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

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer: Merciful God, we give You thanks for giving us another day.

As Members prepare to return to their home districts, endow them with ears to hear the voices of their constituents, those who voted for them and those who did not. It is the strength of our representative democracy that all have a voice in the governing of the Nation.

Our Nation will soon be remembering Presidents Washington and Lincoln, giants of American history. One presided over a nation united in its inception behind their President, the other over a nation divided soon after his election.

May each of their examples be inspiration to all Americans that faithfulness to the Constitution and all the laws of our land and the hope of our Founders is the responsibility of us all to bring to our political discourse.

Bless us this day and every day. May all that is done be for Your greater honor and glory.

Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

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

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

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentlewoman from Indiana (Mrs. WALORSKI) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. WALORSKI 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.

### PRESIDENT'S BUDGET

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

Mr. CICILLINE. Madam Speaker, President Trump stood in this very Chamber last week promising that he would protect Medicare and Social Security, but like so many things with this administration, that empty promise didn't even last a week. In fact, when he sent his budget proposal to Congress on Monday, it cut more than \$1.6 trillion for Medicare, Medicaid, and other healthcare programs. It cut another \$24 billion from Social Security.

As the top 1 percent of wealthy corporations continue to benefit from the President's tax cut, he is now asking for you, the American people, to pay for it.

He likes to brag that the stock market is up and unemployment is down, but what he refuses to acknowledge is that the economy isn't working for most working folks.

Healthcare costs are rising as his administration sues to eliminate the ACA in its entirety. The cost of living is increasing as he tries to cut funding for affordable housing. And prescription drug prices continue to climb despite our passage of H.R. 3, which is collecting dust on MITCH MCCONNELL'S desk.

The President's budget is nothing more than assault on hardworking families just trying to keep a roof over

their heads and put food on their table. The American people deserve better.

House Democrats are going to continue passing legislation that actually gets government working for the people again, and the President and MITCH MCCONNELL should get off the sidelines and join us in this effort.

### ABORTED FETAL REMAINS BURIAL

(Mrs. WALORSKI asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. WALORSKI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the 2,411 unborn children whose remains were finally laid to rest with dignity yesterday in South Bend, Indiana.

These victims of Indiana's most prolific abortionist would be in their late teens now, graduating from high school and entering into college, but their innocent lives were cut short, and they were denied a proper burial. Instead, their remains sat for almost 2 years in a garage, a car trunk, in moldy boxes and Styrofoam coolers.

Such callous disregard for human life should shake us to the core. These children deserve justice and dignity.

To ensure this never happens again, the House must pass the Dignity for Aborted Children Act to build on Indiana's law, upheld by the Supreme Court, that requires dignified treatment of aborted fetal remains.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in observing a moment of silence for the thousands of innocent victims who were laid to rest yesterday.

### VICTIMS OF GUN VIOLENCE TO HOLD GUN TRAFFICKERS LIABLE

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

Mr. CASTEN of Illinois. Madam Speaker, 1 year ago Saturday, five people lost their lives and many more were

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injured when a gunman entered an Aurora, Illinois, warehouse and started shooting.

At the vigil for those victims, I made it clear that, if we want to stop people from getting shot, we have to politicize this and we have to take legislative action.

Now, Illinois has some of the strongest gun laws in the country, but our neighbors don't. In Chicago, 60 percent of the guns recovered from crime scenes were trafficked in from out of State. And, worse, we have never had the courage to regulate guns the same way we regulate cars. If my daughter took my car out and crashed into my neighbor's garage, I would be liable. That is common sense.

That is why, yesterday, I introduced the Gun Trafficker Detention Act. This bill requires gun owners to report if their gun is lost or stolen within 48 hours and imposes criminal penalties if they fail to do so and their gun turns up at a crime scene. It would also allow the victims of gun violence to hold traffickers legally liable for death or injury caused by their guns, regardless of who pulled the trigger.

Are there people who won't like this bill? Yes—gun traffickers. Every other American will be safer, and I encourage my colleagues to join me and support this bill.

#### HELPING TO REFORM OUR BLOATED FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

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

Mr. CLINE. Madam Speaker, advancing the cause of our constitutional Republic by adopting policies that restore the confidence of the public in the U.S. Congress is one of the goals I have had since my election last November.

