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

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
June 25, 2026.

I hereby appoint the Honorable CHARLES J. "CHUCK" FLEISCHMANN to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

MIKE JOHNSON,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

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

Sovereign God, You are a jealous God, and You demand our entire being and our full measure of devotion.

While we may not consider as idols the things that compete for our time or which distract us from even the simplest awareness of Your presence in our everyday moments, nonetheless, like gods in our lives, our desires have become more directive and Your direction less desirable.

Shine Your light on those hidden affections that have, if we are honest with ourselves, overshadowed—or even eclipsed—our devotion to You.

Help us take inventory of the things that have wended their way into our very being: our pursuit for success, our desire for approval, or our comfort with a certain manner of living. Call to our awareness how our fear of rejection, our paralyzing anger over our own shortcomings, and our cowardice in the face of evil have become stumbling blocks to the righteousness that You demand of us.

How easily we have installed these false gods into our daily lives, allowing

them to govern our behavior, to influence our decisions, and to stand in the way of our faithfulness to You.

Enable us to turn our backs on these idols. For no thing, no one, is like You, O Lord. You alone are great, and Your name only is mighty in power.

In the strength of Your holy name, we return to You and entrust into Your keeping the living of this day.

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 New York (Mr. MANNION) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. MANNION 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.

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.

HOUSING AFFORDABILITY

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

Mr. MANNION. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the passage of the 21st Century ROAD to Housing Act. I

commend my colleagues for their months-long negotiation to get this done.

In central New York and the Mohawk Valley, we are ready for growth in the years to come, but we must meet the housing challenge.

Our community leaders need resources and more flexibility from our housing programs to make that happen.

Developers and builders want to be a part of the solution, but we need to remove the needless hurdles that keep projects from getting off the ground.

This bill incentivizes housing production, streamlines construction processes, and improves access to financing. It also helps repair aging homes and invests in community infrastructure. It finally prohibits large investors from purchasing single-family homes so that they remain affordable for families.

I was proud to vote in support of this legislation, and I urge the President to promptly sign this bipartisan bill into law and stop playing politics with affordable housing.

IMPEACHMENT OF SECRETARY McMAHON

(Ms. BONAMICI asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. BONAMICI. Mr. Speaker, I call for the House to impeach Secretary of Education Linda McMahon, whose mission is to close down the Department of Education, which is something that she does not have the authority to do.

Secretary McMahon has betrayed students, families, and educators by dismantling and destroying the Department of Education without coming to Congress for approval. She violated Federal law and her oath of office, lied to Congress, and created chaos and disruption in education funding for the students who need it the most.

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Secretary McMahon transferred more than 100 core programs and services, including the Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services and the Office for Civil Rights, to other Federal agencies without congressional approval, creating more bureaucracy and chaos and putting the administration of the IDEA in jeopardy.

Secretary McMahon cut the Department's workforce in half so that they don't have the necessary staff to disburse congressionally authorized funding on time or to investigate civil rights violations.

Educators and parents, especially parents of students with disabilities, are distraught, and they are asking us to take action to stop these illegal transfers.

I hear them.

Mr. Speaker, I invite all of my colleagues to join me in support of this resolution impeaching Secretary McMahon for her illegal attempt to destroy the Department of Education.

DISMANTLING OF DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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

Mr. DESAULNIER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to strongly oppose the transfer of special education programs from the Department of Education to the Department of Health and Human Services.

HHS Secretary Kennedy has troubling and ignorant views on disabilities and is woefully unqualified to oversee programs supporting more than 8 million students and their families.

This move, publicly opposed by multiple Bush administration education officials and Senate Health Committee Chairman BILL CASSIDY, according to a recent story by The New York Times, will segregate special education from the larger education system in direct defiance of congressional intent.

Special education programs must remain at the Department of Education, where they are administered by expert staff that have a long understanding and longstanding relationships with States and local school districts.

