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

DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
June 10, 2026.

I hereby appoint the Honorable DANIEL MEUSER 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.

RECOGNIZING DR. R. DUANE SATZGER

(Mr. DAVIDSON of Ohio was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. DAVIDSON. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Dr. R. Duane Satzger, a Cincinnati native, who is retiring after 47 years of distinguished service to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

Dr. Satzger earned his bachelor's, master's, and Ph.D. in chemistry from the University of Cincinnati and joined the FDA in 1979. His forensic work in the 1980s Tylenol tampering crisis helped establish the FDA Forensic

Chemistry Center in Cincinnati, a laboratory that has protected countless American lives.

Over his career, he led the center's elevation to the National Forensic Chemistry Center, oversaw a state-of-the-art 64,000 square-foot renovation completed in 2024, and launched the INTREPID program with Customs and Border Patrol and DEA—a forensic initiative that links illicit drugs to disrupt deadly trafficking networks.

With over 40 publications, two U.S. patents, and dozens of FDA honors, Dr. Satzger's record of scientific excellence and public service is extraordinary.

America is safer and healthier because of his lifetime of service to our Nation. I wish him and his family a well-earned and happy retirement.

HONORING BILLY DWYER AND MICHELLE GALDAMEZ

(Ms. KELLY of Illinois was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Ms. KELLY of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of two people on my staff: Billy Dwyer and Michelle Galdamez. They have both moved on to new opportunities, but I will always remember their hard work, contributions to my office, and their wonderful personalities.

When I first met Billy Dwyer at a barbecue, I had no idea that one day he would be my senior policy adviser. It truly speaks to his persistence. He was my constituent and started to work in my district office, and in 2020, he moved to D.C. as my legislative aid.

He is a founding member of the office's House softball team, the Deep Dishers. His sports exploits extend to hockey, where as a member of the congressional team, he scored two gamewinning goals this past year against the lobbyists.

For over 6 years, Billy was the life of the office. While his colleagues often complained that they could hear him

even through noise-canceling headphones, he was always quick with a joke and a laugh. I have no doubt that his new coworkers have welcomed his uplifting spirit.

When my district expanded from 1,500 farms to over 4,500, Billy jumped right into the agriculture portfolio. The farmers all love him, whether they grow corn or soybeans, which is a feat in and of itself. He connected the agriculture work to my healthcare portfolio, leading to the introduction of my Food is Medicine bill to improve health outcomes through nutrition.

Billy's work has always been rooted in advocacy. He became a passionate advocate for mental health after his sister died when he graduated from high school. He continues to speak out for mental health and headache disorders. I am so proud of the work he has done in and outside of my office, and I know he will succeed in his next role.

Michelle Galdamez, my senior health policy adviser, has been critical in leading my office's healthcare work. She first joined my office 4 years ago as a fellow before working in the Senate. We then stole her back when there was an opening, and I am just grateful she decided to come back. She stepped into the work without missing a beat, continuing to carry on my healthcare legislation and expand it from internal health to clinical trial diversity to digital health.

I often say that no one can accomplish anything alone, and that could not be truer when it comes to affordable healthcare. I receive so many compliments from people who have worked with Michelle. They all sing her praises, so I think it is only right that they are entered into the House CONGRESSIONAL RECORD for all to hear.

Michelle's commitment to healthcare, especially women's health, is second to none. When I was in a 26-hour marathon hearing, Michelle was

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right there with me defending Medicaid from Republicans' trillion-dollar cut.

When she saw the viral video of a woman being discharged from a hospital while in active labor and found out she was a constituent, Michelle got right to work. She diligently worked on the bill that would become the WELLS Act, named after my constituent Mercedes Wells, who gave birth in her truck on the side of the road. It was her idea to name the bill after Mercedes because her heart and compassion for people are at the center of everything she does.

Michelle also does great work recruiting and training health fellows, guiding them and setting them up for future success after they leave the office. I know she will do a fantastic job serving as the legislative director in the office of my colleague, Representative EMILY RANDALL.

I have been incredibly lucky to have such wonderful staff, especially Billy and Michelle. I thank both of them.

THE PUBLIC'S RIGHT TO A HASSLE-FREE YOSEMITE

(Mr. MCCLINTOCK of California was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. MCCLINTOCK. Mr. Speaker, a full-court press is being waged in the media to bring back Yosemite Valley's restrictive reservation system. Viral videos of crowds on Memorial Day now stoke this movement.

Those complaining of crowds during peak weekends, of course, envision that they should be able to enter the park, but not all those pesky other people.

Here is a helpful tip: If you don't like crowds, don't go to the beach on Memorial Day and don't go to Yosemite on Memorial Day.

