

Jerry's friends, and all who loved Jerry, myself included.

May God bless the memory of Jerry Jonas, a devoted husband, a devoted father, a proud marine, and a lifelong servant to our community.

RECESS

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

Accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 43 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. STRONG) at noon.

PRAYER

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

O God, our teacher, show us the way that we may walk in it. Encourage us to set aside the things that vie for our allegiance that are not of You and let go of the issues so close to our hearts that we cannot imagine You would offer us any other option.

In these days, when it seems that we receive only the bread of adversity and the water of affliction, we wait for You to reveal yourself. Do not hide yourself but allow us to see with our own eyes Your abiding presence, to hear with our own ears whether we turn to the right or to the left, Your voice speaking Your clear guidance: This is the way. Walk in it.

Wait no longer to be gracious to us. Rise up and show us mercy. O Lord, God of justice, we wait for Your blessing on this day.

In the strength that is only found in Your name, do 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 New Jersey (Mr. CONAWAY) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. CONAWAY 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.

TRUMP ACCOUNTS FOR CHILDREN

(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, led by President Donald Trump, Speaker MIKE JOHNSON, and House Republicans, the Working Families Tax Cut Act created Trump Accounts, giving families the opportunity to invest in the future of their children.

The account is a new tax-deferred opportunity for children under 18, providing retirement savings. Contributions can add up to \$5,000 a year. Additional support is provided by leading companies and generous philanthropists.

Children born between 2025 and 2028 will be eligible for a one-time, \$1,000 Federal Government deposit. Once the child turns 18, they can use the money for expenses such as education, first home purchases, starting a business, or other use.

Mr. Speaker, in conclusion, God bless our troops. Trump is reinstituting peace through strength, revealing war criminal Putin lies, insulting Trump, mocking Trump, providing targeting intelligence to Iran to murder American troops, and leading President Trump to endorse the Lindsey Graham sanctions act to enable victory for Ukrainians.

EXERCISING CONSTITUTIONAL SCRUTINY

(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, this week we were horrified to learn of the death of four U.S. servicemembers in Jordan and Kuwait as a result of the ongoing war with Iran.

The President and the Pentagon may dismiss these deaths as unfortunate consequences of war; however, I do not accept these catastrophic events as acceptable in any way, shape, or form.

Someone must answer to the American people why soldiers serving at support bases neither in Iran nor the at the Strait of Hormuz are being exposed to enemy fire. Are there adequate defenses in place? If not, why? If so, why are they not working?

If the entire Middle East is a battlefield, as a consequence of this President's war, then this administration has to be honest with the American people about the scale of the conflict we were led to believe was winding down.

Mr. Speaker, I implore my colleagues on the other side of the aisle to join us in exercising constitutional scrutiny that our constituents demand on the many other excesses that have occurred during this current administration.

HONORING STEVE STROUD

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

Mr. MOORE of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Steve Stroud, a friend and a true leader who transformed North Carolina.

After attending North Carolina State University, he built one of North Carolina's most respected commercial real estate firms, shaping the growth of the Triangle region. His impact extends far beyond commercial development.

As the first chairman of the Centennial Authority, he played a pivotal role in the building of what is now known as the Lenovo Center and bringing the Carolina Hurricanes to North Carolina. His determination helped secure our State's first major league professional sports franchise, boosting economic growth, tourism, and pride throughout all of our communities.

He was a leader who saw possibilities where others saw obstacles. He believed in North Carolina, invested in our people, and dedicated his life to creating opportunities for others.

From humble roots in Rutherford County to the Research Triangle, he left a positive, lasting impact on communities all across North Carolina.

Mr. Speaker, as we mourn his passing, may we remember Steve Stroud for his enduring legacy of leadership, service, and love of our great State. Our prayers are with his family and friends.

GEN Z FOOD AND HUNGER SUMMIT

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

Mr. MCGOVERN. Mr. Speaker, last week I spoke with 160 incredible anti-hunger advocates as part of the fourth Gen Z Food and Hunger Summit.

Shocking research from Purdue University shows that nearly one in three members of Gen Z have experienced food insecurity—one in three. Let that sink in. In fact, many of the young people I met experienced hunger firsthand. Congress ought to listen to them. I will continue to amplify and uplift their voices.

Gen Z leaders at the summit came together to strategize, holding over 150 congressional meetings to highlight their generation's struggle to afford food.

Mr. Speaker, I am so glad the next generation of Americans is impatient

and unwilling to wait for a hunger-free future.

There is a lot to be discouraged by these days, but the young people I met at the Gen Z Food and Hunger Summit give me hope. I am grateful for their energy, and I am grateful for their passion and our shared work to end hunger.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my Republican colleagues and members of this administration to pay attention to them. We live in the richest country in the history of the world, and we have 50 million Americans who are hungry and food insecure. It is unconscionable. It is shameful, and we can do something about it.

