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Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, May 18, 2026, at 3 p.m.

House of Representatives

FRIDAY, MAY 15, 2026

The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker.

PRAYER

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

Almighty God, our protector against all evil, our defender in every danger, You and Your divine concern for Your people have set among us brave men and women to stand as a shield around us, and for this we are truly grateful. We pause today to thank You for their humble dedication to safeguarding our communities and our country against all those who would shatter the peace You offer us.

Remind us, O Lord, that the security that our policemen and our police forces have committed themselves to provide comes at their own personal cost. Aside from long hours of training and watch-standing and the countless missions that place each officer at significant and inconceivable risk, these men and women in uniform are all too often called to place their service over self and the welfare of others above the preservation of their own life and limb.

In honoring the line of duty deaths our communities have sustained over this past year, make it our duty never to take lightly the weight of their faithful service. Bless each ceremony across the Nation that it would honor appropriately all those who have made these selfless sacrifices on our country's behalf. Speak comfort to the families who have also paid the untold price for our peace and security.

Even as we pay tribute to the bravery and courage of those who gave their all, may they and each who continue to serve be honored by Your blessing and held always in Your favor. Bestow on them, even through the inadequacy of our words, Your own "well-done."

In Your powerful name we pray.
Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. 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. Will the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. THOMPSON) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. THOMPSON 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.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

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

NATIONAL MILITARY APPRECIATION MONTH

(Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania asked and was given permission to ad-

dress the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize May as National Military Appreciation Month, a time to honor and recognize all those who have served or are currently serving in our Armed Forces.

In 1999, the late Senator John McCain introduced S. Res. 33. It passed unanimously and was adopted by the House, officially designating May as Military Appreciation Month.

Mr. Speaker, I want to specifically recognize the thousands of Pennsylvanians currently in uniform. Your courage and selflessness do not go unnoticed. We applaud your commitment to defending our Nation's freedoms at all costs.

Through every conflict since our founding, the men and women of our Armed Forces have never wavered. Our veterans and our fallen gave their all for every American. We owe them a debt of gratitude that spans generations.

This month, let us unite as a nation to salute the brave men and women who protect our values and flag at all costs.

Madam Speaker, it is important we continue to support our Armed Forces, veterans, and their families.

May God bless them and their families.

WISHING BISHOP KEVIN VANN A HAPPY 75TH BIRTHDAY

(Mr. CORREA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

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Mr. CORREA. Madam Speaker, I rise today to wish Bishop Kevin Vann a happy 75th birthday.

Since 2012, Bishop Vann has led the Catholic Church in Orange County, guiding it through becoming one of the largest and most dynamic diocese in the Nation. He has also led the remarkable transformation of the former Crystal Cathedral, a protestant church, to Christ Cathedral, now a vibrant center of Catholic worship.

We are talking about relations, good relations, between Catholics and Protestants. Today, he serves nationally as the treasurer for the California Catholic Conference of Bishops as well as leading bishops nationwide through the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops.

I wish Bishop Vann a happy 75th, and many more.

RECOGNIZING THE EXTRAORDINARY RESPONSE TO SUPER TYPHOON SINLAKU

(Ms. KING-HINDS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. KING-HINDS. Madam Speaker, today I rise to recognize the extraordinary response to Super Typhoon Sinlaku and to honor the many people and organizations who stepped up and continue to step up for the Northern Mariana Islands in our time of need.

I commend our local first responders, utility crews, and linemen across the Marianas, our mayors' offices, FEMA, and the Army Corps of Engineers for their steadfast partnership in response and recovery.

I also extend my deep gratitude to World Central Kitchen, Team Rubicon, Samaritan's Purse, the Red Cross, The Salvation Army, Project Buddy Check 670, the Ayuda Foundation, Karidat, Team Koka, Ohala, and the Tan Sia Lin Foundation, and the many non-profit and faith-based organizations who continue help rebuild our communities.

I say to the CNMI diaspora, our churches, medical workers, community volunteers, and residents who raise funds, ship supplies, clear roads, deliver aid, and care for our neighbors: Your resilience reflects the very best of the Northern Mariana Islands.

