

children, combat malnutrition, reunite families, and provide shelter for those who have lost their homes. Children should not pay the price for violence and a war they did not start.

I urge my colleagues today to stand up in this moral moment to support these amendments and reverse course as a nation; recognize that America's strength comes not from its military might but from our moral leadership; and vote for a future where children have the opportunity to learn, grow, and thrive.

Mr. Speaker, I can say that I have made my choice. I choose peace, human dignity, and the children of the world, and I hope my colleagues will join me.

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#### RECESS

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

Accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 20 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess.

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#### AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. BOST) at noon.

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#### PRAYER

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

Holy Lord, You have called us to You and chosen us as Your own. You have spoken to us through Your word and having heard Your voice, may we respond to You with our whole selves.

May every aspect of our being reflect a deep desire to live into the grace You have shown us, a grace that has led us to this place to serve this Nation at this time in its history.

May the work we do to govern and lead this country be established in Your divine guidance and sustained by our faith in You.

May even the little things that seem inconsequential and yet are essential to the success of our efforts be prompted by our love for You.

May our endurance through the monumental and the mundane be inspired and upheld by the hope that is found only in You.

God, the author, redeemer, and sustainer of our lives, we entrust the living of this day to Your keeping. In Your enduring name we pray.

Amen.

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#### 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 South Carolina (Mr. WILSON) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina 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.

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#### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to 15 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

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#### REPUBLICANS EXPOSING FRAUD

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

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, fraud diverts programs meant for families, seniors, children, veterans, and small businesses. It rewards criminals who know the government will often pay first and ask questions later.

House Republicans have passed legislation, including the Fraud Prevention Accountability Act, led by our Speaker MIKE JOHNSON to help agencies verify eligibility, share information, and stop suspicious payments before the money is distributed.

House Republicans are exposing fraud by investigating programs, recovering stolen dollars, and giving whistleblowers a voice.

In conclusion, God bless our troops as the global war on terrorism continues. Trump is reinstituting peace through strength, revealing war criminal Putin lies, insulting Trump and mocking Trump, intentionally murdering Ukrainian civilians while destroying churches.

Congratulations Attorney General Alan Wilson with a 69 percent Republican primary victory yesterday for Governor of South Carolina. I appreciate the endorsement of Donald Trump, NANCY MACE, and RALPH NORMAN.

I extend my sympathy on the passing of Commissioner Jo Anne Whitehead, the beloved wife of Chairman Lyman Whitehead of Irmo, South Carolina.

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#### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Ferrari, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has agreed to without amendment a concurrent Resolution of the House of the following title:

H. Con. Res. 86. Concurrent Resolution directing the President, pursuant to section 5(c) of the War Powers Resolution, to remove United States Armed Forces from hostilities with Iran.

#### ANNIVERSARY OF OVERTURNING ROE V. WADE

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

Mr. LATIMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today, 4 years after the overturning of Roe v. Wade, to bring to light the devastating impact that the Supreme Court's Dobbs decision has had on our country.

Since Dobbs, government interference in what should be a decision between doctor and patient has led physicians to hesitate, delaying patients from receiving the care they require.

Centers that provide preventative and lifesaving reproductive services have been shuttered. In the wake of Dobbs, laws have caused women to experience unnecessary complications sometimes leading to their death.

I cannot fathom being forced to make a life-or-death decision because of what politicians and courts have decided rather than the advice of medical experts.

On this anniversary, I urge my colleagues to join me in demanding better for my constituents by acting to protect access to reproductive care.

Every moment we wait is a moment too long.

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#### OMAHA MAN ARRESTED FOR UFC TERROR PLOT

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

Mr. FLOOD. Mr. Speaker, the arrest of a man in Omaha accused of leading the plot to attack the White House's UFC event this month is a stark reminder about the threats that face our Nation.

According to DHS, the suspect entered the U.S. illegally and allegedly sought to make the attack "... as deadly as we can get."

This case underscores the importance of securing our borders, enforcing our immigration laws, and remaining vigilant against those who seek political violence rather than political debate.

I am grateful to the Omaha FBI, working together with the Nebraska State Patrol, who arrested this alleged ringleader before lives were put at risk. Their professionalism and commitment to help keep our communities safe happens every day.

Regardless of ideology or political affiliation, political violence is never acceptable. We must reject extremism, promote civil discourse, and work together to lower the temperature of political rhetoric.

I thank our law enforcement officers once again for making this arrest.

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#### LOVICK'S CAFE

(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, some restaurants serve more than good meals. They serve wonderful memories and rich traditions.

For 85 years and three generations, the Lovick family has opened Lovick's Cafe and welcomed the greater Kinston community.

From their famous dough burgers and pancakes to conversations shared across the table, this hometown treasure represents the best of eastern North Carolina.

