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The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. ROSE).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
July 23, 2024.

I hereby appoint the Honorable JOHN W. ROSE 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:

Holy God, it is times like these when not only does Your presence seem veiled from our eyes, but Your promise of provision feels withheld from us. After moments like those we have experienced in these last couple weeks, when confusion reigned and anxiety has bred contempt, in whom can we trust? There is so much going on that the issues are dizzying. What can we hold on to?

We lift up our eyes to the hills. Where does our help come from? Speak, O Lord, from the mountains, for our help comes only from You. Lord, maker of Heaven and Earth, when all around and beneath us is such shaky ground, do not let our feet stray from following You.

But let us trust in the Lord with unshakeable faith. May we see that just as the mountains surround Your holy city, You surround Your people with protection and purpose.

Let us fear only You, O Lord, believing that in all that we need this day, in all the days ahead, and forever more, we will lack nothing in You.

In Your steadfast and sovereign name, 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 Illinois (Mrs. RAMIREZ) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. RAMIREZ 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.

SUPPORTING PRIME MINISTER NETANYAHU

(Ms. FOXX asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to support Prime Minister Netanyahu in the just cause of eliminating Hamas.

Soon, the Prime Minister will address the people's House. As he speaks, we will be reminded of the mounting peril facing America and our allies around the world.

In the struggle for freedom and democracy against anti-Semitism and terror, the Committee on Education

and the Workforce is proud to do its part.

We have held countless hearings exposing the roots of anti-Semitism on the home front and will continue to do so. The success of this vital mission will help decide whether America remains safe for the Jewish people.

As Ronald Reagan once said: "Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction." His words ring especially true today. Not since World War II have the stakes felt so high.

SUMMER PROGRAMS HELP END HUNGER

(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, our Federal summer nutrition programs make sure kids have access to nutritious food over the summer months when hunger is often at its worst.

Last week, while I was home in Massachusetts, I visited summer meal sites in Worcester and Webster. I served nutritious sandwiches and taco salads to kids participating in a day camp and visiting a local library. The kids loved the food.

I also had the opportunity to join Governor Healey and officials from USDA in Westborough to celebrate the launch of the new summer EBT program, SUN Bucks, which is giving eligible families across the country \$120 per eligible child to purchase food over the summer months.

This new Federal program, which I worked to establish coming out of the 2022 White House Conference on Hunger, Nutrition, and Health, is helping 21 million kids in 45 States, territories, and Tribes access nutritious food this summer.

Mr. Speaker, I encourage all my colleagues to visit sites in their district to learn more about these programs and commit to ending hunger now.

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CONGRATULATING CENTRAL MOUNTAIN HIGH SCHOOL

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

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Central Mountain High School's wins at the National Leadership and Skills Conference.

Recently, Central Mountain High School students traveled to Atlanta, Georgia, to compete at the SkillsUSA's National Leadership and Skills Conference, where they achieved remarkable success.

New alumna Sofia Dressler took home the national title in related technical math. Sofia is a gifted mathematician, already taking math courses at Commonwealth University in Lock Haven and has worked through calculus 3 up to number theory.

Additionally, three Central Mountain High School rising seniors—Ellen Banfill, Emily Everett, and Samantha Streater—placed eighth nationally in the community service competition. Their community service project centered around the Stop the Bleed national awareness campaign, aimed to equip their community with supplies and knowledge to provide immediate emergency care for life-threatening bleeding after a traumatic injury. These four young women have already demonstrated academic excellence and a strong sense of community.

Congratulations to Sofia, Ellen, Emily, and Samantha on their achievements. Students like themselves are the future of this great Nation.

EXPRESSING MY OUTRAGE

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

Mrs. RAMIREZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise to express my outrage on the eve of Prime Minister Netanyahu's joint address.

His address is a slap in the face to the thousands and thousands of Americans who have been demanding a ceasefire, the people of conscience opposed to U.S.-supplied bombs killing women and children, and the 12 U.S. Government officials who have resigned protesting the national security and moral crisis our policies are creating.