In a series of articles in the San Francisco Chronicle, these critics have gone so far as to advocate resurrecting the radical Yosemite General Management Plan. It would have ultimately banned all traffic from the park and required visitors to stop nearly 50 miles away, pack up the kids, the binkies, the blankies, and the backpacks, and then take a government bus more than an hour in order just to set foot in Yosemite Valley.

They also favor the so-called Merced River Plan that tried and partially succeeded to eliminate many of the amenities available in the valley, including bicycle and raft rentals, horseback riding rentals, gift and snack shops, swimming pools, and iconic facilities, including the ice skating rink at Curry Village, the Art Center, and a historic stone bridge that dates back to the 1920s.

These elitists now press to restore the disastrous reservation system that greatly inconvenienced park visitors throughout 2024. To them, these restrictive measures are the cure to crowds. Yet, to the public, the reservation system meant that an average of 700 cars a day, filled with families that

had driven hours to enjoy a day at Yosemite, were turned away at the gates for lack of reservations.

Meanwhile, inside the park, parking lots sat half empty. Hotel reservations fell thousands short, and many tourists who booked a room outside the park were refused entry at the gates for want of a coveted registration. Frustrated would-be visitors reported continuing problems trying to obtain reservations on a glitchy website.

Now, this is not to say that crowding in the valley hasn't been a big problem, but the solution is better management and more capacity, not restricting access.

Before the 1997 flood, there were about twice as many parking places, rooms, and campsites as there are today. Although Congress appropriated funds to restore this capacity, it never was.

A succession of incompetent superintendents tolerated inefficient admissions and time-consuming transactions that often produced long lines at the gates. When gateway community representatives approached park managers for relief, their many suggestions and pleas were simply ignored.

Under Yosemite's new superintendent, Ray McPadden, these deficiencies are finally being addressed. He is instituting a large number of improvements that have been advocated by the gateway communities for a decade, and he is meeting regularly with local representatives, businesses, and residents.

To address gate delays, he has introduced digitized entry passes and installed WiFi to expedite admissions.

To decongest the valley, he is promoting and encouraging visitors to enjoy often overlooked features, like Tuolumne Meadows, Mariposa Grove, Glacier Point, and Tenaya Lake. He is adding long-overdue additional parking and will be using real-time data this summer to relieve traffic congestion.

Last weekend, the Secretary of the Interior and the superintendent met with local elected and business representatives. To a person, they opposed the reservations system and endorsed the measures now being undertaken to improve the visitor experience.

The Yosemite Grant of 1864 was the first time that Federal land was set aside for the enjoyment of the American people. In the original words of the act, that was done with the promise that lands would "be held for public use, resort, and recreation."

This led to the creation of the National Park Service with the express purpose "to conserve the scenery and the natural and historical objects and the wildlife therein and to provide for the enjoyment" of the same. Well, the environmental left would change "use, resort, and recreation" to: Look, but don't touch.

John Muir once wrote: The valley is filled with people, yet they do not annoy me. Not so the green left, which has tried for many years to reduce vis-

itor services and restrict public access. The 750,000-acre national park can welcome many more visitors than it does today. All that has been lacking is a visitor-friendly attitude by Yosemite Park management and a willingness to be a good neighbor to the gateway communities and businesses that depend on tourism. With Yosemite's new management, that day has finally come.

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CELEBRATING 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF BUFFALO JUNETEENTH FESTIVAL

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

Mr. KENNEDY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Buffalo Juneteenth Festival, one of the great cultural traditions in western New York and one of the largest Juneteenth celebrations in the United States of America.

Since 1976, countless participants have marched in Buffalo to celebrate the day in American history when word finally reached Galveston, Texas, in 1865 that President Lincoln had signed the Emancipation Proclamation more than 2 years prior.

For those who were forced to wait, every day carried a profound human cost, but alongside injustice, Juneteenth is a story of what formerly enslaved men and women built with their freedom. Despite extraordinary obstacles and oppression, these Americans fought to claim their place in our democracy. In the process, they expanded the promise of America itself.

Generations of Black Americans confronted and overcame barriers that were designed to exclude them, including Jim Crow's literacy tests, poll taxes, and racial violence, refusing to surrender the belief that America could become more faithful to its founding ideals.

The struggle for Black America did not end in 1865 with the passage of the 13th Amendment, 14th Amendment, and 15th Amendment; with the civil rights movement; or with the passage of the Voting Rights Act of 1965. It continues right now, as we bear witness to the concerted, intentional campaign to take our Nation backward.

The dismantling of the Voting Rights Act is allowing States across the South to enact racist gerrymanders and dilute Black political power.

Moments like these remind us of the significance of Juneteenth and that our democracy is not self-sustaining. It requires constant vigilance.

That is why Buffalo's Juneteenth Festival is so important. For 50 years, this gathering has continued the unfinished work of building a more just and inclusive nation.

I extend my deepest gratitude to President Carrone Evon Crump, the