

APPOINTMENT AS PARLIAMENTARIAN OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to section 287(a) of title 2, United States Code, the Chair appoints Thomas J. Wickham, Jr., as Parliamentarian of the House of Representatives to succeed John V. Sullivan, resigned.

WELCOMING REVEREND ADAM MCHUGH

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the gentleman from California (Mr. DREIER) is recognized for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

Mr. DREIER. Mr. Speaker, let me first extend my congratulations to John Sullivan for his extraordinary service to this institution over the last quarter century. We're going to have a chance to talk about one of the greatest, most incisive minds in this place—and the bar is not too high for that. He has been extraordinary. I want to congratulate Mr. Wickham as well, Mr. Speaker.

With that, I rise to say, on the 28th of June 1787, Benjamin Franklin, in the midst of the Constitutional Convention, said that they should call on the assistance of Heaven and have a prayer every day as the assembly began. That's a tradition that continues today, and it's one that has just been utilized by Reverend Adam McHugh, who is a very, very capable and thoughtful guy, who is from Upland, California. He is a prolific writer as well as serving as chaplain at the Vitas Hospice Center in Covina, California.

I've got to say also, Mr. Speaker, that I believe that we are making history here in that both the Chaplain of the United States House of Representatives—our dear friend, Father Patrick Conroy—and Reverend McHugh and Reverend McHugh's wife, Lindsay, and I are all graduates of a very small institution just to the east of Los Angeles known as Claremont McKenna College.

I believe that hearing from Reverend McHugh was wonderful, and I have a copy of his book that he has just given me here. I would like to enter into the RECORD, Mr. Speaker, a list of the publications that he has put forward and to say that he has one coming next year. We all look forward to that, and I hope I get an autographed copy of that one as well.

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS

Introverts in the Church: Finding Our Place in an Extroverted Culture (InterVarsity Press, 2009)

The Listening Life (InterVarsity Press, 2013)

ARTICLES

"Profile of Father Patrick Conroy, Chaplain of the U.S. House," CMC Magazine, November '11.

"Hospitality for Those Who Would Rather Stay 'In'," Conversations Journal, December 2011.

"The Introverted Leader," Leadership Journal, August 2011.

"The Phases of Writing," The Ooze, June 2011

"A Mere Lump of Humanity?" Internet Monk, June 2011

"Why Pastors Should Get Their Heads Examined," Patheos, May 2011

"The Introvert Brand," Patheos, March '11

"Why Most Pastors Won't Tell the Truth," Church Leaders, Mar '11

"The Writer as Madman and Mystic," Crosswalk, Dec '10

"Are Happy Churchgoers Good News? The Washington Post, Dec '10

A Counter-Cultural Quiet in Advent," Patheos Dec '10

"Meals that Change Your Life," Relevant Magazine Nov '10

"Introverts in Evangelical America," The Washington Post Sept '10

"Conversations with the Saints," Patheos Aug '10

"The Ancient Art of Listening," Patheos June '10

"Can Introverts Thrive in the Church?" Catalyst Space May '10

"Introverts in the Church," Ministry Today, January '10

"Can Introverts Lead? Breaking Down Stereotypes," The Christian Century Nov '09

SPEAKING HIGHLIGHTS

Westmont College Chapel, Santa Barbara, CA, April 2012.

Laity Lodge, Kearney, TX, July 2011.

Glenkirk Church, Glendora, CA, March 2011.

Irvine Presbyterian Church, Irvine, CA, September 2010.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

HONORING MR. TROPHY

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

Mr. FLEISCHMANN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a small business in my district, a business I was proud to give an Economic Excellence Award to last week.

Mr. Trophy, based in Red Bank, Tennessee, is a great small business which embodies the American values of hard work and success. Founded in 1972, Mr. Trophy is still a family business. It is currently owned by Dorris Prevou and is managed by her daughter Linda Herrmann.

A staple of the Chattanooga community, Mr. Trophy is well-known for both customer service and community involvement. Mr. Trophy has designed trophies, plaques, and custom awards for over 40 years, creating jobs while often weathering difficult times. Having run a business with my wife for 24 years, I can understand the challenges that have faced Mr. Trophy along the way.

Not only has Mr. Trophy met these challenges, but they have found success with their business and have become a pillar of their community. I hope that you will join me in honoring Mr. Tro-

phy for their well-earned Economic Excellence Award.

PASS H.R. 3826 AND PROTECT COLLEGE AFFORDABILITY

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

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, 124 days. That's how many days between today and July 1 when the interest rates for the Stafford Student Loan program are going to double from 3.4 percent to 6.8 percent unless Congress acts. I, Congressman PETERS, and Senator JACK REED in the Senate have filed legislation to lock in those rates at 3.4 percent. This Chamber must act.

Today, student loan debt now exceeds credit card debt in the United States of America—a milestone which is a disaster and a formula for failure in this country. We have fallen from number one in the world in terms of graduation rates to number 12, which is a threat in terms of our future economic vitality.

As young people will be all across this Capitol over the next 2 months or so, I hope Members of Congress will look those kids in the eyes and will do the right thing to protect college affordability. Pass H.R. 3826.

SOARING GAS PRICES

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

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. For 21 days in a row, gas prices have risen to average now \$3.70 per gallon—a 30-cent increase in only 1 month. At this rate, Americans could be forking over four bucks for a gallon of gas in no time. That's insane.

American families and businesses are already struggling in this economy, so I'm calling on the IRS to provide relief for businesses by increasing the standard mileage rate like it did after Hurricane Katrina and again in 2005 and 2011. With gas prices rising higher and faster than ever, the administration and Congress need to take action now: beginning with the Keystone XL pipeline, estimated to bring 830,000 barrels of oil every day to U.S. refineries, and Keystone would create nearly 20,000 new American jobs.

Let's pursue a real all-of-the-above energy strategy, and let's give Americans the security and relief that they want, need, and deserve.

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PREVENT CLOSING POSTAL FACILITIES

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

Mr. HIGGINS. Madam Speaker, like many Members of our body, I represent a community with a postal facility that has been slated for closure. In Buffalo, 700 workers stand to lose their

jobs if the United States Postal Service goes forward with the closure of the William Street mail processing facility. The good news is there is legislation that could have an immediate impact.

My friend and colleague, Representative STEVE LYNCH, has introduced H.R. 1351, which would recalculate the Postal Service's pension funding, easing the budget strains that necessitate this drastic facility closure proposal. Last week I sent a letter, along with my western New York colleagues, Representative LOUISE SLAUGHTER and Representative KATHY HOCHUL, urging Republican leadership to bring this bill to the floor for immediate consideration. Madam Speaker, this legislation is bipartisan and currently has 228 cosponsors, more than half the House.

Though broader reforms will be needed, this bill is what will keep the Postal Service afloat in the short term. It's time for Congress to step up, put aside politics, and do what's right for small business, working families, and postal customers nationwide.

FLORIDA KEYS OUTREACH COALITION CELEBRATES 20TH ANNIVERSARY

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

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Madam Speaker, I'm so pleased to recognize the 20th anniversary of the Florida Keys Outreach Coalition.

For 20 years, Reverend Stephen Bradstock and the Florida Keys Outreach Coalition have worked to empower individuals and families, assisting them in reaching their full potential by providing the resources and support they need to become self-sufficient.

In its mission to, very simply, eliminate homelessness in the Keys, Monroe County, the Florida Keys Outreach Coalition has become a model human services organization in reaching this goal. Its goal has become a reality for many families who have transitioned from homelessness into permanent housing.

I've had the great privilege of seeing their work firsthand, and it is nothing short of inspirational. I've witnessed the effectiveness of their outreach efforts, and I have seen the benefits of their emergency shelter and transitional housing programs.

I applaud everyone at the Florida Keys Outreach Coalition for their selfless efforts as they strive to better the future for the homeless. Thank you for 20 years of service to our south Florida community.