Small businesses like Lovick's Cafe are where friendships are built, stories are told, and communities come together.

I congratulate Steve, Christina, the Lovick family, and their hardworking staff. Their dedication, service, and hospitality remind us that the best places are the ones that make us feel right at home.

Here is to 85 years of great food, great people, and great memories.

#### RESIGNATION AS MEMBER OF COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following resignation as a member of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure:

CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
*Washington, DC, June 24, 2026.*

Hon. MIKE JOHNSON,  
*Speaker of the House,*  
*Washington, DC.*

MR. SPEAKER: I write to submit my resignation from the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee—effective June 24, 2026.

It has been a privilege to serve alongside Chairman Graves and my colleagues on the Committee.

I am grateful for the opportunity to contribute to its important work.

Sincerely,

JEFFERSON SHREVE,  
*Member of Congress.*

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the resignation is accepted.

There was no objection.

#### ELECTING MEMBERS TO CERTAIN STANDING COMMITTEES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. FLOOD. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Republican Conference, I send to the desk a privileged resolution and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 1381

*Resolved,* That the following named Member be, and is hereby, elected to the following standing committees of the House of Representatives:

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS: Mr. Gallagher.

COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE, SPACE AND TECHNOLOGY: Mr. Gallagher.

COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE: Mr. Gallagher.

Mr. FLOOD (during the reading). Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution be considered as read.

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

There was no objection.

The resolution was agreed to.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

#### HONORING LIFE AND LEGACY OF GORDON WOOD

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

Mr. MAGAZINER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of a renowned American historian and my former professor, Gordon Wood. Professor Gordon Wood was one of America's great historians. He was a longtime professor at Brown University whose scholarship reminded us why the American Revolution was truly a world-changing event.

Wood was the winner of the Pulitzer Prize for History, the Bancroft Prize, and the National Humanities Medal, among many other honors.

He also profoundly shaped my own life. When I was an undergraduate student, he inspired me to major in history and gave me an appreciation for the American story that I hold to this day.

His writing and lectures didn't just teach us the facts of the past, they revealed why they matter.

As we mark our Nation's 250th anniversary, Professor Wood's scholarship feels more important than ever. He reminded us that the American experiment is truly exceptional, that our Founders envisioned a Republic where power ultimately belongs to the people. While the Nation they created has always been messy and imperfect, they provided the world with a whole new way of thinking about the relationship between the people and their government, setting the stage for the expansion of democracy and human rights in America and across the world.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that we all take a moment to celebrate the life of Gordon Wood who has helped us understand better what it means to be an American.

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#### PROGRESS NEEDED ON GUN VIOLENCE

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

Ms. ELFRETH. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Gerald Fischman, Rob Hiaasen, John McNamara, Rebecca Smith, and Wendy Winters.

Eight years ago, on June 28, 2018, a gunman killed these five members of our hometown newspaper, the Capital

Gazette. Eight years later, I rise to ask my colleagues a simple question: What progress have we made so that parents don't fear for their children's lives at school dropoff, so worshipers can pray without fear, and so journalists aren't killed on the job?

Congress has a responsibility to rise above thoughts and prayers. We can and we must bring action and solutions. We share a collective responsibility to ensure that not just Annapolis but every community is safe from the scourge of gun violence that has plagued our Nation for too long.

Eight years later, I urge us to return to that collective responsibility.

#### LOSING REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS

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

Ms. MCCLELLAN. Mr. Speaker, I was 1 month old when the Supreme Court's decision in *Roe v. Wade* recognized the constitutional right to abortion. For most of my life, I had the peace of mind that the decision of when, whether, and how to become a parent would be mine.

I nearly died giving birth to my daughter 11 years ago, when my placenta ruptured 9 weeks before my due date. I was wheeled into the emergency room, and I had the peace of mind that my doctor could do what she felt in that moment was best, without fear of prosecution.

That changed 4 years ago today when the Supreme Court overturned *Roe v. Wade* and made me the first generation of my family to lose a constitutional right in my lifetime. Now, my daughter, with fewer rights than me, faces threats to her reproductive freedom.

Today, over one in three women of childbearing years lives in a State with abortion bans or extreme restrictions. At a time when the United States has the highest maternal mortality rate of any other industrialized nation, women are dying because they can't access the reproductive care they need when they need it, like Nevaeh Crain, who was denied care while suffering a miscarriage until she was septic and died.

As chair of the Abortion Access and Rights Task Force of the congressional Reproductive Freedom Caucus, I am fighting so that everyone has the reproductive freedom they deserve.

#### TRUMP CORRUPTION OUT OF CONTROL

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

Mr. AMO. Mr. Speaker, Trump's corruption is out of control. Since taking office, he has increased his net worth by at least \$4 billion, accepted a \$400 million plane from a foreign country, routinely bought stock in companies doing business with the government,