

O Lord, our God, Your thoughts are not our thoughts, neither are Your ways our ways. But we pray that You would grant us insight into Your gracious plan and provide evidence of Your steadfast love for creation even as war continues to rage in Ukraine and senseless attacks are visited upon the Ukrainian people.

You look from Your heavens and permit humanity to continue on its course toward destruction. Lord, we pray that You would redeem our foolish ways and show us the path toward peace.

The heavens are indeed higher than the Earth and Your ways beyond our comprehension. Lord, we pray that You would magnify our understanding of Your presence in the midst of the mayhem that rages throughout the world.

Your thoughts are most certainly higher than our own. We acknowledge that we cannot fully know Your purpose as we hear of innocent people having to endure unspeakable strife in their own families, in their communities, in the sanctity of their homeland. Lord, we pray that You would enlighten our minds, temper our will, that our thoughts and ways would serve to carve the way toward reconciliation.

Hear our prayers as we offer them in the hope of Your saving name.

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.

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, I demand a vote on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The SPEAKER. The question is on the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The question was taken; and the Speaker announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to clause 8, rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

Mr. CORREA 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.

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages in writing from the President of the United States were commu-

nicated to the House by Ms. Deirdre Kelly, one of his secretaries.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

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

MEMORIALIZING OKLAHOMAN LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

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

Mrs. BICE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of National Police Week, which serves as a reminder to remember and memorialize law enforcement officers who gave their lives in the line of duty.

Tragically, this includes two Oklahomans, Sergeant C.J. Nelson and Sergeant Bobby Swartz. These officers have 32 years of combined service for their respective forces, and both leave behind loved ones.

I offer my deepest condolences and prayers to their families. We will always remember the sacrifice of these two heroes, and we cannot thank them enough for protecting and serving our communities.

From Isaiah 40:31, "But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint."

UNITED STATES NORTHERN BORDER FINALLY REOPENS

(Mr. HIGGINS of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Mr. Speaker, after 3 long years of COVID restrictions, on May 12, the United States' northern border finally reopens fully to our Canadian neighbors. This is a turning point in rebuilding the relationships and economies along the U.S.-Canadian border.

In 2019, prior to the pandemic, domestic and international travel spending reached \$3.1 billion in my western New York district alone.

As we emerge from a global health crisis and celebrate National Travel and Tourism Week, let's seek out opportunities to encourage and ease travel in the United States. This includes adequately funding Federal agencies to support travel, investing in infrastructure, and modernizing NEXUS and passports to improve the travel experience.

Together, we can highlight U.S. destinations ready to be explored and grow the economy.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Ms. Byrd, one of its clerks, announced that

the Senate has passed with an amendment in which the concurrence of the House is requested, a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 346. An act to establish a task force on improvements for notices to air missions, and for other purposes.

REMEMBERING SERGEANT FIRST CLASS BAILEY GILLESPIE

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

Mr. McHENRY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to remember Sergeant First Class Bailey Gillespie, who lived in Rutherford County in my district and passed away on April 11.

Sergeant Gillespie was a member of the 27th Infantry Regiment during the Korean war. In November 1950, he was captured. He spent the next 2½ years as a POW.

During this time, he was tortured, starved, and nearly died. He was the last POW survivor of the 27th Regiment. Throughout, he kept his faith in God.

Sergeant Gillespie survived and returned home victorious. For many veterans, talking about their experiences is painful, but Sergeant Gillespie spoke about it frequently. He helped other veterans heal. He also became one of Rutherford County's most active citizens, a leader in every sense of the word.

To his beloved wife of 70 years, Joy, I extend condolences and thanks from a grateful Nation.

HONORING ANAHEIM POLICE CHIEF JORGE CISNEROS

(Mr. CORREA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to honor the career and service of retiring Anaheim Police Chief Jorge Cisneros.

Chief Cisneros is a 33-year law enforcement veteran and has served as police chief for the past 13 years for various southern California cities. He started his career way back in 1990 at the Long Beach Police Department, where he worked his way up through the ranks to become a commander.

At Long Beach, Chief Cisneros developed and administered a 15-week Spanish Community Academy for officers to enhance trust and partnership with the Latino community that then made up 40 percent of the residents of Long Beach.

In 2018, Chief Cisneros was selected as Anaheim's police chief, leading 600 employees in that department.

Chief Cisneros holds a master's degree in criminal justice from Chapman University in the city of Orange and has served as a member and current vice president of the Orange County Chiefs and Sheriffs Association.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to call Jorge a good friend and mentor. I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring and

celebrating the career of Chief Jorge Cisneros and congratulate him on his well-deserved retirement.

REPUBLICANS ADDRESS THE DEBT CEILING

(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, last month, I was grateful to join House Republicans in passing the Limit, Save, Grow Act, which will limit government spending, reduce the Federal regulatory state, and promote pro-growth energy and economic policies, creating jobs. House Republicans, led by Speaker KEVIN MCCARTHY, have acted responsibly to address the debt limit deadline.

On behalf of American families now and in the future, this legislation should next pass the Senate.

