

public safety. He will be leaving a lasting impact on the department as his knowledge, strength, and care have shaped not only his team, but the Roseville community as a whole. His active engagement and dedication to his role have made him a pillar of inspiration in the public, and it has been an honor to be part of the community that he serves.

Therefore, on behalf of the United States House of Representatives and California's Third Congressional District, I wish Chief Troy Bergstrom an exciting retirement and thank him for his more than three decades of exceptional service.

#### RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until 2 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 24 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 1400

#### AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. LAHOOD) at 2 p.m.

#### PRAYER

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

God of all blessings and giver of every good gift, You need nothing from us, yet You desire that, in receiving the bounty of Your grace, we would want to give back to You and to Your creation out of our genuine love and appreciation that we have for You.

In some ways, our gifts seem so small, even inconsequential, when compared to the vastness of Your boundless generosity. Give us confidence that You know our hearts and that You desire that we give from the pureness within us, whatever we have, no matter how insignificant it may feel. May anything we present to You reflect our best selves.

When we use our gifts of time, energy, and talents here in this place, keep us from seeing them as a means to garner Your favor. Break the spirit of competition within us that feeds our pride and causes us to seek the enhancement of our reputation vice the benefit of those around us.

May we set aside our short-sighted ambitions, and instead look for ways to work together to invest all that we value into the advancement of Your eternal kingdom.

Holy Lord, receive these our gifts and use them according to Your will.

We pray because of all that is ours when we do so in Your 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 gentleman from Texas (Mr. MENEFFEE) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. MENEFFEE 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.

#### TRUMP SLUSH FUND

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

Mr. MENEFFEE. Mr. Speaker, grocery prices are up. Gas prices are up. Families across this country are choosing between rent and food. What does this administration do? They just created a \$1.7 billion fund, not for working people, but for the President's people.

The President confirmed it himself. January 6 insurrectionists, who stormed this very building, can apply. These are the same people he already pardoned. Now, they get a payout as well using taxpayer dollars with no court, no judge, just a commission that the President controls, writing checks to whomever this administration decides deserves one.

It amazes me that this President, who has said that we don't have money to provide people with childcare, a President who has said we don't have money to provide people with healthcare, that this President and his administration could somehow find \$1.7 billion for compensation for criminals, \$1.7 billion in reparations for rioters, \$1.7 billion in income for insurrectionists.

This is corruption, and the American taxpayer is footing the bill. The American people deserve better.

#### CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF MARILYN MOSLEY

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

Mr. JEFFRIES. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise today to pay tribute to the life, leadership, and legacy of an incredible mentor, a Clinton Hill legend and someone who provided tremendous support to me throughout the entirety of my public service journey, the iconic Marilyn D. Mosley.

Marilyn was born and raised in Brooklyn. She is a proud graduate of New York City Public Schools, including Girls High, where she was voted in 1959 "Most Likely to Succeed."

That proved to be a prophetic observation.

Marilyn went on to obtain a bachelor's degree from Morgan State Uni-

versity, where she became a proud member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated. She then returned home to City College, where she received two master's degrees in education and went on to serve for over 25 years as a transformational public school teacher and public school administrator.

She also held a variety of positions throughout local government, serving with distinction in the Brooklyn Borough President's Office, the City Comptroller's Office, and as a special adviser to the New York City Council Speaker.

Though she never served as a legislator herself, she founded the Progressive Association for Political Action and was responsible for the election of political giants decade after decade after decade, including former Congressman Ed Towns, Assemblyman Roger Green, State Senator Velmanette Montgomery, City Comptroller Bill Thompson, and New York State Attorney General Tish James.

Her work was instrumental in making sure that Mary Pinkett in 1973 became the first African-American woman ever elected to the New York City Council and opened the door for future generations of Black women, 12 of whom now serve in the 51-member body that is the city council.

I can unequivocally say that the people of New York City are better off because of decades of Mama Mosley laboring in the vineyards of our community.

I would not be standing here today as a Member of Congress or as House Democratic leader without her love, mentorship, and support.

I am so thankful for all of her wisdom, her guidance, her friendship, her mentorship, and her leadership throughout her incredible journey. It is a classic Brooklyn story, and we are eternally grateful for all that she has done.

May Mama Mosley forever rest in power.

□ 1410

#### HONORING DR. MARIAH WALKER

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

Ms. ROSS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor North Carolina's new Principal of the Year, Wake County's own Dr. Mariah Walker.

As the principal of the Wake Young Women's Leadership Academy, Dr. Walker has dedicated her career to ensuring her students are supported and empowered. She has strengthened academic excellence, expanded postsecondary opportunities, and consistently uplifted her students' achievements.

What makes Dr. Walker exceptional is that she believes every student deserves someone who ridiculously believes in their potential. That belief can truly change lives.

