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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker.

PRAYER

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

Holy Lord, we dare to approach this day and the tasks set before us, thinking it is our expertise and experience that will advance us toward our goals. We assume we can rely on our own intellect and intuition to guide us through the challenges we will face.

Remind us that it is not by might, nor by power, but by Your spirit alone that mountains become plains, valleys are raised up, the ruts in which we find ourselves are smoothed out, the hindrances we face are cleared away, and the work of this House is accomplished.

Sovereign God, we call on Your holy spirit to disrupt our self-reliance, unsettle our self-confidence, and call into question our self-assurance, that in humble self-reflection, we would discover that only when our efforts are founded and grounded in Your will, will they find success.

We pray then that what we set forth to achieve this day, in Your mercy and Your will be done.

By the power of Your name, we pray.
Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. 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. Will the gentlewoman from New York (Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. OCASIO-CORTEZ 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

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

CELEBRATING THE CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF E.W. THOMAS GROCERY STORE AND DMV

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

Mr. MCGUIRE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the centennial anniversary of E.W. Thomas Grocery Store and DMV in Fluvanna County in Virginia's Fifth Congressional District.

Since their founding, this family-owned store has withstood the test of time.

Through generations, E.W. Thomas has served as more than just a grocery store: providing local jobs, supporting families, delivering DMV services in a rural area, and fostering goodwill in the community.

Today, the Thomas name remains a cornerstone of the store and the community it serves.

As E.W. Thomas Grocery Store marks its 100th anniversary, we recognize not just a business, but a living symbol of resilience, service, and the enduring spirit of rural America.

SUDAN GENOCIDE

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

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, this week marks 3 years of the war in Sudan, and

our country has done little to nothing to actually stop it.

Tens of thousands of Sudanese have been killed, and 14 million are displaced in what has become the world's largest displacement crisis.

Mr. Speaker, the Rapid Support Forces, RSF, have engaged in a claim of ethnic cleansing and genocide in Darfur and armed with American weapons provided to them by the United Arab Emirates, and it is shameful. It is shameful that many of my colleagues continue to look away.

We need to move the Stand Up For Sudan Act, the Stand Up For Sudan Act which would cease all U.S. weapons sales to the UAE.

We must put pressure on all nations fueling this war and extend the international arms embargo on Darfur to all of Sudan.

While the Sudanese people face famine, the Trump administration has slashed humanitarian aid that saves lives, and this must be reversed immediately.

We need an immediate cease-fire; but beyond that, we need to support the Sudanese people and their call for freedom, peace, and justice.

ARTEMIS II MISSION

(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, Americans are grateful for the safe return of the brave astronauts of the Artemis II space mission, an extraordinary achievement for all mankind.

NASA Astronauts Reed Wiseman, Victor Glover, and Christina Koch, as well as Canadian Space Agency Astronaut Jeremy Hansen demonstrated unparalleled dedication. Through their efforts, humanity traveled nearly 249,000 miles into space, farther than ever before in history.

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