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

DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
June 3, 2026.

I hereby appoint the Honorable JEFF HURD 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 11:50 a.m.

FIGHTING FOR AG PRODUCERS

(Mr. MANN of Kansas was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. MANN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today at an important time for American agriculture. Across the country and certainly in the Big First District of Kansas, farmers, ranchers, and agricultural producers are doing what they have always done. They are working hard, taking risks, caring for their land and livestock, and helping feed, fuel, and clothe the world.

Anyone who spends time with producers knows the truth: Farmers are facing real pressure right now. Pro-

ducers are facing high input costs, tight margins, market uncertainty, and the lasting effects of 4 years of overregulation and sky-high inflation under the Biden administration.

Farmers and ranchers do not need Washington to make their jobs harder. They need Washington to understand the challenges they face and get out of their way. That is exactly what President Trump, Secretary Brooke Rollins, and House Republicans are doing.

We have real leadership that understands the basic truth that food security is national security. A country that cannot feed itself is not secure, and a world without access to American-grown commodities is worse off as a result.

That is why House Republicans have been focused on delivering results for farmers, ranchers, producers, and rural America.

At the end of April, the House passed the Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026, which gives producers the stability and certainty that they deserve, authorizes key farm programs, expands market access, improves access to credit, and invests in rural America.

In May, the House passed legislation to allow E15 fuel to be sold year-round nationwide, another commonsense win that strengthens markets for producers, supports American energy, and gives families more choices at the pump.

Later this week, the House will also vote on fiscal year 2027 Agriculture appropriations bills. This legislation keeps USDA focused on its core mission: supporting American agriculture, protecting our food supply, investing in rural communities, and making sure farmers and ranchers have the tools they need to succeed.

I am proud that I have pushed for the inclusion of Kansas priorities, such as funding for Food for Peace, McGovern-Dole, agricultural research, and efforts

to align USDA more closely with American farmers.

One of the best examples of Republicans' dedication to the agricultural economy is Food for Peace. Food for Peace is a Kansas-born idea. It began when Cheyenne County farmer Peter O'Brien, whose proposal to use surplus American commodities to feed hungry nations was adopted by the Kansas Farm Bureau, sponsored in Congress by Kansas Senator Andy Schoepel, and signed into law by President Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1954.

More than 70 years later, that idea is still powerful: American farmers helping feed hungry people around the world. That program belongs at USDA, where American-grown commodities remain at the center of the mission. Moving Food for Peace back home to its rightful place is better not only for farmers but for taxpayers and a hungry world.

The farm bill we passed in April includes my legislation to permanently move Food for Peace to USDA, and the Ag appropriations bill continues funding for the program.

Last week, I was proud to host USDA Under Secretary for Trade and Foreign Agricultural Affairs Luke Lindberg in the Big First District of Kansas. We visited Kansas State University's milling science facilities and international grains programs, the Kansas Wheat Innovation Center, and the ADM milling facility in Abilene. Under Secretary Lindberg understands what Kansas producers know to be true: We need consistent buyers, strong markets, and a Federal Government that fights for American agriculture abroad.

President Trump and Secretary Rollins embody that well. They are putting producers first, expanding opportunities for American agriculture, and restoring common sense at USDA. After years of inflation, overregulation, and missed opportunities, this leadership is needed, and I am grateful for all the changes.

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Mr. Speaker, agriculture is the backbone of the Big First District and our country. Our farmers and ranchers do more than just produce food. They strengthen our economy. They support rural communities. They fuel our Nation. They help feed a hungry world. They remind us that America's strength has always been with our hardworking farmers and ranchers.

House Republicans are delivering for those producers. We passed a farm bill that gives agriculture certainty. We passed year-round E15 to strengthen markets and expand consumer choice. We are advancing an Ag appropriations bill that supports USDA's core mission and invests in the priorities that matter to farm country.

Under President Trump and Secretary Rollins, we finally have an administration that understands American agriculture is setting our producers up for success. American farmers and ranchers feed, fuel, and clothe the world. They deserve a government that has their backs.

Mr. Speaker, that is what we are fighting for.

HONORING DYLAN VALLE

(Mr. LATIMER of New York was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. LATIMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Dylan Valle, a proud and devoted member of the SEIU Local 32BJ and a true public servant in our community.

As the Hudson Valley district leader, Dylan represented 4,000 union members fighting for fairer protections, safer working conditions, and dignity for the working class.

Those who knew Dylan will remember his big smile and generous spirit that inspired all those around him.

I am grateful for Dylan's tireless advocacy on behalf of ordinary working people across New York to improve the lives of those around him.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of this body and the entire 16th Congressional District, I extend my deepest condolences to Dylan's family, friends, and all who had the privilege of knowing him. Dylan's devotion to his community will always be remembered, as his legacy will endure.

