

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

he was informed and ready to lead his team bright and early the next morning.

The people of Virginia's 11th District are lucky to call Chuck a neighbor. I thank him for his service and wish him a well-earned retirement.

□ 1210

#### RECOGNIZING MIKE LEGG ON HIS RETIREMENT

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

Mr. MCDOWELL. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize an incredible public servant from my district.

After more than three decades of service to the city of Kannapolis, Mr. Mike Legg is beginning his well-earned retirement.

Mike began working for Kannapolis in 1995, earning the community's respect and trust. In 2004, he was appointed city manager, a post which he has stewarded for more than two decades, growing the city, bringing life to the community, and carrying the torch on the downtown revitalization and continued development of the North Carolina Research Campus.

Madam Speaker, Mike's hard work has helped make Kannapolis home for the city's more than 50,000 residents. I thank him for his many contributions to our community. I know he won't be far from the action, but I wish him a long and joyous retirement.

#### HUNGER IN AMERICA IS ON THE RISE

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

Mr. MCGOVERN. Madam Speaker, hunger in America is on the rise. Food prices are through the roof. Half of Americans are struggling to afford groceries in this terrible Trump economy.

Trump and this Republican Congress have prioritized tax breaks for billionaires, illegal wars, and tariffs that have all come at the expense of cheaper goods for the American people.

Now, they are advancing a farm bill next week that locks in their \$187 billion cut to SNAP enacted as part of their big, ugly bill in July for the next 5 years. That terrible policy enacted to give tax breaks to billionaires has already stolen basic food benefits from over 2.5 million veterans, seniors, and families with teenagers. Some of the worst provisions haven't even gone into effect yet.

SNAP provides people with about 2 bucks per meal to afford nutritious groceries. That is it. Republicans are decimating this program, making it even more difficult for families to afford food.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues who care about making food

more affordable for working people to join me in voting "hell no" on this disastrous Republican farm bill and not be complicit in increasing hunger in America. For God's sake, let's come together to end hunger now.

#### GUTTING U.S. FOREST SERVICE RESOURCES

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

Mr. VASQUEZ. Madam Speaker, today, I rise in opposition to this administration's plan to completely gut the U.S. Forest Service, move its headquarters to Utah, and shutter 57 research stations.

Our Ag Secretary said that her decision is guided by common sense, but, truly, it is a slap in the face to Teddy Roosevelt and those who carefully crafted the Forest Service as we know it.

I am a hunter, an angler, and someone who spends a lot of time in my national forests. I know my supervisors, my district rangers, and even the volunteer crews. As the cofounder of the bipartisan Public Lands Caucus, I don't see a shred of common sense in this decision.

What I do see is another backdoor move by this administration to push forward an anti-public lands agenda that discards career staff, under-resources our land agencies, and prioritizes corporations rather than focusing on combating wildfires, wildlife habitat, rural communities, and the growing outdoor recreation economy. We need more, not less, U.S. Forest Service resources and staff out West in places like New Mexico.

Madam Speaker, stripping resources from an agency that is already stretched thin and struggling to mitigate the impact of wildfires is the opposite of common sense. It is stupidity.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF DR. MANUEL "MANNY" P. BERRIOZABAL

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

Mr. CASTRO of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Dr. Manuel "Manny" Berriozabal.

Manny was born in San Antonio, where he met his wife, Maria, and served our community for five decades.

After growing up in Independence, Missouri, he would go on to teach mathematics at UCLA, Loyola Marymount, the University of New Orleans, and Tulane.

Manny joined the UTSA faculty in 1976, and he was a force for change. He worked tirelessly to prepare and inspire generations of students to pursue math and science careers. He founded the Pre-Freshman Engineering Program, PREP, helping give over 50,000

alumni access to rewarding opportunities in STEM. That program is now in 33 sites across seven States.

Outside of the classroom, he fought for equity and opportunities for underserved communities, making our city a better place to learn and live.

He was also a longtime friend.

Madam Speaker, he believed in the power of education and community. His legacy lives on through countless students in San Antonio and across the country. May he rest in peace.

#### CONCERNS FOR SHRIMPERS

(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. Madam Speaker, out on the water in eastern North Carolina, workers are putting in long hours and long days, doing honest work to feed their neighbors and keep our coastal economy alive.

Their way of life is under threat. Rising costs are squeezing businesses and families. Unfair competition from imported shrimp is making it harder to get a fair price for a hard day's work.

Concerns about mislabeling on imported seafood only make matters worse. Families think they are buying local seafood, but they are not. It only undermines consumer trust.

Spending time with commercial fishermen and shrimpers in eastern North Carolina made one thing clear: Reducing barriers for our seafood industry and bringing costs down will, indeed, make eastern North Carolina stronger.

□ 1220

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 4690, RELIABLE FEDERAL INFRASTRUCTURE ACT; PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H. RES. 1182, EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR RURAL COMMUNITIES ACROSS THE UNITED STATES AS STEWARDS OF THE ENVIRONMENT, MAJOR SUPPLIERS OF UNITED STATES ENERGY RESOURCES, CRITICAL PROVIDERS OF FOOD PRODUCTION AND MANUFACTURING CAPACITY, AND DRIVERS OF NATIONAL ECONOMIC STABILITY, AND RECOGNIZING THE WORK OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IN THE 119TH CONGRESS IN SUPPORT OF THOSE VITAL COMMUNITIES; PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 1897, ESA AMENDMENTS ACT OF 2025; AND PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 5587, HARNESSING ENERGY AT THERMAL SOURCES ACT OF 2026

Mr. ROY. Madam Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 1189 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows: