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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. ROTHFUS).

DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC

May 25, 2016.

I hereby appoint the Honorable KEITH J. ROTHFUS to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

PAUL D. RYAN,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

MORNING-HOUR DEBATE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of January 5, 2016, the Chair will now recognize Members from lists submitted by the majority and minority leaders for morning-hour debate.

The Chair will alternate recognition between the parties, with each party limited to 1 hour and each Member other than the majority and minority leaders and the minority whip limited to 5 minutes, but in no event shall debate continue beyond 11:50 a.m.

ASSAULT ON LEGAL IMMIGRATION

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. GUTIÉRREZ) for 5 minutes.

Mr. GUTIÉRREZ. Mr. Speaker, as it turns out, deporting 11 million undocumented immigrants and banning Muslims from entering the country might not be the most radical anti-immigration ideas that the Republicans have come up with. There seems to be a sinister, anti-immigration arms race breaking out in the Party of Trump.

Last week, a Federal judge—Judge Andrew Hanen of Texas, pictured here—the same one whose judgment on

immigration executive actions is being deliberated by the Supreme Court, ordered the punishment of every single lawyer in the Justice Department in 26 States. His claim is that some DOJ lawyers misrepresented to him whether they were complying with his injunction suspending the immigration executive actions announced by President Obama in November of 2014.

After his injunction, they were only supposed to issue 2-year work permits under the old rules to immigrants who applied for and received, after an extensive criminal background check, the ability to be treated as the lowest priority for deportation. But the remedial ethics classes are for every single Department of Justice lawyer in 26 States.

You say you weren't in any way associated with the case before the judge?

Too bad.

Never practiced law that is remotely related to immigrants or immigration? Sorry, the judge is ordering your punishment.

Never been to the State of Texas in your life?

Tough cookies, the Texas judge knows best, and is ordering you around as if you had argued cases yourself before his court.

Overreach much?

The newspaper *La Opinion* called Judge Hanen's plan "onerous and absurd." I think that is an understatement.

Judge Hanen is also using some good old-fashioned scare tactics to see if he can compete with Sheriff Joe Arpaio and the GOP Presidential nominee for the title of who is so shamelessly anti-immigrant. Judge Hanen has called for the Department of Justice to turn over the names of 100,000 people who were possibly granted the 3-year, not the 2-year, work permits.

So if you come forward, pay hundreds of dollars, submit your paperwork and fingerprints, then 2 years later a judge

says, Though you have made no mistake and have zero—I want to repeat—zero—responsibility for the controversy, you, the applicant, before the American government, could have your name and address published for every two-bit vigilante and Twitter troll to read.

I thought Republicans were the ones who didn't like activist judges. I thought they wanted as little government as possible and to leave the legislating and, I suppose, the intimidating to the politicians here in Washington, D.C.

So when the Republicans up the ante in one area, they have to up the ante in another. Nowhere is this crass political opportunism more apparent than right here.

This morning we are having a little hearing in the Judiciary Committee aimed at—get this—shutting down legal immigration as much as possible. Your son's fiancée, your mom's doctor, your neighbor's nanny, your grocery store's janitorial crew, if they are coming legally to the United States, Republicans want to stop it, slow it down, and make it cost a lot more.

The party obsessed with illegal immigration now has legal immigration firmly in its sight. And if you are from certain countries or are of a certain religion, you must have a special security review.

I thought the campaign promise to bar Muslims from traveling here to the USA was a campaign promise that would never be realized unless your leader actually won the campaign.

Don't get me wrong. If I thought Republicans were proposing a process to make things more secure and give the U.S. a better immigration system, I would support it. And I think we could pass something that was on a bipartisan basis in Congress today.

But come on, guys. Do you really believe that the House of Representatives is trying to craft a sensible bill related

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to immigration in an election year? Do you think the American people are that gullible?

No. The Party of Trump has launched an all-out radical assault on legal immigration, and hopes everyone is so scared of the “rapey” Mexicans, the sex-crazed Italians, and the Vietnamese immigrants with Ebola on the one hand and “ziki flies” on the other. Lock down the whole system, they say. Lady Liberty, lower your lamp, cover up your poem, and take a seat because terrorists got in once, which is enough reason to keep everyone out of America—from the computer programmer to the ski instructor, to the refugee fleeing systematic violence.

If you ask me, maybe it is not the hundreds of Justice Department lawyers who have nothing to do with Judge Hanen’s courtroom who need onerous remedial ethics training classes; maybe it is Judge Hanen’s allies here in the House and throughout the Republican Party who could use a mandatory lesson on right and wrong.

CONGRESSIONAL YOUTH SHADOW DAY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. THOMPSON) for 5 minutes.

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to welcome Donald Robinson to Capitol Hill as part of the Congressional Foster Youth Shadow Program.

This program is a part of Foster Care Month across the Nation. This recognition was created more than 25 years ago to bring the issue of foster care to the forefront, highlighting the importance of permanency for every child. Having a brother who joined my family through foster care 46 years ago, foster care is important to me.

