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

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
April 15, 2026.

I hereby appoint the Honorable RANDY FIND 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:

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from You no secrets are hid, humbly we come before You, appealing to Your mercy and dependent on Your grace.

For even in our noblest efforts to serve You, and in our honest desires to do what is best for this country, we discover how easy it is to mistake approbation for affirmation. All too often we find ourselves valuing veneration over virtue.

Regardless of our attempts to disguise our misdeeds, what is hidden is known to You. Everything that is secret from everyone else is revealed to You.

Silence then all voices but Your own, and speak to us Your words of forgiveness. Quell all desires save for the longing to receive Your love, and strengthen us to remain faithful to Your will.

Purge us from all unrighteousness. Cleanse us from the thoughts of our minds and the willfulness of our hearts by the inspiration of Your holy spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name, in which 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.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under clause 5(d) of rule XX, the Chair announces to the House that, in light of the resignation of the gentleman from Texas (Mr. Gonzales), the whole number of the House is 431.

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.

NO MAN LEFT BEHIND

(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, on Easter Sunday, President

Donald Trump, Secretary of War Pete Hegseth, and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Dan Caine completed a successful mission to rescue two American airmen in Iran.

Less than 48 hours earlier, an American fighter jet had been shot down with a shoulder-fired missile as part of Operation Epic Fury.

A rescue was launched immediately, locating one pilot within hours. However, the second crewmember landed much further away, complicating recovery efforts.

Despite this challenge, President Donald Trump emphasized the promise that no man is left behind. He correctly described the mission as "one of the largest, most complex, most harrowing combat rescue searches ever attempted by the military."

As the grateful father of four sons who have served in the Middle East, I especially appreciate President Donald Trump.

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 and mocking Trump as war criminal Putin facilitates the Chinese Communist Party providing shoulder-launched missiles through the Black Sea Port of the Republic of Georgia, collaborating with the illegitimate regime of the rigged elections in Tbilisi to kill American pilots.

MAKING IN ORDER AT ANY TIME CONSIDERATION OF H. CON. RES. 40, DIRECTING THE PRESIDENT, PURSUANT TO SECTION 5(c) OF THE WAR POWERS RESOLUTION, TO REMOVE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES FROM HOSTILITIES WITH IRAN

Mr. MAST. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that it be in order at any time to consider H. Con. Res. 40 in the House if called up by the chair of the

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