CONGRATULATING REVA FOSTER

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

Mr. CONAWAY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and congratulate Reva Foster on her retirement from Willingboro Township, where she served as director of the senior citizen center, as well as executive director of the Department of Aging and Veterans Affairs, and community affairs.

After joining Willingboro Township in 1993, she became a fierce advocate for seniors and veterans in the region. Under her leadership, the town's senior services program grew into a highly respected, State-recognized resource that provided a welcoming community for generations of residents.

Her responsibility expanded to include the township's community affairs and Veterans affairs departments where she continued to champion programs that have improved the quality of life for Willingboro residents.

As a reflection of her achievements, in 2020, the senior citizen center was renamed the Reva Foster Senior Center, and in 2024 she was inducted into New Jersey Hall of Fame.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Reva and thank her for her career of tireless advocacy and service.

HONORING JEFFERSON HOLLAND

(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 today in honor of a friend, Jefferson Holland, poet laureate of Annapolis and a modern-day Chesapeake troubadour.

Anyone fortunate enough to know Jeff knows that he is a pillar of our community who has dedicated his life to capturing and sharing the essence of the Chesapeake Bay through song, story, and poetry.

Leading up to America's 250th anniversary, Jeff spearheaded Poets Afloat, a unique celebration featuring original poetry by locals, inspired by the rich history, characters, and spirit of Annapolis and Anne Arundel County.

Mr. Speaker, I will leave you with Jeff's own words that capture Annapolis' role in Nation's history—words I couldn't put to paper but words I hope this entire Chamber can take to heart: Let Annapolis show the world how democracy is done with justice, not with vengeance; with the truth, not outright lies; with good sense and consensus.

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PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 8800, NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027; PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 8884, REMOVING BARRIERS TO WORK FOR DISABLED AMERICANS ACT; PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H. CON. RES. 113, CONCURRENT RESOLUTION ON THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027; PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 7008, STOP INSIDER TRADING ACT; PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 6955, MAIN STREET CAPITAL ACCESS ACT; PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 9770, CONTINUING APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2027; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 1438 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 1438

Resolved, That at any time after adoption of this resolution the Speaker may, pursuant to clause 2(b) of rule XVIII, declare the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for consideration of the bill (H.R. 8800) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2027 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, and for other purposes. The first reading of the bill shall be dispensed with. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived. General debate shall be confined to the bill and amendments specified in this section and shall not exceed one hour equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Armed Services or their respective designees. After general debate the bill shall be considered for amendment under the five-minute rule. In lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Armed Services now printed in the bill, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 119-33 shall be considered as adopted in the House and in the Committee of the Whole. The bill, as amended, shall be considered as the original bill for the purpose of further amendment under the five-minute rule and shall be considered as read. All points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended, are waived.

SEC. 2. (a) No further amendment to H.R. 8800, as amended, shall be in order except those printed in part A of the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution, amendments en bloc described in section 3 of this resolution, and pro forma amendments described in section 4 of this resolution.

(b) Each further amendment printed in part A of the report of the Committee on Rules shall be considered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment except as provided by section 4 of this resolution, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole.

(c) All points of order against further amendments printed in part A of the report of the Committee on Rules or against amendments en bloc described in section 3 of this resolution are waived.

SEC. 3. It shall be in order at any time for the chair of the Committee on Armed Services or his designee to offer amendments en bloc consisting of further amendments printed in part A of the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution not earlier disposed of. Amendments en bloc offered pursuant to this section shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for 40 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Armed Services or their respective designees, shall not be subject to amendment except as provided by section 4 of this resolution, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole.

SEC. 4. During consideration of H.R. 8800 for amendment, the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Armed Services or their respective designees may offer up to 10 pro forma amendments each at any point for the purpose of debate.

SEC. 5. At the conclusion of consideration of H.R. 8800 for amendment the Committee shall rise and report the bill, as amended, to the House with such further amendments as may have been adopted. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill, as amended, and on any further amendment thereto to final passage without intervening motion except one motion to recommend.

SEC. 6. Upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to consider in the House the bill (H.R. 8884) to amend title II of the Social Security Act to reauthorize demonstration authority for the disability insurance program. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived. In lieu of the amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Ways and Means now printed in the bill, an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 119-34 shall be considered as adopted. The bill, as amended, shall be considered as read. All points of order against provisions in the bill, as amended, are waived. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill, as amended, and on any further amendment thereto, to final passage without intervening motion except: (1) one hour of debate equally divided and controlled by the chair and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means or their respective designees; and (2) one motion to recommend.

SEC. 7. At any time after adoption of this resolution the Speaker may, pursuant to clause 2(b) of rule XVIII, declare the House resolved into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for consideration of the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 113) establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2027 and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2028 through 2036. The first reading of the concurrent resolution shall be dispensed with. All