As for Donald, he entered foster care in Pennsylvania at the age of 14, experiencing six placements. Despite attending multiple schools, he was able to complete his education and enroll in college after aging out of foster care.

I am proud to say that Donald recently graduated with his master’s degree in exercise science from the University of Texas. He plans to create an international sport performance training and consultancy business, and would eventually like to open a charter school.

Mr. Speaker, I am so happy to see someone with Donald’s background working to give back to our Nation’s children. I look forward to spending time with him today and to learn more about his story.

RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT OF RAYMOND GRAECA

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to salute Raymond Graeca, who will retire next month as CEO of Penn Highlands Healthcare, which includes several hospitals in Pennsylvania’s Fifth Congressional District, including in DuBois, Brookville, Clearfield, and St. Marys.

Raymond is a native of Erie and graduated with a degree in accounting from Gannon University. He is also a veteran and completed a tour of duty with the United States Army before earning a master’s degree in health service administration from Tulane University in New Orleans in 1973.

After graduation, Raymond entered the field of health care and did not look back. He worked at hospitals in Alabama, Louisiana, and Texas before returning to Pennsylvania in 1979 to become president of the Corry Memorial Hospital in Corry, Pennsylvania, also located in Pennsylvania’s Fifth Congressional District.

Ray came to DuBois in 1990 as president of the DuBois Regional Medical Center. He is credited as being part of a group which started the Free Medical Clinic of DuBois in 1998, and has served on a number of statewide boards, including the Hospital Council of Western Pennsylvania, The Hospital & Healthsystem Association of Pennsylvania, and the Pennsylvania chapter of the VHA. In 1998, he was named the Distinguished Citizen of the Year in DuBois.

In 2011, he was instrumental in the creation of Penn Highlands Healthcare, bringing together hospitals across the DuBois region, including the DuBois Regional Medical Center, Clearfield Hospital, Brookville Hospital, and later, the Elk Regional Medical Center. The system covers eight counties, employs more than 3,600 people, including 360 physicians.

Raymond Graeca’s retirement caps a more than 40-year career in healthcare services and hospital administration. I congratulate him on all of his hard work, and wish him the best of luck in retirement.

ENERGY AND WATER

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Oregon (Mr. BLUMENAUER) for 5 minutes.

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, the House is considering this week the appropriations for energy and water. These are important decisions, vital programs that seriously touch all of us across the country, and have important decisions on resource allocation.

There were two elements in the accompanying report that I would like to highlight for a moment. First is that I am pleased that the committee has included language encouraging the Army Corps of Engineers to continue efforts to construct new tribal housing at The Dalles Dam on the Columbia River between Oregon and Washington.

The Columbia River is the cultural artery that ties together the Northwest. It is an engine for agriculture and for industry. But long before we started changing that river into a machine with the construction of dams in the 1930s, the artery was the core of the civilization for thousands of years for Native Americans.

The river looked very different. It was faster-moving and steeper. It produced salmon in such abundance that it was rumored you could walk across their backs as they swam upstream to spawn. And it provided food, trade, and a cultural identity for Native American tribes for years. These tribes—now known as the Nez Perce, Umatilla, Warm Springs, and Yakama Nation—were never fully compensated for the disruption to their native ways of life, despite promises to the contrary.

We have found that the Army Corps of Engineers now understands that it has the authority to begin the process of building another housing village at The Dalles Dam. It is important that we encourage and support this work, and continue to expand it through congressional action. It is the least we can do to keep faith with Native Americans, who have had their lives dramatically disrupted with that construction.

Second, the report also continues an unfortunate rider, which blocks the Army Corps of Engineers from modernizing how it develops water resource projects. This has been an interest of mine since I first started serving on the Water Resources Subcommittee 20 years ago in Congress.

The Corps operates on an antiquated methodology that are known as 1983 principles and guidelines for water infrastructure projects. It directs the Corps to focus on maximizing national economic development benefits when planning projects, not looking comprehensively at the benefits and the problems attained for everybody. It severely limits the Corps’ ability to select projects which minimize environmental impacts, or contribute to the national interest in ways other than a narrowly defined economic development.

I worked for years with the Corps back when General Flowers was in charge, and there was great interest on the part of the Corps to be able to update the ways that they operate to incorporate modern science, engineering, and environmental awareness. Those principles and guidelines were drafted back in the Carter administration.

398 months have elapsed since they were enacted into law. In that period of time, a lot has happened with food, fashion, technology, and science. It is time for the Army Corps of Engineers to be able to base its planning and activities on the best science and the best engineering, for the needs that we have today.

I sincerely hope that we can come together and recognize that it is a need to finally remove that rider. It was frustrating for me, having worked for years, to finally achieve authorization in 2007 for the principles and guidelines to be updated. Yet, the Corps, having done that job, cannot use the updated principles and guidelines because of shortsighted action on the part of Congress.

I strongly urge that my friends and colleagues in Congress take a look at