

Sarratt, and the entire Indiana football program for the achievement that has made our State so proud.

I am rooting for the Indiana Hoosiers in the national championship this weekend. I hope they bring it home from Miami, and I have no doubt they will.

As Coach Cignetti has said himself: This would make one heck of a movie. Good luck to the Hoosiers on Monday.

CONGRATULATING INDIANA STATE FAIR QUEEN
PRESLEY HAMPTON

Mrs. HOUCHIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Presley Hampton of Jackson County on being named the Indiana State Fair Queen.

Presley represents the very best of Indiana. She has shown dedication to agriculture, leadership in her community, and a strong work ethic that reflects the values so many young people across our State are raised with.

The Indiana State Fair is more than a tradition. It is a celebration of farming, youth leadership, and the families who work every day to feed our country. Presley's achievements highlight the importance of programs like 4-H and FFA that prepare young leaders for the future.

I know Presley will represent Indiana with integrity and pride. I congratulate her family, mentors, and everyone who helped support her along the way.

Southern Indiana is immensely proud of Presley, and we wish her all the best as she takes on this role.

RECOGNIZING STARLIGHT DISTILLERY

Mrs. HOUCHIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Starlight Distillery, an outstanding family-owned business in southern Indiana.

Operated by the seventh generation of the Huber family, Starlight earned global recognition when its Japanese Mizunara Reserve finished bourbon was named the best overall bourbon at the San Francisco World Spirits Competition.

That is right, Kentucky, Indiana's bourbon is the world's best.

This prestigious award reflects the family's dedication to hard work and a commitment to quality that has guided their business for generations.

Starlight is more than just a distillery. It has put southern Indiana on the map. The Huber family has built a business that supports local agriculture, creates jobs, and showcases what family-run enterprises in rural Indiana can achieve on the world stage.

I am proud to represent the Huber family and the many hardworking people behind Starlight Distillery. Their success is a testament to the strength of family businesses and the communities that support them.

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 10 o'clock and 52 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.

PRAYER

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

By Your grace, O Lord, and the example of those who have gone before us as paragons of faith and righteousness, You have shown us what is true, what is noble, what is right, what is pure and lovely, what is worth admiration, what is excellent and praiseworthy.

You set a high bar for how we are to live, and we are tempted to assume that the paradigms from the past did not face the same challenges we face today. Maybe their situations were different, maybe less complex; but if we are honest with ourselves, we must admit that our predecessors faced their own trials and yet held fast to their faith in You.

Lord, be near us this day in the midst of the adversities and the asperities unique to our present circumstances. Show us again how to be gentle so that in us Your gentleness is evident to all. Assure us that You hear our prayers and petitions, our Thanksgivings and our requests, that we would have no need to be anxious, but could be a source of reassurance for those in need.

Guard our hearts and minds in all we do, that even when we do not understand why things are the way they are, we may experience Your peace which transcends our comprehension.

This day, may we put our faith in You and in the peace we have received from You into practice.

Lord, be with us, 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 gentlewoman from New York (Ms. GILLEN) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. GILLEN 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.

REPUBLICANS SAVE FAMILIES
MONEY

(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, to cancel tax increases, President Donald Trump signed the Working Families Tax Cuts law into effect on July 4, coordinating with Speaker MIKE JOHNSON.

The law limits government, expands freedom, and provides progrowth policies, creating jobs. As the April tax deadline approaches, the law allows Americans to keep more money, led by Secretary of the Treasury Scott Bessent of Charleston, South Carolina.

"... people are going to get massive refund checks," said White House National Economic Director Kevin Hassett.

Chief of the IRS, Frank Bisignano, said: "... 94 percent-plus of middle-class Americans..." benefit.

Working Families Tax Cuts boost refunds, providing permanency to lower tax rates from the 2017 tax cuts, no tax on tips, no tax on overtime, no tax on Social Security.

In conclusion, God bless our troops as the global war on terrorism continues. Trump is reinstating peace through strength, revealing war criminal Putin lies, insulting Trump and mocking Trump, as Putin supports Khomeini murdering innocent protestors calling for freedom for Iran, courageously encouraged by President Donald Trump.

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages in writing from the President of the United States were communicated to the House by Ms. Randall Holstead, one of his secretaries.

IMMUNIZATION SCHEDULE

(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 to condemn Secretary Kennedy's recent assault on children's health.

Last week, against universally recommended guidelines, the Department of Health and Human Services slashed the childhood immunization schedule from 17 vaccines to 11. Among those removed are vaccines to protect against RSV, COVID-19, and hepatitis B.

Americans deserve accurate information that is based on established science to make decisions about our children's health. I am perplexed by this latest ambush on the lives and future of our children. What is the crisis

that requires us to challenge settled science?

The universally recommended vaccine schedule that families have relied on and trusted for years to protect their children has saved countless lives. I shudder to think about the children who could die from preventable diseases at the hands of this administration's so-called guidance. We are simply pandering to skeptics who want to impose ideology in place of intelligent research.

Since taking office, this administration has made every effort to dismantle public health. These unacceptable and baseless challenges only deepen the growing cracks in our health system.