Americans are struggling every day with 40-year-high inflation, jobs destroyed, rising gas prices, and the highest interest rates in decades. Unfortunately, President Biden has insisted on a blank check to increase the debt ceiling without any reforms on how Biden spends and wastes taxpayer money.

This legislation will save an estimated \$4.8 trillion over 10 years, maintaining a strong national defense and protecting Medicare and Social Security.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, who successfully protected America for 20 years as the global war on terrorism continues moving from the Afghanistan safe haven to America.

END GUN VIOLENCE

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

Mr. THOMPSON of California. Mr. Speaker, since we were last together on the floor, gun violence has been unending. There were eight dead, seven injured at a shopping mall in Allen, Texas; one dead, four injured at a medical office in Atlanta, Georgia; six dead in Henryetta, Oklahoma; and five dead in Cleveland, Texas. These are just the high-visibility mass shootings.

Gun violence is the leading cause of death for children and teenagers and is costing our country \$280 billion a year. Kids shouldn't worry about being shot if their basketball rolls into a neighbor's yard or if they knock on a door. Teenagers shouldn't worry about being shot if they pull into the wrong driveway. Families shouldn't worry about being shot if they go shopping.

Republican leadership must listen to the majority of Americans, including Republicans and gun owners who support gun violence prevention laws.

Mr. Speaker, I am calling on my Republican colleagues in the majority to bring lifesaving gun violence prevention legislation to this House floor for a vote as soon as we can.

FAMILIES DESERVE ACCESS TO NUTRITIOUS FOOD

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

Mr. ALFORD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the SHOPP Act.

At its core, the legislation addresses a simple truth: Families deserve access to nutritious foods in all of its forms.

The SHOPP Act broadens the current produce prescription program, which, as it stands, limits recipients to the purchase of fresh produce only.

However, this restriction overlooks a crucial fact: Not all produce is equally accessible in all areas at all times. Frozen fruits and veggies can offer a nutritious, convenient, and year-round solution for families.

This is not about valuing one form of produce over another but about meeting families where they are in everyday life. It is about giving families the flexibility to choose the produce that works best for them, whether it is fresh or frozen.

Research clearly shows that when families have access to a variety of fruits and veggies, they eat more produce. By diversifying the options available through GusNIP, the SHOPP Act doesn't just increase access to nutrition. It also empowers families to make healthier choices.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to support the SHOPP Act and, in doing so, support health, support well-being, and ensure year-round nutrition for all Americans.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. CARL). The Chair will remind all persons in the gallery that they are here as guests of the House and that any manifestation of approval or disapproval of proceedings is in violation of the rules of the House.

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DEBT CEILING

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

Ms. KAMLAGER-DOVE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to highlight the chaos the Republicans have created by playing with our debt limit. The GOP's default on America plan is disastrous for American families and our economy.

There is no reason why we should debate whether America should honor its obligations and pay its debt on time. Extreme Republicans would even prefer us to default for purely political and partisan means.

Instead of bringing a serious proposal that could be passed in the Senate and signed by the President, Republicans brought a bill to the floor that would threaten Medicare, Medicaid, Social Security, and veterans benefits.

Time and again, we have asked Republicans to show us their budget and to present us with a comprehensive plan for our Nation. They can't do it. Instead, they come to the table with extremist policies that fail to do the one thing it is supposed to do: pay our bills on time.

President Biden and leaders JEFFRIES and SCHUMER have all made it crystal clear that we must pass a clean debt limit and honor our commitments. There is no other option.

As we get closer to June 1, I implore my Republican colleagues to see how much they are hurting the American families they claim to serve and present us with a real solution for the debt limit.

HONORING MRS. JANE JESSEN

(Mr. FLOOD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. FLOOD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor one of Nebraska's finest elementary educators, Mrs. Jane Jessen of Norfolk, Nebraska. Mrs. Jessen has taught at Sacred Heart Elementary School and Norfolk Catholic School since 1984.

Every single day in the classroom, she worked hard to inspire each student to find their own path and to celebrate what makes them a very important person.

Jane has lived her life to help others. She has touched the lives of so many not only in the classroom, but she has also touched the lives of those who have witnessed her resilience by living her faith during times of tragedy and sorrow.

Norfolk Catholic School won the lottery of teachers when Mrs. Jane Jessen went to work for the students.

Mr. Speaker, on behalf of everybody in the First Congressional District, I thank my fifth grade teacher, Sacred Heart School, and Norfolk Catholic, Jane Jessen, for everything she has done for our State and our Nation.

Mr. Speaker, I wish Mrs. Jessen a happy retirement.

WILDFIRE SEASON

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

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, I would like to highlight a potential catastrophe that may befall the Western United States in this upcoming 2023 fire season. Indeed, it is underway. A total of 196 fires have already burned a total of over 50 acres so far, and it is going to be much, much more than that since it is on the heels of winter-time when they are easier to contain.

The worst wildfires in the West are due to overgrowth and neglect of our Federal lands that are overpopulated with trees. They get too hot for conventional firefighting methods. When this occurs, fire retardant dropped