We cannot work toward peace while giving a war criminal the floor or exert moral authority while supporting the killing of children and civilians nor defend national interests while eroding our relationships across the world.

We must listen to the American people and our officials and diplomats, like Major Harrison Mann, who will be standing with me tomorrow to demand the administration and our leadership change course.

I hear them. What they say is: Not one more bomb, not one more dollar,

not one more excuse for Netanyahu's atrocities.

WHAT AMERICA MEANS TO CODY SMITH

(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 to congratulate our top 10 speech writers for this year's Missouri's Fourth Congressional Speech Competition. They were chosen to write speeches on what America means to them. Today we are recognizing Cody Smith from Sturgeon High School in Boone County, Missouri.

America represents many different things to different people, depending on their backgrounds, experiences, and perspectives. For me, it embodies a variety of values such as equality, opportunity, and above all, freedom.

America is a land of opportunity where simple hard work and determination can lead to success. America represents a melting pot of cultures, where anyone and everyone can come together and thrive in harmony. It is a beacon of hope and possibility where individuals can forge their own paths and make meaningful contributions to their country.

There is no other country in the world that I would rather call home than America.

I couldn't agree more with Cody.

RURAL HEALTH GROUP WELCOMES MEDICAL RESIDENTS

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

Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina. Mr. Speaker, eastern North Carolina communities face the greatest healthcare disparities of any area in our State. I am super excited to share that the Rural Health Group welcomed the dynamic inaugural class of medical residents to Roanoke Rapids, including Onyenyechi Joy Onyeanuna, Tanweer Hoosen, and Tochukwu Okafor.

Such pioneers will pave the way for a future filled with improved health outcomes for our community. Their decision to join this incredible program is a testament to their dedication and passion to serving those most in need. Their class will forever hold a special place in Roanoke Rapids' history. We are incredibly grateful for their commitment and looking forward to seeing their positive impact.

SECRET SERVICE ACCOUNTABILITY

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

Mr. ROSE. Mr. Speaker, the American people continue to learn about the security failures leading up to the assassination attempt on President Donald Trump. They deserve to know what

happened and that this will never happen again.

Yesterday, Secret Service Director Kimberly Cheatle testified in the House Oversight Committee after being subpoenaed. Her testimony should have been voluntary, as times such as these require transparency. Nevertheless, House Members, on a bipartisan basis, are committed to getting to the bottom of what happened that awful day in Pennsylvania.

I commend the heroism exhibited by the agents working the President's security detail, yet the agency and its leadership for which they serve must be held accountable. With more than \$3 billion in annual funding, a would-be assassin should never have been able to fire multiple rounds at a Presidential candidate from the top of a roof just 147 yards away. This is unacceptable.

RISING COST OF AUTO INSURANCE

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

Ms. TLAIB. Mr. Speaker, across our Nation, the cost of auto insurance has increased by an average of 26 percent in the last year alone. In my district, Mr. Speaker, Detroiters still pay the highest auto insurance rates in the Nation, leaving many of our families struggling to make ends meet. Even through and across the 12th Congressional District, in Oakland and Wayne Counties, we can see some rates going up as high as 40 percent.

While rent, utilities, gas, and other living expenses are deducted from a household's income to enable more families to qualify for Federal assistance that they need, it is outrageous, and I am taken aback and shocked, that auto insurance is currently not considered an expense.

How is it that 49 out of 50 States require drivers to have auto insurance, yet the cost is not factored into the cost-of-living formula for applying for Federal assistance in our country?

This is why I introduced the Auto Insurance Expense Relief Act. This bill corrects that injustice by including the cost of auto insurance to qualify for critical programs like food assistance, health coverage, and housing support. I ask that my colleagues join me in passing this important legislation.

CONGRATULATING PETER MATTHIESSEN

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

Mr. CLINE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend Captain Peter Matthiessen, a dedicated 13-year veteran firefighter serving the city of Roanoke. Captain Matthiessen's exceptional service has earned him the esteemed Veterans of Foreign Wars National Firefighter of the Year Award.

Nominated by the local VFW Post 1264, Captain Matthiessen's leadership