The current lack of confidence is largely due to the dysfunction, partisanship, and distrust that is so prevalent. That is why I am proud to work together with my colleagues who are on the Republican Study Committee government reform task force and who are committed to helping reform our bloating Federal Government in order to expand opportunities for all Americans.

Congress was established through Article I of the U.S. Constitution, and, as such, our Founding Fathers put the utmost responsibility in lawmakers to uphold their inalienable rights and to maintain proper transparency while doing so.

Sadly, today's Congress has strayed far from that through Federal overreach. This makes the task force even more timely and important.

The three main focuses of this task force are reforming government power structures, practices, and personnel policies. Each of these categories has a considerable amount of reform that would be meaningful and effective if enacted.

I am committed to ensuring the beliefs of our Founding Fathers live on today through Congress' actions by reforming government so that it truly serves the people for whom it was created and by whom it is empowered.

#### PFAS WATER CONTAMINATION

(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, PFAS water contamination continues to threaten the purity of our drinking water and the health of our communities, including my own.

PFAS contaminants exist on more than 400 military bases nationwide and threaten the health and safety of those who live nearby. This public health crisis demands our full attention and requires a national solution.

This 116th Congress has proposed and passed more PFAS legislation than any previous Congress in history, including the PFAS Action Act, which would require the EPA to enforce cleanup of contaminated sites and require a nationwide PFAS drinking water standard.

Still much work remains to be done. We must stand up for stronger regulations, cleaner water, and healthier communities.

Clean drinking water cannot be another issue that the Senate majority continues to ignore and add to their graveyard. We have an obligation to address this national health crisis.

Madam Speaker, I urge the Senate, including my own Senators, to prioritize the well-being of our communities and to act swiftly on the passage of the PFAS Action Act.

#### BRINGING JUSTICE TO MISSING AND MURDERED NATIVE AMERICAN WOMEN

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

Mr. STAUBER. Madam Speaker, in advance of the fifth annual Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women's Memorial March that is taking place in my hometown of Duluth, Minnesota, tomorrow, I rise to bring attention to the violence facing our Native American communities.

Everyone has a right to live safely in their communities, but the murder rate of Native American women is currently 10 times the national average. More than half of Native American women have been sexually assaulted, and thousands of Native American women and girls have gone missing.

This national crisis has been ignored for far too long, and it is time that Congress acts. That is why I cosponsored Savanna's Act, legislation that would better prepare Tribal law enforcement to respond to these crimes. I believe that this should be one of the

easiest bills that we pass this year and call for its quick passage.

Madam Speaker, I will be proud to march with our Native American communities this Friday and honor those we have lost. I believe that, together, we can bring justice to the missing and murdered indigenous Native American women and hold the individuals who commit these acts of violence accountable.

#### PRESIDENT TRUMP'S 2021 BUDGET

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

Mr. SCHNEIDER. Madam Speaker, I rise today in opposition to the irresponsible and immoral budget request proposed by President Trump.

The President's shameful betrayal of Americans most in need of vital services comes just days after he stood in this very Chamber and promised he would protect them.

A budget reveals our priorities, and this document makes clear President Trump does not prioritize hardworking Americans and their families. Once again, the President goes out of his way to target Americans' access to healthcare and affordable education.

In the President's upside-down budget, \$500 billion is stripped from Medicare, \$900 billion from Medicaid. Student loan funding is cut by \$170 billion. Public Service Loan Forgiveness would be completely eliminated. More than \$200 billion would be cut from the SNAP program, the safety net for families facing temporary challenges putting food on the table.

Madam Speaker, these cuts are wrong, and the House must not let them go forward. I will continue to work with my colleagues in Congress to protect these critical programs that our seniors, working families, young people, and children depend on.

#### RECOGNIZING ARIZONA'S BIRTHDAY AND 108TH ANNIVERSARY OF STATEHOOD

(Mrs. LESKO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. LESKO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize my home State of Arizona's birthday and our 108th anniversary of statehood.

Since February 14, 1912, the great State of Arizona has welcomed those who wish to experience a life of prosperity, opportunity, growth, and a culture second to none.

Every year people from all over the world come to Arizona to experience our State's treasured beauty, and, of course, the five C's.

I know I speak for all of us who live in Arizona when I say we are incredibly grateful to call the Grand Canyon State our home. Our State motto means "God Enriches." Arizona is proof of that.