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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:

Eternal God, we give You thanks for giving us another day. Lead us this day in Your ways, that our Nation might be guided along the roads of peace, justice, and goodwill.

Grant strength and wisdom to our Speaker, leaders, and Members of both the people's House and the Senate, to our President, his Cabinet, and to our Supreme Court.

Bless as well the moral and military leaders of our country, and may those who are the captains of business, industry, and unions learn to work together toward the mutual benefit of all, walking in the ways of righteousness and working for the highest good of our beloved land.

Bless us this day and every day, and may all that is done within the people's House 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 his approval thereof.

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

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to clause 1, rule I, I demand a vote on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The SPEAKER. The question is on the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The question was taken; and the Speaker announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present

and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to clause 8, rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentlewoman from Oregon (Ms. BONAMICI) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. BONAMICI 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.

HONORING THE LIFE OF JOE MURRAY RIVERS

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

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the life of one of Savannah, Georgia's finest, Mr. Joe Murray Rivers, who passed away on April 5, 2017, at the age of 78. Born February 3, 1939, in Savannah, Georgia, Mr. Rivers became a proud public servant in the area he was born and raised.

Mr. Rivers graduated from Beach High School before attending the U.S. Air Force Institute and the University of Maryland, The City College of New York, and Savannah State University.

Mr. Rivers later opened the Olympic Sport Shop in downtown Savannah, and it was during this time that he realized the drastic need for improved

public transportation. Inspired to solve this issue, Mr. Rivers was elected to the Chatham County board of directors in 1985. Throughout his 20-year tenure, he became a warrior of public transport and cosponsored legislation to solve the transportation problem in the county. In appreciation for the work Mr. Rivers has done, Savannah's Intermodal Transit Center now bears his name.

Mr. Rivers' public service extended far beyond elected office and transportation reform. His leadership and compassion towards every member of the community will be sorely missed.

HONORING CLAIRE LOVELL

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

Ms. BONAMICI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Claire Lovell, an accomplished columnist and devoted resident of Seaside, Oregon.

North coast residents are richer for Claire's presence, and I join them in celebrating her life and her legacy. For 27 years, Claire's column chronicled the happenings of Seaside with cogent prose and an observant eye.

First known as "Overheard: Notes from Seaside," and later "Scene and Heard," her column was the first thing readers went to when they eagerly opened their newspapers. Indeed, some readers bought the newspaper just for her column.

Claire was a Seaside resident for almost all of her 96 years, and no one was better qualified to document the city's life. Whether she was sharing her observations on politics, popular culture, growing older, or the birth of her first great-grandchild, Claire enriched each topic with her signature verve and keen love of the written word.

In a recent column, Claire wrote: Whether one is 5-years old or 95, as the case may be, life's small pleasures are very important.

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For decades, one of Seaside's small pleasures was reading her column. It is my honor to recognize Claire Lovell's many contributions to our community and to offer my condolences to her family and the Seaside community on the loss of this remarkable woman.

Her wit, wisdom, and well-chosen words will not be forgotten.

HONORING THE WORK OF THE STATE COLLEGE FOOD BANK

(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 acknowledge the good work of the State College Area Food Bank in Centre County, Pennsylvania. In 1982, the food bank opened in the basement of the St. Andrew's Episcopal Church as a temporary solution to a temporary need. As the need continued, so did the food bank. Today, it has a permanent home in a large facility on South Atherton Street.

The need is great, and the statistics are alarming. Nearly 15 percent of Centre County's population lived in food-insecure homes in 2015—the highest in the Commonwealth. It means that more than 22,000 individuals lack regular access to adequate food. Thankfully, the food bank is filling a void in the community. In 2016, it distributed more than 400,000 pounds of food and fed nearly 1,700 individuals.

I rise today as the chairman of the House Agriculture Subcommittee on Nutrition but also as a proud citizen of Centre County. The food bank hopes that one day no one will go hungry in Centre County. Thankfully, it is working every day to realize that goal.

PRESIDENT TRUMP'S 100 DAYS

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

Ms. DELBENE. Mr. Speaker, President Trump's first 100 days have been chaos and confusion for American families and businesses. One thing is clear: he has consistently ignored the middle class. His budget decimates programs like Meals on Wheels. His tax plan is a huge giveaway to the wealthiest few. And now, he is trying to eliminate protections for people with preexisting conditions.

