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The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker.

PRAYER

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

Lord, You are the author of our lives, the perfecter of our faith. In You, we see what we are called to do and what You want us to be. For You have shown us love when we have been anything but lovable and mercy though we are not worthy. You have demonstrated compassion in our darkest moments and steadfastness when all around us falls apart.

To Your image may we be faithful.

Cause us to follow Your lead as You raise us up as leaders of our community and of this Nation. In everything we do or say, may we live up to the example You have called us to be by upholding what is good in Your eyes.

In our conduct in this place, in our love for one another, and in our faith in the face of adversity, and in our purity of thought and purpose, may we serve as bearers of the truth found only in You.

In the name of the one who is truth, we pray.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the Chamber her approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1 of Rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. ROSE) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. ROSE 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 five requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

RECOGNIZING THE LIBERIAN ASSOCIATION OF MICHIGAN

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

Ms. TLAIB. Madam Speaker, today, I recognize the Liberian Association of Michigan as they gather to celebrate the 175th anniversary of Liberia's independence and the contributions of Liberian Americans to Michigan's 13th District Strong.

Founded in 1971, the Liberian Association of Michigan remains grounded in their mission to provide assistance to those in need and to preserve Liberia's cultural heritage in our communities.

Beyond hosting numerous charitable events, the association is "doing the right thing for the right reason" in its outreach as well as in its support to our recent immigrants to our country. The association and its members have created a welcoming space for new residents while providing social and economic support.

I commend their incredibly valuable work, and I am so proud to support them in their anniversary and their work.

Please join me in recognizing the Liberian Association of Michigan as they celebrate 50 years of service, culture, and kinship across Michigan's 13th Congressional District.

TIME TO WORK WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT

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

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, recently, I had the chance to meet with members of the Fraternal Order of Police while back home in Pennsylvania, and the stories that they shared were shocking.

They talked about how illegal drugs, like heroin, methamphetamine, and fentanyl, continue to be widely available on our streets.

Now, as overdose deaths continue to soar, our communities are seeing the result of President Biden's open border policies that have allowed these drugs to pour into our communities, bringing with them terrible side effects that destroy our towns, our neighborhoods, and, unfortunately, sometimes families.

It is time to do more than stand with law enforcement. It is time to work with law enforcement and give them the tools they need to take these drugs off of our streets.

We cannot allow our police officers to be defunded while this crisis continues. It is time to work with law enforcement, to stand with them. It is time to stop the drug crisis that each and every community in America today is facing.

PROTECT RIGHTS OF WOMEN AND GIRLS

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

Ms. DEAN. Madam Speaker, it has been nearly a month since the Supreme Court inexplicably overturned a woman's 50-year right to her private reproductive healthcare decisions—abortion care.

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In this month, we have heard many on the other side spread frightening disinformation like Democrats want abortion on demand. No, Democrats want freedom and choice for women to make their own reproductive decisions.

Meanwhile, they ignore or don't care about the fact that women are scared, terrified that they may lose access to very personal reproductive healthcare medications and procedures.

So, it is necessary that we pass the Right to Contraception Act, which will guarantee the right to get and use birth control, whether it is birth control pills, IUDs, or emergency contraceptives.

It is maddening that we even have to vote on this, that a woman's right to birth control could even be in question, that a privacy right is even up for political debate. But in this brave new world, this is where we are.

I support this legislation to protect the rights of our daughters and granddaughters, nieces and friends, women and girls everywhere.

RECOGNIZING PASTOR ROSEMARY WOODS

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

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the incredible service of a member of our community, Pastor Rosemary Woods.

Pastor Woods has selflessly led members of her community for 30 years now and is set to achieve the lifetime achievement award in Brunswick, Georgia. This will not be her first award, as Pastor Woods has also received the key to the city of Brunswick.

She is the mother of former Philadelphia Phillies player Dominic Brown, and in 2014, she was named Mother of the Year by the organization.

Pastor Woods serves her community through many food drives, Christmas toy drives, and Easter festivals, and she is hoping to start a turkey giveaway this coming Thanksgiving.