In the CNMI, recovery is powered not only by government, but by community.

ON CARING

(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, "I don't think about Americans' financial situation at all . . . I don't think about anybody . . ."

Madam Speaker, over the past too many years, I have found it important to point out our leaders' failures to tell

the truth. This week I heard something different, though no less troubling. I heard the truth.

On his way to China this week, the President said he does not care about Americans' financial situation, while back home, inflation is surging.

Gas in my home of Montgomery, Pennsylvania, has skyrocketed to \$4.69 per gallon. Diesel is even higher, farmers input costs soaring. Groceries, utilities, rent, and all sorts of goods are all up.

Through his illegal tariffs, grotesque immigration policies, and now a reckless \$30 billion-to-date, poorly thought out, deadly war with Iran, everything costs more.

The President does not care, and now he wants American taxpayers to fund his billion-dollar golden ballroom. Congressional Republicans somehow champion it.

Madam Speaker, the President may not think about lowering costs. He may not care, but I do.

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HONORING CHAUNDRA BISHOP

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

Ms. BUDZINSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Urbana councilwoman, proud dog mom to Riley and now to Bronzely, and my good friend, Chaundra Bishop.

For 7 years, Chaundra served Urbana with determination and heart, fighting tirelessly for reforms to local policing systems, helping get folks in the community connected to good jobs, and working to strengthen public safety in the community.

All the while, Chaundra was fighting a long and difficult battle with cancer. At 29 years old, Chaundra was diagnosed with stage IV intrahepatic cholangiocarcinoma, a rare cancer that affects fewer than 6 in 100,000 people each year.

When standard treatments were no longer enough, she refused to give up and enrolled in clinical trials in search of hope, not only for herself but for the others facing the very same fight. In the process, she became a powerful advocate and an expert.

When the Biden White House convened a forum on the importance of clinical trials, Chaundra shared her story, helping others understand what the research funding means for patients and families across the country.

While the Trump administration moved to cut clinical trial funding at NIH, Chaundra and I worked together to speak out about the devastating consequences those cuts could have for Americans still searching for answers.

Madam Speaker, my thoughts are with Chaundra as she continues her fight.

RECOGNIZING APACHE JAZZ ENSEMBLE

(Mrs. GRIJALVA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. GRIJALVA. Madam Speaker, I rise today with great pride to celebrate the incredible students of Apache Jazz Ensemble from Nogales High School in Arizona's Seventh Congressional District.

Earlier this spring, I had the joy of attending the Mingus Jazz Festival in Nogales and listening to the ensemble's performance. Their talent, energy, and love for music were absolutely unforgettable. I was so grateful for the opportunity to meet the students and hear their stories firsthand.

Since then, these remarkable young musicians traveled to Orlando, Florida, to compete at Festival Disney, where they earned a superior rating with an outstanding score of 97.7, taking first place in their division and winning the prestigious Gold Mickey award, the highest honor awarded across all instrumental divisions.

These students represented Nogales and southern Arizona with excellence, discipline, and heart. Their achievement is a testament to their hard work and dedication of their director, Anthony Belletti, and the power of music education to inspire and uplift our communities.

Madam Speaker, to Apache Jazz Ensemble, Nogales High School, and all of your friends, fans, and families: "Congratulations"; "muchisimas felicidades." Thank you for making Arizona proud.

RECOGNIZING STELLA APICELLA

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

Mr. LATIMER. Madam Speaker, let me celebrate young Stella Apicella, a sixth grader at Blind Brook Middle School in Rye Brook, as she prepares to become a bat mitzvah on May 30.

I have seen Stella grow up over the years, the daughter of Joe Apicella and Tara Rosenblum, two prominent Westchester residents. Stella is growing as a confident, thoughtful, and compassionate young woman. She loves basketball—go Knicks—soccer, dancing, and fashion. She is a talented public speaker through debate club and by sharing the stage at times with her prominent mother.

Most importantly, Stella gives back to her community. She stands up for others, and she always looks out for the underdog, qualities that will serve her well far beyond this special day.

Stella, mazel tov on this great accomplishment.

Madam Speaker, from the floor of the U.S. House of Representatives, I send my best to her.