The Republican's latest bill to repeal the Affordable Care Act would be devastating. And as I have heard from constituents—hundreds of constituents throughout my district—getting sick should never mean going bankrupt, like Christine, from Kirkland, who was born with a congenital heart defect and relies on costly medical care to stay alive. She told me her condition is, "a cruel reality that is nobody's fault. But it is malicious and disgraceful that we might face financial ruin for me to stay alive."

President Trump spent his first 100 days putting families like Christine's in jeopardy. This must change in the next 100 days for Christine and so many others.

CONGRATULATIONS TO USA TEAM AND HARRISON TURONE ON WINNING GOLD AT CULINARY COMPETITION

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

Mr. BACON. Mr. Speaker, I rise this morning to congratulate the USA Team on winning gold at the Bocuse d'Or culinary competition in Lyon, France.

I would also like to recognize one team member, Harrison Turone, a Nebraska high school graduate. Harrison grew up in Omaha. During his high school career, he enrolled in the Omaha Public Schools Career Center culinary program where he received college credits to the Institute for the Culinary Arts at Metropolitan Community College in Omaha.

In addition to his academic pursuit of the culinary arts, Harrison worked at many restaurants in our area and in California. He then moved to New York to train with Chef Mathew Peters for the USA Team selection for the Bocuse d'Or while working at Per Se restaurant.

After winning the team's selection and the honor to represent the United States, Peters and Turone moved to Napa Valley to train for a year for the Bocuse d'Or competition. The Bocuse d'Or is a prestigious culinary competition that is held in Lyon, France, every 2 years. It is named after the well-known French chef Paul Bocuse. He is recognized as the father of the modern French cuisine and has been awarded "Chef of the Century" by the The Culinary Institute of America.

While fighting Nazi Germany during World War II, he was shot in the chest and treated at a U.S. Army hospital. He was given a transfusion of blood that saved his life.

The United States competed against 23 other countries in the Bocuse d'Or and won. This was the 30th anniversary of the competition, and it marked the first time the United States took home the gold.

I send my congratulations to the entire team and a special congratulations to Harrison Turone. You represented your team and our State admirably.

WHERE IS THE PLAN, PRESIDENT TRUMP?

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

Mr. BROWN of Maryland. Mr. Speaker, as we approach President Trump's 100th day in office, I rise to address the vision, the agenda, and the plans the

White House has laid out. Except, Mr. Speaker, there are no plans to speak up.

President Trump promised an agenda that was supposed to make America great again, but no one in America or the administration seems to know what that includes. As the dust settles on the cruise missile strike in Syria and the dropping of bombs in Afghanistan, where is the plan for ISIS, Iraq, Syria, or Afghanistan that Candidate Trump promised?

The President said his \$1 trillion infrastructure plan to create millions of jobs is coming fast, but, again, where is the plan? Instead, President Trump's one-page proposal is a massive \$2 trillion giveaway to corporations and the wealthy and doesn't include a penny for infrastructure. That is a missed opportunity.

I could keep going. Where is the plan on fixing America's water infrastructure? Where is the plan on making trade fair for American workers? Where is the plan to provide affordable childcare that the President promised?

Mr. Speaker, there is a hard truth the President needs to realize: the difficult work of governing on behalf of the American people is more than tweets and photo ops. The President's first 100 days have been all talk and no action.

QUALITY ACCESS AND INCLUSION FOR THOSE WITH DOWN SYNDROME

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

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of my constituent Evan Rothholz, an energetic, tech-savvy kindergarten student who happens to have Down syndrome.

Down syndrome is a condition that results from having an additional full or partial copy of chromosome 21. Since his diagnosis, 6-year-old Evan, along with his parents, Mitchel and Julie, advocate for others with Down syndrome and help educate families facing this unexpected diagnosis.

I am appreciative of the work of the Pennsylvania Down Syndrome Advocacy Coalition, a group of concerned parents, self-advocates, supporters, committed to achieving quality access and inclusion for all individuals with Down syndrome in the State of Pennsylvania.

As a member of the Congressional Task Force on Down Syndrome, I am very proud to support H.R. 1896, the ABLE to Work Act, which provides more flexibility for thousands of individuals with disabilities, allowing them to save and plan for the future.

It is Evan's hope that individuals with Down syndrome, and all of those in the special needs community, will have the same educational and financial opportunities that are afforded to others.