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The House met at noon and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Ms. CLARK of Massachusetts).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
February 3, 2022.

I hereby appoint the Honorable KATHERINE M. CLARK to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

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

You are the Lord, You alone. You have made the Heavens with all their host, the Earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them. To each and every living creature You give life; all of Heaven worships You.

So may we be a nation at prayer. In Your merciful hands we place the protection of our country, the welfare of its citizens.

We humble ourselves before You this day and confess our wanderings from You. May we return to You and receive Your promise to heal our land.

Thus, may our contrition inspire our recommitment to the people and purposes You have called us to serve. May our repentance be the foundation of faith which brings forth Your favor over this Nation. May our remorse become the reason for reconciliation with those with whom we disagree deeply.

Bless us, O Lord, and embolden us—as individuals, as a body, as a nation—to live lives holy and acceptable in Your sight.

In Your sovereign name we pray.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 11(a) of House Resolution 188, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentlewoman from Michigan (Ms. TLAIB) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. TLAIB 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.

HISTORY CANNOT BE ERASED

(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, I rise today with a printing of a painting done by a talented Detroit artist, Jonathan Harris.

Jonathan named the painting ''Critical Race Theory.'' It gives me chills as I look at it on how the contrived fight against our history, Black history specifically, seeks to erase the fight, struggle, triumphs, and success of our Black neighbors in our country.

So as many of us recognize and celebrate Black History Month, I implore those who are pushing to erase our history, including many colleagues in this body, to stop with the empty words and gestures. You cannot erase history to paint the picture you want. We won't stand for it.

BORDER CRISIS BECOMES A FENTANYL CRISIS

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

Mr. PENCE. Madam Speaker, I rise today because every State is now a border State. A border crisis is now a fentanyl crisis. But don't take it from me, take it from the sheriffs in my district.

Bartholomew County Sheriff Matt Myers said, ''Fentanyl is coming into our country from our southern border. It is becoming an increasing problem, and it is killing our citizens.''

Randolph County Sheriff Art Moystner said, ''Our guys on the ground tell us they know these drugs are coming through Dayton via the southern border.''

Hancock County Sheriff Brad Burkhart said, ''Illegal drugs coming across the border affects everyone, and Indiana is not immune.''

In Decatur County, Sheriff Dave Durant explained it like this, ''Fentanyl in our communities is not just a thing, it is the thing.''

Democrats, stop downplaying this crisis. It is killing Hoosiers in Indiana.

LUNAR NEW YEAR IS A TIME OF CELEBRATION

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

Ms. BASS. Madam Speaker, Lunar New Year is a time of celebration for so many people in Los Angeles and millions around the world.

As we welcome the Year of the Tiger—a symbol of bravery—we honor the history and heritage of the Asian Pacific Islander communities across America and stand in support and active defense in the face of challenges,

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