RECOGNIZING RELIGIOUS TOLERANCE WEEK

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

Ms. PLASKETT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Religious Tolerance Week and celebrate the beautiful tapestry of faith that defines the Virgin Islands of the United States.

In our homes, Christians, Hindus, Jews, Muslims, Rastafarians, and practitioners of ancestral African tradition don't just coexist. We celebrate one another. The support of Ramadan, Yom Kippur, and Good Friday are solemn occasions shared by all. We celebrate brothers and sisters as they enjoy Diwali and hold sacred spaces where African traditionalist religion is practiced. Our festivals blend the sacred traditions of multiple faiths.

This is not tolerance. It is love and an embodiment of what America promises: that our differences make us stronger, our faiths can flourish side by side, and unity does not require unanimity.

As we face growing division in our Nation, let the Virgin Islands be a model. We prove every day that respecting each other's belief enriches us all. I ask for strength in that for all of us.

HONORING MICHAEL KERR

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

Ms. GILLEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Michael Howard Kerr, a beloved husband, father, grandfather, and extraordinary community leader from Woodmere, New York.

Michael dedicated his life to serving his community. He served as fire commissioner in the village of Woodsburgh and later as police commissioner. He also devoted time to serve on the boards of various charitable organizations, including the Jewish Community Center of the Greater Five Towns and the UJA-Federation of Greater New York.

He didn't stop there, though. Michael was a tireless advocate for medical research, particularly in the fight against Crohn's Disease, liver disease, and organ transplantation. He supported groundbreaking research at institutions, including Mount Sinai, Cornell, Lenox Hill, and Columbia University.

Above all, Michael was devoted to his family; his wife, Susan; and his sons, Joshua and Zachary.

Michael Kerr leaves behind a legacy of leadership, generosity, and profound humanity. May his memory be a blessing and enduring inspiration to all of us.

BREAKFAST IN THE CLASSROOM

(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, at the end of last year, a Massachusetts-based foundation committed to ending hunger, the Eos Foundation, and released its annual school breakfast report card.

We have all heard the old adage that breakfast is the most important meal of the day. For kids experiencing hunger, it is especially true.

The Eos Foundation has put its money where its mouth is literally, by providing funding and technical assistance to schools to establish robust breakfast-in-the-classroom programs.

Springfield Public Schools is a shining example of what is possible. With support from the Eos breakfast-in-the-classroom model, 84 percent of students are now getting breakfast up from 44 percent a few years ago.

Mr. Speaker, we can and we should do more to close the breakfast gap, the difference between the number of students receiving school breakfast versus lunches. I am committed to doing my part. I have a bill that would increase the Federal meal reimbursement rates for school breakfasts and lunches.

Mr. Speaker, thanks to the incredible partners at the Eos Foundation, we are making progress one school at a time.

HONORING ROBERTO MONDRAGON

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

Ms. LEGER FERNANDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory of Roberto Mondragon, a Lieutenant Governor and musician.

Roberto Mondragon was a beloved cultural figure in New Mexico whose voice, music, and lifelong work helped keep our traditions alive. He brought his resonant tenor to the cultural renaissance that made sure Nuevo Mexico did not lose its culture, its songs, its language, or its poetry. At a time when the Spanish language, music, and tradition were being pushed aside, he lifted them up, insisting that they belong not only in memory, but in classrooms,

on the radio, and in the halls of power. He showed generations of young people, including my own high school choir that I sang in, the West Side Singers, that tradition is not behind us, but within us.

Roberto will be remembered every time we sing "That's New Mexico"; "Asi Es Nuevo Mexico," our State song.

"That is New Mexico, the Black, the Hispanic, the Anglo, the indigenous, all your children, all equal"; "Asi es Nuevo Mexico. El negro, el hispano, el anglo, el indio. Todos son tus hijos, todos por igual."

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PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2988, PROTECTING PRUDENT INVESTMENT OF RETIREMENT SAVINGS ACT; PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2262, FLEXIBILITY FOR WORKERS EDUCATION ACT; PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2270, EMPOWERING EMPLOYER CHILD AND ELDER CARE SOLUTIONS ACT; PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 2312, TIPPED EMPLOYEE PROTECTION ACT; AND PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 4366, SAVE LOCAL BUSINESS ACT

Mrs. FISCHBACH. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 988 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 988

Resolved, That upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to consider in the House the bill (H.R. 2988) to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to specify requirements concerning the consideration of pecuniary and non-pecuniary factors, and for other purposes. All points of order against consideration of the bill are waived. The amendment in the nature of a substitute recommended by the Committee on Education and Workforce now printed in the bill 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 Education and Workforce or their respective designees; (2) the further amendment printed in part A of the report of the Committee on Rules accompanying this resolution, if offered by the Member designated in the report, which shall be in order without intervention of any point of order, shall be considered as read, shall be separately debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question; and (3) one motion to recommit.

SEC. 2. Upon adoption of this resolution it shall be in order to consider in the House the bill (H.R. 2262) to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to exclude certain activities from hours worked, and for other