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The House met at noon and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. FONG).

DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,

June 23, 2026.

I hereby appoint the Honorable VINCE FONG 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 1:50 p.m.

RECOGNIZING ROBERT GEBBIA

(Mr. BEYER of Virginia was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. BEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize my friend and the current CEO of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, Mr. Robert Gebbia, for his extraordinary leadership in suicide prevention and in recognition of his planned retirement at the end of the year. There is no better time to recognize Robert than in this season where we devote great attention to mental health awareness.

For nearly three decades he has guided the American Foundation for Suicide

Prevention to national prominence. Under Robert's leadership, AFSP has expanded to 73 chapters across the country and become the largest private funder of suicide prevention research in the world, investing nearly \$100 million in lifesaving initiatives.

He has led national awareness campaigns, educational programs, and Out of the Darkness Walks, providing support and hope to millions of individuals and families affected by suicide.

He has also strengthened public policy and advocacy, uniting thousands of volunteer advocates to secure State and Federal funding for suicide prevention and mental health programs nationwide.

In addition, Mr. Gebbia has served in numerous national leadership roles, including as a founding member of the National Council for Suicide Prevention, a member of the National Lifeline Advisory Committee, in the executive committee of the National Alliance for Suicide Prevention, and as past chair of the board of directors of the National Health Council.

His vision and dedication have shaped suicide prevention strategies and initiatives across the United States.

As we honor Robert Gebbia, it is fitting to recognize his decades of service, his commitment to research, advocacy, education, and his enduring impact on communities nationwide.

His leadership has saved lives and strengthened the field of suicide prevention, leaving a legacy that will benefit generations to come.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Robert on his retirement and thank him for his enduring service to champion the cause of preventing suicide.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Ferrari, one of its clerks, announced

that the Senate agrees to the House amendment to the Senate amendment with an amendment to the bill (H.R. 6644) "An Act to increase the supply of housing in America, and for other purposes."

The message also announced that the Senate has passed bills of the following titles which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 675. An act to contribute funds and artifacts to the Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library in Medora, North Dakota.

S. 2585. An act to modernize and improve the Broadband Funding Map in order to promote the most efficient use of Federal funds for broadband deployment, and for other purposes.

S. 4828. An act to reaffirm the Declaration of Independence as an Organic Law of the United States.

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages in writing from the President of the United States were communicated to the House by Mr. Matthew Hanley, one of his secretaries.

RECOGNIZING UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS MEN'S TRACK AND FIELD TEAM

(Mr. WOMACK of Arkansas was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. WOMACK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the 2026 men's outdoor track and field national champions, the Arkansas Razorbacks, led by their head coach, Doug Case.

The Hogs brought home the national title after 4 days of competition at Hayward Field in Eugene, Oregon.

From start to finish, these men exemplified what it means to be a Razorback. They brought grit, energy, and an unwavering determination to the competition. They fought until the very last event to secure that title.

Throughout the meet, Arkansas rose to the top, seizing key opportunities to

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score points in field events, sprints, and middle-distance events.

In the field, *Scottie Vines*, a Colorado native, brought an impressive performance in the high jump. He cleared five consecutive bars, ending at 7 feet 4½ inches. *Juriad Hughes* put out a set of career-best marks in the long jump. Building on that momentum was *Ernest Cheruiyot* in the 10,000. Keeping the Hogs on the leaderboard were powerhouse performances by *Tyrice Taylor* and *Rivaldo Marshall* in the 800 and *Jelani Watkins* in the 100. Bringing the victory home was *TJ Tomlyanovich*, *Devyn Wright*, *Zander Cruzan*, and *Jordan Pierre* in the 4 by 400.

This type of elite performance doesn't happen by chance. It happens as a direct result of the dedication and discipline that are refined in long hours on the track and in the weight room. It is a product of excellence in every practice, down to every drill, every rep. It also happens because of exceptional leadership.

I want to extend my special congratulations to *Doug Case*, who in his first year, Mr. Speaker, as head coach, has led these men to four titles: two in the SEC and two national championships in indoor and outdoor track. This accomplishment is unprecedented and is a feat not achieved by any first-year head coach in over four decades.

Mr. Speaker, I can't forget *Doug's* wife, and his number one cheerleader, *Chris Case*, for her support of this championship program.

I should also recognize assistant coaches *Rob Jarvis*, *Cale Wallace*, *Brandon Battle*, *Steven Strobis*, and *Danny Green*. Their contributions should not go unnoticed.

This year's victory builds on the generational legacy of track-and-field dominance at the University of Arkansas. The 2026 title in outdoors was the 11th NCAA outdoor championship for our Hogs and the 53rd national championship for track and field programs overall.

