

As Sir Winston Churchill warned: Sometimes it is not enough that we do our best; we must do what is required.

OLMSTEAD DECISION MEMO

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

Mr. SUBRAMANYAM. Mr. Speaker, as the Senate looks to confirm or not confirm Acting Attorney General Todd Blanche, I want to point to the body a recent DOJ memo on the Supreme Court's Olmstead decision which threatens to turn back the clock decades to a time when Americans with disabilities were offered less choice, less freedom, and less care.

This memo means that DOJ will not require States to serve people with disabilities in the most integrated setting appropriate to their needs. That means people with disabilities would be isolated from their families and from their communities.

Families with a disabled loved one now fear that their only option is institutionalization. That is what Olmstead did. It prevented institutionalization of people with disabilities, and the DOJ is trying to turn back the clock now.

They must reconsider this opinion. This is not just about where people with disabilities live. It is about dignity, equality, and the belief that every person deserves an opportunity to belong.

It is on all of us in this body to push back against this discriminatory policy.

CIVIL WAR IN SUDAN

Mr. SUBRAMANYAM. Mr. Speaker, the ongoing civil war in Sudan has displaced millions of people, and 400,000 people have died. That is over half the population of Washington, D.C. On top of that, 19 million people are facing acute food insecurity there.

The war in Iran and its disruption to the supply chain has made it even harder for assistance to reach Sudan. I offered an amendment to the State Department funding bill to evaluate our current funding levels to Sudan, get them the help they need, and craft a plan to increase funding levels to meet these gaps.

Unfortunately, those amendments were rejected. We need to do more to support the people suffering in Sudan. I urge my colleagues to come together and provide lifesaving assistance to them. We cannot stand on the sidelines as lives continue to be lost.

RECOGNIZING ACADEMY APPOINTEES

Mr. SUBRAMANYAM. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding group of young leaders from our community who have earned my nomination as well as appointments to our Nation's service academies.

Earning an appointment is no small feat. These students have shown excellence in the classroom, leadership in their communities, and dedication to everything they do. However, what

stands out most is their willingness to serve.

Last week and early this week, all 19 are reporting for their first days at the academies, beginning with basic cadet training, induction day, and more as they take the first steps in a lifetime of service.

At a time when they could choose many different paths, they have chosen to build one instead that is built on sacrifice, discipline, and responsibility. Wherever their path takes them, our country will be better off because they chose to serve.

On behalf of our community, congratulations to the 19 who are reporting for their first day. We are proud of them, grateful for them, and we are excited to see their accomplishments.

HONORING STUDENT-ATHLETES

Mr. SUBRAMANYAM. Finally, Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the student-athletes in our community who have won State championships in the spring 2026 season.

A total of nine varsity spring sports teams in our community achieved this goal. There were so many that I couldn't do nine different speeches. I wanted to do one for all of them.

The teams include: Freedom High School boys' tennis, Independence High School boys' lacrosse team, and Independence High School girls' soccer. Riverside High School boys' lacrosse and girls' lacrosse both won the State championship this year. Other State championship teams include: Rock Ridge boys' tennis and Tuscarora High School softball. Woodgrove and Battlefield baseball teams both won. They could really help our baseball team on the Democratic side.

It is not easy to compete at such a high level while also balancing classes and personal lives. I commend these student-athletes for their commitment to excellence. Many of them are going to go to college and continue to play.

It is safe to say that Northern Virginia is the home of stars both in the classroom as well as on the field.

VOTING WITH OUR FEET

(Mr. HARIDOPOLOS of Florida was recognized to address the House for 5 minutes.)

Mr. HARIDOPOLOS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to talk about something that maybe isn't the most exciting subject, but it is something I used to teach in the classroom. It is called federalism.

The map to my left here shows exactly what is happening in America today, and it is a great thing. People have the power to vote with their feet and leave failed States. There is a reason States like Texas and Florida are attracting more and more people. It is because the system works.

People are recognizing that when we have high taxes and high crime, it is time to leave that State. That is what is happening today: the idea where people are voting with their feet.

Federalism is that opportunity, and it is the reason why I want to talk about what has happened in the last few years.

One of the issues I want to talk about is what I would call amnesia or maybe memory loss.

During the Biden years, food prices went up dramatically. You will see that what you used to spend \$200 for at the grocery store, you now spend \$250. If you spend \$1,000 a month at the grocery store, you are now spending over \$1,200, almost \$1,300.

That is a significant amount of money. It is fundamental. Especially as we move toward the MAHA movement, people are making better choices but with great challenges.

With the idea of amnesia, what is the Democratic plan? Their plan has been: Let's go back to those failed policies.

It wasn't just on groceries. In early 2021, the monthly rent was between \$1,550 and \$1,600. When we took over in early 2025, it had gotten as high as over \$2,000. Again, that is a radical increase.

Their plan is to go back to this plan. This is why I want to make sure people recognize where we are. The affordability issue is a challenge, no doubt, but to return to failure is not an option. That is why I am pleased to see that we are moving in a direction that should matter because not only are we reducing some of these costs, but, more importantly, we are putting more money back in people's pockets.

The Democrats had the opportunity in 2021 and 2022 to pass all types of things to actually reduce taxes for the working class. They could have cut taxes on Social Security, overtime, and tips, yet they failed to do so. They could have reduced taxes on the middle class, who are so hard hit by the inflationary numbers I just talked about. They did nothing.