If this move continues, all officials responsible should face the consequences, including impeachment of the Secretary of Education.

LAWFUL PERMANENT RESIDENCY FOR UKRAINIANS

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

Mr. KILEY of California. Mr. Speaker, as a cosponsor of H.R. 3104, the Ukrainian Adjustment Act, I am calling for prompt consideration and passage of this important legislation.

We have Ukrainians across this country who came here following Russia's

invasion on humanitarian parole. They have contributed to our communities in countless ways.

They entered the United States legally. They passed rigorous vetting. They have created lives here, and they have contributed in so many different ways to both our communities and our economy.

There are 45,000 Ukrainian-American businesses supporting 300,000 jobs, \$60 billion in economic activity, and \$8 billion to \$9 billion in taxes paid each year. Yet, these individuals right now are in a state of legal uncertainty that creates various problems for their families and their ability to plan for the future.

This legislation will adjust their status to lawful permanent resident. It is the right thing to do for these individuals and their families. It is the right thing to do for our economy and communities across this country, and I urge immediate passage of this legislation.

HONORING CURRITUCK JACK

(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, eastern North Carolina honored Currituck Jack, an experienced sailor and hero whose bravery during the American Revolution deserves remembrance.

His statue unveiling celebrates his legacy as an enslaved sailor who risked it all to reclaim his ship from British privateers in 1780 showcasing that heroes can emerge from hardship.

Currituck Jack's journey from enslavement to freedom, taking on the name John Jasper White, saw him become a respected captain and community figure.

His story highlights that ordinary people in eastern North Carolina can do extraordinary things.

Thank you to everyone who came out and to those who had a hand in sharing Currituck Jack's courage to inspire all generations.

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UNNECESSARY WARS IN MIDDLE EAST

(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, my whole life, politicians have been sending other people's kids to fight and die in unnecessary wars in the Middle East, and we are no better off for it.

In the 6 months since the unnecessary war in Iran began, over a dozen U.S. servicemembers have lost their lives. Countless civilians have been killed, including over 100 children bombed in their school. Tens of billions of tax dollars have been wasted, and gas prices are through the roof.

What do we have to show for it?

Iran still controls the strait. There are no guarantees for inspections of nuclear sites, and there are no guarantees that Iran will stop funding terror.

That is no surprise because the President's negotiating team is made up of his relatives and his real estate buddies, not seasoned negotiators. So here is what we need to do: Put real negotiators at the table. Work with our allies instead of constantly insulting them, and then we, as a Congress, need to use our authority to prevent this President and any President from getting us into more unnecessary wars.

The people have had enough.

HONORING LIFE OF THEODORE LARRY KIRKLAND, SR.

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

Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of a remarkable leader in the African Methodist Episcopal Church, the Right Reverend Theodore Larry Kirkland, Sr.

As the founding pastor of Brookins AME Church, his powerful preaching inspired generations of Angelenos and helped build the congregation into the spiritual cornerstone it remains today.

In 1996, Bishop Kirkland was elected and consecrated as the 114th bishop of the AME Church.

Over the next four decades, his leadership touched countless lives across the globe from communities throughout Africa to right here on the West Coast.

His ministry was defined not only by faith but by action. He supported local businessowners, worked to combat food insecurity, and helped expand access to health services for the uninsured.

His passing is a profound loss, but his legacy will live on through his loving family and the AME community.

May he rest in peace in the presence of God.

GRADUATES DESERVE OPPORTUNITIES OVER BARRIERS

(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 as students around the country celebrate well-earned graduations from high school and college and prepare to enter the workforce.

I remember when I graduated from Fordham University, a long time ago, you almost were guaranteed a job—the jobs were plentiful—that would allow you to make ends meet.

Now, the percentage of graduates with entry-levels jobs in their field was only 30 percent last year and represents an unsustainable decline.

This difficult job market has only been further strained by the Trump administration's dismantling of the Department of Education, the removal of