Her service to our community is remarkable and commendable. Her work feeding those in need came at an essential time and has continued to inspire others to join in and offer a helping hand.

Pastor Woods is steering our community in the right direction, and I look forward to hearing about what else she is able to accomplish.

Madam Speaker, I thank Pastor Woods for what she has done for the people of Georgia's First Congressional District and congratulate her on her achievements.

WE TRUST WOMEN

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

Ms. GARCIA of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise to celebrate the Right to Contraception Act, which will soon pass the House with the support of House Democrats.

Women's rights have been under attack for decades. The recent overturning of Roe v. Wade has sadly provided a roadmap for future courts to reconsider and overrule the right to contraception and other fundamental rights.

In fact, Republicans have used this decision as an opening to try to block or ban contraceptive methods already. But House Democrats won't stand for this, not under our watch.

Today, we will further protect women and their fundamental rights by passing the Right to Contraception Act because we trust women. The bill will protect women's access to birth control because no one should control women and make their healthcare decisions for them. No one.

We trust women.

PRESIDENT BIDEN SHOULD FIST-BUMP THE AMERICAN ENERGY WORKER

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

Mr. LAMALFA. Madam Speaker, while President Biden is fist-bumping with the Crown Prince of Saudi Arabia, Americans are still facing record-high prices at the gas pump.

When he was campaigning, President Biden claimed he would crack down on Saudi leaders, and then he turns and shares a warm greeting with one before begging them to sell us their oil.

President Biden showed weakness on the world stage, and he showed the American people he cares more about keeping up friendly appearances with OPEC than the well-being of the American people.

Let's be clear: The Biden administration halted the Keystone XL pipeline on day one and destroyed 11,000 American jobs to line the pockets of OPEC oligarchs.

Why else would President Biden be begging Saudi Arabia and other OPEC countries to increase oil production when producers and refiners right here on U.S. soil have struggled for months thanks to the Green New Deal agenda?

Whatever happened to making America self-sufficient in energy? We are a country that can depend on ourselves for our energy, but the Biden administration is continuously doing whatever they can to block this from happening.

Instead of traveling 8,000 miles across the ocean to beg for oil from others, he should continue the construction of the Keystone XL pipeline and the rest of our American infrastructure, support American workers, and maybe fist-bump them for a change.

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DIALING FOR DOLLARS

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

Mr. PHILLIPS. Madam Speaker, according to an analysis by Issue One, House Members running for reelection this year raised \$207 million over the past three months, an average of \$3,400 per Member, per day.

Back in Minnesota, people ask me all the time how busy Members of Congress—compensated by taxpayers—could raise that much money every single day.

Well, we know the dirty truth around here: Rather than meeting with constituents, studying policy, writing legislation, or attending committee meetings, Members of the House and Senate collectively are spending 10,000 hours per week dialing for dollars or attending fundraising receptions. It is downright gross.

So that is why my colleague, MIKE GALLAGHER, and I have introduced the On the Clock Act. Our bill won't fix America's corrupt campaign finance system, but it will ensure that Members of Congress spend more time working for the people and less time raising money for themselves.

JANUARY 6 INVESTIGATION

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

Mr. ROSE. Madam Speaker, tonight, will be the last scheduled meeting of the partisan Committee on January 6th.

As my neighbors in middle Tennessee struggle with the skyrocketing cost of living, I can't help but think Congress' time and energy should be focused on the issues on most Americans' minds, not another political witch hunt.

If the committee had any legitimacy, it would allow Leader MCCARTHY to seek the Republicans of his choosing. Speaker PELOSI made the unprecedented decision to not do so.

If it had any legitimacy, the committee would be investigating what caused the events to unfold that day, what led to the breach of security, and what can we do to learn from these failures to prepare for the future.

Unfortunately, I don't think the committee has done its job to ask these important questions.

Tennesseans are smart and see this process as what it is: a partisan witch hunt in the form of a sham investigation.

DIAL 988 FOR MENTAL HEALTH

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

Mr. CÁRDENAS. Madam Speaker, July 16 marked the turning point for America.