OSCAR COULD HAVE GONE TO THE HOUSE

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

Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia. Madam Speaker, a silent movie won this year's Oscar for Best Picture. That award just as easily could have gone here to the House, because the House Republicans continue to be silent on job creation and seem intent on dragging America back to 1929 when the last silent film won the Oscar.

When Republicans recently held a hearing on contraception, they did their best to silence female voices, inviting five men and zero women to testify on the topic of female reproductive health.

Since they gained the majority, House Republicans have been painfully silent about actually creating jobs. In 2011, they voted for a budget that would have cut 700,000 of them. This year, they proposed a transportation bill that would cut another 550,000 of them. As Americans ask for real job proposals, Republicans remain silent.

It's time that someone actually started speaking up for the American people. Despite 23 straight months of job growth, there are still almost 8 million people trying to reenter the workforce. Unlike this year's Best Picture winner, this continued silent treatment from the Republican majority offers Americans no entertainment and, sadly, no employment.

FOSTERING JOB GROWTH

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

Ms. FOXX. Madam Speaker, my colleague from Virginia needs to redirect his comments about silent response to the Democrat-controlled Senate, the party of which he is a member. Fostering job growth for the American people continues to be the number one job for House Republicans, and we have a record to prove it.

With unemployment and underemployment at above 15 percent for the past 36 months, the Obama economy continues to produce the Nation's worst jobless record since the Great Depression. So far, by following the House Republican Plan for America's Job Creators, the House passed more than 30 bipartisan jobs bills on behalf of the American people.

Each of these bills is aimed at unleashing the power of our private sector to freely and confidently build, invest, innovate, and expand again—and put millions of Americans back to work. Unfortunately, the vast majority of these bipartisan House-passed jobs bills are being ignored or blocked in the Democrat-controlled Senate.

The American people are tired of waiting. It's time for Democrats in the Senate and the White House to put politics aside and pass these jobs bills.

COMMENDING JEREMY LIN

(Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA asked and was given permission to address the

House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. FALEOMAVAEGA. Madam Speaker, Linsanity is here with us today. On behalf of over 18 million Asian Pacific Americans, and as a member of the Asian Pacific Congressional Caucus, I rise today to commend rising NBA star Jeremy Lin.

A son of immigrants from Taiwan and the first American NBA player of Chinese or Taiwanese ancestry, Jeremy is the first, first Harvard—economics major, 4.0 GPA—graduate to play for the league since the 1950s. Since playing as the Knicks' point guard, he has scored the highest point total in his first five games—136 points—for any player since the 1970s.

In the history of Asian Pacific American participation in the NBA, Japanese American Wataru Misaka broke the color barrier when he played for the Knicks in the 1940s. Following Misaka, we have Japanese American Rex Walters; Filipino American Raymond Townsend; Samoan American Wally Aliifua Rank; and, currently, Samoan American James Johnson, who plays for the Toronto Raptors; and Hawaiian American Jason Kapono, who now plays for the L.A. Lakers.

Along with these pioneers, Jeremy Lin's rise to international stardom has broken ethnic stereotypes in our society.

I commend Jeremy for this tremendous achievement and for his example to the world and what America is all about: You work hard, you be true to your principles of fairness and equity, things will come your way.

CONTRACEPTION

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

Mr. PETERS. Madam Speaker, I rise today in outrage and disbelief that my Republican colleagues believe that they are more qualified to determine what a woman can do with her own body than she is.

Republicans say that they are on the side of freedom and personal responsibility. They also say that they are against Big Government intrusion. But when it comes to women in this country, it's nothing but a bunch of empty rhetoric.

Let's be clear: the debate about contraception is really about Republicans' deep-seated opposition to women making decisions about their own bodies. It is an outrage; it is unconscionable; it is insulting; and it is un-American to treat women, by virtue of their gender, as second-class citizens by denying their ability to control their own destinies.

To my Republican colleagues, shame on you for waging your hypocritical war on women.