Mr. Speaker, this win isn't just a trophy. It is a testament to the hard work of every athlete and every coach this season. I look forward to celebrating the team's future accomplishments and watching this momentum carried into the next school year.

Coach Case has set a very high bar in his first season as our head coach. I look forward to the future under his leadership.

Wooo. Pig. Sooie. Go Hogs.

SURVEILLANCE PRICING

(Mr. SUBRAMANYAM of Virginia was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. SUBRAMANYAM. Mr. Speaker, there are a lot of reasons why we are seeing rising costs. One reason is particularly troubling, and it is called surveillance pricing. You see, it is common for businesses to track our online activity, like searches and web browsing, and to use that to decide who to target with ads.

What if they actually used that information to charge you a higher price for something they knew you actually needed? That is surveillance pricing. It is unfortunately becoming very common.

Surveillance pricing feeds your personal information and your online activity into an algorithm. That algorithm then raises the price you see online for your purchase based on how much it thinks it can get away with charging you. If the algorithm recognizes, based on your web search history, that a family member just passed away and you need to fly across the country, with surveillance pricing, the airline can then use that information to jack up the price of your flight. It is like personalized price gouging.

It is raising the costs on everyone. It is happening with food, housing, transportation, and more. You would never know that it was happening to you.

That is why I am introducing the SLASH Prices Act. This bill requires businesses to disclose the use of surveillance pricing and requires that consumers are able to opt out of surveillance pricing. Customers have the right to know if their personal data is being used to force them to pay unfair prices.

I urge my colleagues to join me in lowering costs by putting an end to online price gouging and predatory surveillance pricing.

DATA CENTER OVERVIEW

Mr. SUBRAMANYAM. Mr. Speaker, there are over 5,000 data centers in this country, with thousands more planned.

Data centers could use 12 percent of the entire country's energy by 2028. Communities are being asked to host these massive centers without knowing exactly how much water and electricity they use. This can lead to irresponsible data center build-outs, electric grid instability, and high energy prices.

Americans deserve to know how much energy and water data centers actually are using and not just estimates. That is why I am introducing the bipartisan Data Infrastructure Energy Measurement and Standards Act. This bill will establish consistent and accurate measures for how much water and energy are used by data centers.

With this transparent information, communities will be able to decide if they want to host a data center. Energy infrastructure can be properly planned, away from homes and schools, and we can understand, finally, data centers' full impact on our communities.

I urge my colleagues to join me in passing this legislation so that Americans are not left guessing when it comes to data centers.

NEED FOR GUN SAFETY LEGISLATION

Mr. SUBRAMANYAM. Mr. Speaker, every day nearly 130 people are killed from gun violence. That is 46,000 Americans every year. Far too many families, far too many friends, and far too many loved ones have to cope with a devastating loss because of gun violence.

June marks Gun Violence Awareness Month. I am proud to introduce commonsense measures to promote firearm safety and prevent more of these deaths. For instance, a lot of gun deaths could be prevented by using technology to prevent unauthorized users from using a firearm.

My first bill, the Gun Safety Innovation Opportunity Act, supports research into cutting-edge gun safety technologies, like using fingerprints to ensure that only authorized users can access that firearm. We can use this research to prevent guns from being used by bad guys or kids who don't know how to use them.

Speaking of kids, we also want to keep guns out of our schools. Current law prohibits firearms on K through 12 campuses, but it does not cover preschools, like my daughter's.

That is why I am introducing the Protect Every Preschooler Act, legislation to extend existing gun safety protections to our youngest learners at preschools and early childhood education campuses.

The time for action is now. I urge my colleagues to join me in supporting these bills and renewing our commitment to keeping all of our communities safe from gun violence.

RECOGNIZING PAT REILLY

Mr. SUBRAMANYAM. Finally, Mr. Speaker, I rise to celebrate the life of *Pat Reilly*, a proud Virginian and public servant who passed away on June 6th.

Pat started her career teaching English in Liberia as a Peace Corps volunteer. There, she helped design the Liberian Education Assistance Project, which sent U.S. teachers to Liberia every year.

Pat continued her work with the Peace Corps, chairing the board of the National Peace Corps Association. During the Ebola crisis, she helped raise money for communities working on prevention and treatment.

Here at home, *Pat* worked as a reporter and editor for five U.S. newspapers, including *The Washington Post*. She later served in public affairs roles in agencies across the Federal Government.

Even in retirement, she tirelessly advocated for the arts, human rights, social justice, and led her local League of Women Voters chapter.

Our community will always remember *Pat's* commitment to serving others, and she will be missed by her family, friends, and so many of the people whose lives she touched.

May she rest in peace.

HEALTH INSURANCE COMPANY STOCK BUYBACKS

(Mr. MURPHY of North Carolina was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. MURPHY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to continue to shed light on the egregious, unethical, and deliberately unscrupulous practices of our health