We gave them a second chance. We said: We are actually going to reduce taxes on overtime, tips, and Social Security. Join us in that effort to help people hard hit by higher food costs and higher rent costs. To a Member, they said no.

They wanted to actually let the tax rate regress back to the old Obama rates, which would have been, on average, a 23 percent increase. Is that giving relief to people? Absolutely not.

That is why I think, as I have mentioned before in this map, that people have the power to vote with their feet. They know when they go to my home State of Florida that taxes are lower.

I will give you one simple example. I am a former New Yorker. Do you know that Florida actually has more people than New York, and yet their State budget is twice as high? That means people are paying twice as much in taxes than you are in Florida.

I will ask the other logical question: Would you feel safer today in New York City or in Florida?

These are the choices that people get to make in America. It is a great thing. It is the reason why we don't think one

size fits all and the reason why we want to allow people to vote with their feet, whether it be on education issues, tax issues, or even public safety.

The choices are clear. Stay on the positive path of putting more money in your pocket, giving you the flexibility to lives in States that actually believe in freedom or regress to 4 years of failure.

It is not just, again, on money issues, but that issue of crime is so important today in understanding where we want to go.

They even want to change the number of people on the Supreme Court, pack the Court in order to get their way in the end. That is not the way to solutions. That is why I think people need to make sure they do not have amnesia moving forward or memory loss.

The best way to solve problems is to empower the individual, send less power to Washington and more power back home.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until 2 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 24 minutes p.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. SMUCKER) at 2 p.m.

PRAYER

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

Eternal Lord, let Your favor rest upon these United States. For 250 years, You have been our shield and defender, our guardian, guide, and stay, and we pray You would abide with us now and always.

As we reflect on the noble history of this Republic, it is easy to boast in our accomplishments: the growth of our Nation's power, the resilience of its democratic principles, the bounty of our resources. All that we have and all that we are today are evidence of Your divine grace upon us.

Lest we base our pride in our own efforts, remind us again that You alone have established the work of our hands. We humbly acknowledge that the blessings we enjoy remain ours only as we remain faithful to You.

We rejoice in our freedoms, but we are not really free if we fail to protect and defend faithfully this sacred treasure You alone have bestowed on us.

In defending the great experiment in self-government, may our devotion to You, and not our own personal desires, shape the course of our country.

Lord, You are our dwelling place and have been throughout all generations. We offer to You ourselves, our trust, and our devotion that You would establish the work of our hands and continue to guide us in the years ahead.

In Your eternal name we pray.
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 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.

CONGRATULATING OREGON WHEAT GROWERS' LEAGUE ON ITS 100TH ANNIVERSARY

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

Mr. BENTZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate the Oregon Wheat Growers' League on its 100-year anniversary.

Since its inception in 1926, the Wheat Growers' League has supported, encouraged, and promoted the production of wheat, one of the most important sources of nutrition in the world.

Over the past 100 years, the League has transformed the individual voices of wheat farmers into a formidable and effective political organization.

The League's advocacy is essential because Oregon's agricultural sector continues to face serious challenges, including skyrocketing fertilizer and energy costs, market uncertainty, severe drought, and misguided regulation.

Again, congratulations to the Oregon Wheat Growers' League on reaching its 100th year. I thank the generations of producers, families, and local leaders who helped build and maintain this successful and essential organization. I look forward to working with all of them as we build a brighter future for Oregon's wheat producers.

TRUMP IS KEEPING FAMILIES SAFE

(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, President Donald Trump and

House Republicans are helping keep families safe.

Border provisions in the Working Families Tax Cut Act secured the addition of completing hundreds of miles of border wall with advanced border technology, hiring 10,000 new Immigration and Customs Enforcement officers, 3,000 new Border Patrol agents, and strengthening the Coast Guard operations targeting drug trafficking and human smuggling.

A secure border is the first defense for American families.

In conclusion, God bless our troops. President Trump is reinstating peace through strength, revealing war criminal Putin lies, insulting Trump and mocking Trump, providing targeting information to Iran to murder Americans and Israelis.

This weekend, South Carolina Republicans convened to celebrate the nearly 70 percent primary victory of Alan Wilson for Governor, with teammates Mike Reichenbach for Lieutenant Governor, David Stumbo for attorney general, Ellen Weaver for superintendent of education, and Cody Simpson for agriculture commissioner.

REMEMBERING ED SCOTT

(Mr. PFLUGER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. PFLUGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in memory of one of our own, Mr. Ed Scott, whose life was taken by a senseless act of violence on June 12, 2026.

Ed graduated from Lake View High School in San Angelo, and he was a dedicated city of Midland employee, serving his community for many years.

He was well known throughout Midland and west Texas for his involvement in softball, where he spent over 30 years as an umpire, officiating recreational, high school, and collegiate games. Ed's impact extended far beyond the softball field. He devoted much of his time to mentoring young athletes and umpires, creating memories that will live on for generations.

The loss of Ed Scott leaves a void that cannot be filled. He was the kind of man who made his community stronger simply by being a part of it. His love for family and dedication to softball and so many other activities will continue to inspire all who knew him.

We continue to pray for his wife, Laura; his children; his grandchildren; and the entire community of Midland. May God grant them peace, and may his memory serve as a blessing to all who knew him.

HONORING DR. ASHLEY DAWSON

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

Mr. JACK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Ashley Dawson of