On the heels of Teacher Appreciation Week, the North Carolina General Assembly is finally considering increasing teacher salaries. Our State ranks 46th in the Nation for teacher pay. That is simply unacceptable.

Mr. Speaker, educators, like Dr. Walker, give their all to the next generation. They deserve fair pay.

**RECOGNIZING MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH**

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

Ms. PLASKETT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Mental Health Awareness Month. In the Virgin Islands and across this Nation, too many suffer in silence, carrying the weight of depression, anxiety, trauma, and grief, without access to care.

I fought to bring real resources to my home, including \$2.7 million in mental health and wellness funding for health recovery services, wellness programming, emergency shelter, and victim services for St. Thomas and St. John.

For St. Croix, I have secured another \$2 million for community wellness expansion, youth violence intervention, and hurricane recovery for our boys' and girls' centers.

Mental illness is not a weakness, and mental health is not a luxury. Natural disasters, economic strain, and geographic isolation have compounded the mental health crisis in the Virgin Islands, which we cannot afford to ignore.

Mr. Speaker, access to quality mental health care must be treated as a right and not a privilege, and as an imperative to our entire community.

To anyone struggling, you are not alone. Asking for help is an act of courage.

**RECOGNIZING MARSHALL PAIGE VALENTINE**

(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, Marshall Paige Valentine is a devoted community, civic, and church leader, whose service and leadership have had a lasting impact across eastern North Carolina and beyond.

She has dedicated decades to mentoring, faith-based service, civic engagement, uplifting individuals, and strengthening communities throughout our region, State, Nation, and the entire world.

She served as the 25th Grand Worthy Matron for the Grand Chapter of North Carolina and the first from Greene County, focusing on charity, loving-kindness, and fellowship. Her legacy is truly remarkable.

Mr. Speaker, she is a shining star from Greene County. It is an honor to recognize such an extraordinary daughter

of eastern North Carolina and a great American.

**COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE**

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, May 18, 2026.

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

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on May 18, 2026, at 1:30 p.m.:

That the Senate passed S. 4530.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely,

KEVIN F. McCUMBER,  
Clerk.

**RECESS**

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess for a period of less than 15 minutes.

Accordingly (at 2 o'clock and 16 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 1430

**AFTER RECESS**

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. GOLDMAN of Texas) at 2 o'clock and 30 minutes p.m.

**ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE**

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or votes objected to under clause 6 of rule XX.

The House will resume proceedings on postponed questions at a later time.

**AUTHORIZATION TO INCREASE RETIREMENT AGE FOR MEMBER OF THE CAPITOL POLICE**

Mr. STEIL. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (S. 4530) to amend chapters 83 and 84 of title 5, United States Code, to authorize an increase of the retirement age for members of the Capitol Police.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

S. 4530

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

**SECTION 1. AUTHORIZATION TO INCREASE RETIREMENT AGE FOR MEMBER OF THE CAPITOL POLICE.**

(a) CIVIL SERVICE RETIREMENT SYSTEM.—Section 8335(c) of title 5, United States Code,

is amended by striking “becomes 60 years of age” and inserting “attains an age determined by the Board, which shall be not less than 57 years of age and not more than 62 years of age”.

(b) FEDERAL EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM.—Section 8425(c) of title 5, United States Code, is amended by striking “becomes 60 years of age” and inserting “attains an age determined by the Board, which shall be not less than 57 years of age and not more than 62 years of age”.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. STEIL) and the gentleman from New York (Mr. MORELLE) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Wisconsin.

**GENERAL LEAVE**

Mr. STEIL. 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 this bill.

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

There was no objection.

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

Mr. Speaker, the bill before us today was drafted to address staffing shortages with the United States Capitol Police.

Currently, officers are forced to retire at age 57, unless they receive a waiver from the Capitol Police Board. With a waiver, an officer may continue working until they are age 60. S. 4530 extends the waiver timeline.

Under this bill, the Capitol Police Board will have the authority to grant waivers to sworn officers until they turn 62. Right now, nearly 60 sworn officers are working with a waiver.

Unless we pass this statutory change, each of these officers will be forced to retire within the next few years. These forced retirements will only compound the staffing shortage issue that we are facing within the Capitol Police force.

Notably, there is past precedent for this policy change. On two occasions, Congress has temporarily raised the mandatory Federal law enforcement retirement age to 65 to address staffing issues at the FBI. I will also note that this bill gives the Capitol Police Board discretion when deciding who is still fit for the job.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support this legislation, and I reserve the balance of my time.

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

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of S. 4530, a bill that would increase the age to which Capitol Police officers may continue to serve from 60 to 62 when granted a retirement age waiver by the Capitol Police Board.

Importantly, this bill does not change the statutory retirement age. Rather, it gives the Capitol Police Board flexibility to allow willing and able officers to remain with the force.

I said it when the House recently passed its version of the legislation,