

Accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 35 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. LANGEVIN) at noon.

PRAYER

Pastor Phil Waldrep, Phil Waldrep Ministries, Decatur, Alabama, offered the following prayer:

Our Eternal God, today, we pause to thank You for Your blessings and to ask that You remind us that with these blessings come responsibilities.

So, we ask that You will quieten our hearts that we might find time to listen to the dreams of a child or the memories of an older adult.

Help us to find time to thank a teacher, or a veteran, or someone who puts their life at risk every day that we might be free.

Help us to find time to assist the families of military personnel and time to pray for the safety of their loved one.

Help us to find time to see the needs, and the gifts, and the worth of others.

O Lord, help us to find time to be Your hands and Your feet in a world that desperately needs love.

In Jesus' name, amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from New Hampshire (Mr. PAPPAS) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. PAPPAS 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 passing of the gentleman from Maryland (Mr. CUMMINGS), the whole number of the House is 432.

WELCOMING REVEREND PHIL WALDREP

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the gentleman from Ala-

bama (Mr. BROOKS) is recognized for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

Mr. BROOKS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, it is a great privilege to welcome Reverend Phil Waldrep to the House of Representatives to serve as today's guest chaplain.

Reverend Waldrep was born in Morgan County, Alabama, near Decatur, and began preaching when he was 14 years old.

He earned his bachelor of science degree from the University of Alabama and completed seminary at Luther Rice Theological Seminary in Georgia.

Through his ministries, Reverend Waldrep connects with audiences of all ages and sizes with his sense of humor, powerful illustrations, and Scriptural insight.

He is a frequent speaker at some of America's largest churches and conferences and has been a vocational evangelist since 1975.

Reverend Waldrep is also an author, having published "Beyond Betrayal: Overcome Past Hurts and Begin to Trust Again," "Reaching Your Prodigal: What Did I Do Wrong? What Do I Do Now?" and "The Grandparent Factor: Five Principles to Help You Make a Difference in the Life of Your Grandchild."

Phil and his wife, Debbie, live in Decatur, Alabama, and have two daughters who, with their husbands, actively serve in the ministry.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

PRESCRIPTION DRUGS

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

Mr. PAPPAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of individuals across New Hampshire and the country who are struggling to afford the skyrocketing cost of prescription drugs.

Across my district, I hear from individuals each and every day about the significant burden and anxiety caused by the exorbitant costs of these prescriptions. That is why I introduced H.R. 4661, the Advancing Enrollment and Reducing Drug Costs Act, along with Representative TONKO.

This is an important addition to H.R. 3, the Lower Drug Costs Now Act of 2019, to expand seniors' access to prescription drugs under Medicare part D. This legislation will automatically enroll individuals in part D's subsidy program, known as Extra Help, when they have aged out of Medicaid Expansion.

We must continue to ensure that seniors receive access to this earned benefit without having to navigate what can be a complicated process.

When seniors arrive at the pharmacy counter, they shouldn't have to worry whether they can afford the medications they need to live with health and with dignity. This legislation is a step toward addressing this injustice, and I urge my colleagues to continue to support efforts to reduce the cost of prescription drugs in a bipartisan fashion and pass this legislation.

NATIONAL FARM TO SCHOOL MONTH

(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 October as National Farm to School Month.

The National Farm to School Network is an organization that strives to strengthen the relationship our Nation's schools have with fresh, healthy foods from local farms.

The farm to school movement focuses on agriculture education in our schools and even encourages learning opportunities through school gardens, cooking lessons, and farm field trips to better connect students with where their food comes from. It also spurs market opportunities for local farmers and ranchers.

Healthy and nutritious food is important in all stages of life, but particularly for our Nation's young people. In some unfortunate cases, the meals that students receive at school may be the only time they eat during the day. It is important that we do what we can to ensure schools have the resources they need to provide students with delicious and nutritious options.

LOWERING DRUG COSTS

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

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Mr. Speaker, I rise to say this: Americans are suffering from extortionate, skyrocketing drug prices, and this is unacceptable.

Between 2013 and 2016, 67 percent of Americans who had to file for bankruptcy did so because of enormous medical expenses. That is unacceptable.

Last year, in my home State of Pennsylvania alone, one in four individuals had to forgo medical care so they could pay their rent or put food on the table. That is not a choice we can, in good conscience, allow them to have to make. It is unacceptable.

I am, therefore, proud to announce my support of the Lower Drug Costs Now Act, H.R. 3, landmark legislation which takes bold strides to lower prescription drug prices for all Americans.

On behalf of the families who demand and deserve drug pricing reform, I urge my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to ensure swift passage of this landmark, critical legislation.