iron out the final edits and still find time to brief himself on what happened overnight so