REMEMBERING JOE GERMANO

Mr. LATIMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to a dedicated, longtime Mamaroneck resident, Joseph Germano, who passed away in May, just a few weeks before his 101st birthday.

Born in the village, Joe graduated from Mamaroneck High School in 1943 and immediately signed up for the U.S. Marine Corps during World War II. He served in the Pacific theater on the USS *Eldorado* and participated in the battles of Iwo Jima, Okinawa, and the Philippines.

After the war, he returned to his hometown and became the owner of a local business for nearly 50 years. Joe

was active in veteran organizations, such as the VFW Post 1156 and The American Legion Post 90. He was a leader at St. Vito's Roman Catholic Church and a member of the Mamaroneck Public Library board and the village's traffic commission. He was a fixture at Harbor Island Park throughout the years.

Joe and his wife, Louise, have four daughters, four grandsons, and five great-grandsons. Joe has left behind a legacy of generosity and community commitment, and that will last over the next 100 years.

From the floor of the House of Representatives, we salute Joe Germano, a true son of Mamaroneck.

RECOGNIZING NATIONAL IMMIGRATION HERITAGE MONTH

Mr. LATIMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today during National Immigration Heritage Month to recognize the contributions of immigrants to our Westchester and Bronx communities and to recognize their positive impact on the entire country.

I speak at a time when the Delaney Hall Detention Facility in Newark, New Jersey, houses detainees in horrific conditions. The situation of mass deportation of hardworking individuals seeking a better life is not what the Framers of the Constitution envisioned.

When hopeful immigrants arrive at our shores, they heed the promising words inscribed on the pedestal of the Statue of Liberty: "Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free, the wretched refuse of your teeming shore. Send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me, I lift my lamp beside the golden door."

Mr. Speaker, as we near our 250th anniversary as a nation, I remind my colleagues that the United States of America is a land of opportunity for all.

RECOGNIZING OVERMOUNTAIN VICTORY TRAIL ASSOCIATION

(Ms. FOXX of North Carolina was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, it is wonderful that we are celebrating our 250th anniversary. We need to be constantly reminded of what sacrifices were made at the beginning of our country to allow us to be the freest, greatest country in the world. Many men and women sacrificed their way of life and their lives themselves in that effort. We need to keep them in mind, always.

In support of that idea, I rise to recognize the Overmountain Victory Trail Association for its continued work to preserve, protect, and interpret the route to the Battle of Kings Mountain, one of the most significant battles in the Revolutionary War.

Earlier this year, I had the pleasure of meeting with David Doan, the president of the association; his wonderful wife, Jane; and Tom Vaughan, the association's treasurer. All three were

immensely passionate about the work they engage in, and it is easy to see why. They all care deeply about sharing one of the greatest stories of the American Revolution.

The Overmountain Victory National Historic Trail spans approximately 300 miles, and patriot militia, known as the Overmountain Men, traveled along it to the Battle of Kings Mountain. In Newland, North Carolina, there is a beautiful mural depicting the Overmountain Men crossing the Yellow Mountain Gap en route to this battle.

What makes their story so unique is that these men did not come from rarefied backgrounds. They came from the Carolina backcountry and Appalachians, and they picked up arms, made the hike of 330 miles, and unleashed liberty upon British forces.

The Battle of Kings Mountain was a pivotal American victory, one that dealt a serious crushing blow to British forces as they tried to gain control over the Southern Colonies.

Mr. Speaker, we ought to recognize the dedicated work of organizations such as the Overmountain Victory Trail Association in helping preserve and share the history of our Nation with generations to come. We are grateful for all they do and salute their efforts.

RECOGNIZING CAPITOL HILL OCEAN WEEK

(Ms. BONAMICI of Oregon was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Ms. BONAMICI. Mr. Speaker, this week, hundreds of scientists, conservationists, explorers, students, and advocates from across the country are gathered here for the 25th anniversary of America's premier ocean policy event: Capitol Hill Ocean Week, or CHOW. This week marks 25 years of translating science into policy and cultivating partnerships to protect the coasts, fisheries, and habitats that sustain our economy and our world.

As our Nation marks its own 250th anniversary, this week challenges us to reckon with both the threats and opportunities we face as stewards of the ocean: to chart a course for the next 250 years by protecting the ocean because of its importance to our shared prosperity and to the planet.

Mr. Speaker, 250 miles above us, the International Space Station crosses the horizon every 90 minutes. From that vantage point, there are no borders, but there is a lot of blue. More than 70 percent of the Earth is ocean, providing habitat for thousands of known species, driving economies for coasts and nations, and regulating the climate effects on every harvest, port, and storm.

Down here at sea level, we are testing the limits of our blue world. The same waters that feed and connect us are warming, becoming more acidic, and rising faster than at any point in human history.