

a badge in their wallet or on their chest, a gun on their hip, and leaves their home, they do so with a commitment to protect this institution, its Members, and, yes, the public who visit their House, their Senate, their Congress. We cannot say enough about our Capitol Police. They are extraordinarily well trained, but, also, they are extraordinarily courageous and committed to serving this institution, its Members, and our country.

We are, of course, thankful for the courage and quick response of those officers who were at the ball field yesterday, and we pray for their full and speedy recovery. And we do the same for the staffer and the former staffer who were also injured in that attack.

Now, Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from California (Mr. MCCARTHY), my friend, with whom I also have worked in a constructive way on so many occasions for the country.

(Mr. MCCARTHY asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. MCCARTHY. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding, and I thank him for his comments.

Yesterday was a long and emotional day for the people in this House. A cowardly act of violence was directed at our friends, our colleagues, and our democracy.

We are currently praying for all those injured and their families—Matt Mika, Zack Barth, Special Agent Crystal Griner, Special Agent David Bailey, and Majority Whip STEVE SCALISE. These individuals are strong and, as you said, they are fighters, and they should know that they have the full love and support of this House.

But, Mr. Speaker, even in the face of this great evil, we saw amazing bravery yesterday. Special Agents Griner and Bailey put their lives on the line. They saved countless others. There is no other way to put it, but they are heroes. Yesterday could have ended with many deaths. They ran out in order to draw the fire away from the Members.

This attacker moved down the third baseline to home base, where the majority of the players had been sitting in the dugout of first base, lying on the ground, and even a 10-year-old son, whom they would hover over on top of. He tried to make his movement there. Crystal had already been wounded.

But as I talked to the agents yesterday in the hospital, they said that they wished they could have even done more, having drawn the fire away and saving so many lives. We will be forever grateful for their courageous actions and those of all of our Capitol Police, who are truly the best in the business. As we end this week, I do want to take the time to thank our men and women in uniform and keep them all in our prayers for their recovery.

Yesterday I spent a large portion of the day at the hospital, yes, seeing the agents and seeing and praying for our majority whip. I have known STEVE SCALISE for more than 20 years. Before

either of us were ever elected to any office, we got involved in politics in Young Republicans. I was the national chairman, and he was the State chair of Louisiana. We developed a friendship, a camaraderie, and a passion for making the country better.

I know what Jennifer and the kids are going through, but our prayers are with them, and he will definitely come back and play in that baseball game.

So, Mr. Speaker, before I move on with the schedule for next week, because of everything that happened yesterday, I missed doing something important as well. I want to wish my friend, Mr. HOYER, a belated happy birthday. I hope my friend enjoyed a nice slice of his favorite desert: pineapple upside-down cake. I do want it noted that, even on his birthday, he took the time to make sure the staff of STEVE SCALISE had something to eat, and they appreciated that greatly. They appreciated his visit.

Mr. Speaker, on Monday, no votes are expected in the House. On Tuesday, the House will meet at noon for morning hour and 2 p.m. for legislative business. Votes will be postponed until 6:30.

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On Wednesday and Thursday, the House will meet at 10 a.m. for morning hour and noon for legislative business.

On Friday, the House will meet at 9 a.m. for legislative business. Last votes of the week are expected no later than 3 p.m.

Mr. Speaker, the House will consider a number of suspensions next week, a complete list of which will be announced by close of business tomorrow.

One suspension worth highlighting is H.R. 2353, the Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act, sponsored by our own Representative GLENN THOMPSON. You may know him, Mr. Speaker.

This bill would expand experience-based learning opportunities and support greater collaboration between schools and employers.

Mr. Speaker, 65 percent of today's grade school kids will work in a job that is yet to be invented. It is vital we provide our students with the skills necessary to succeed in an ever-evolving workplace, and that is exactly what this bill aims to do.

Along those same lines, the House will consider H.R. 2842, the Accelerating Individuals into the Workforce Act, sponsored by Representative CARLOS CURBELO. Under this bill, employers would partner with State and local agencies in an effort to hire TANF recipients and provide them with on-the-job training.

There is no substitute for a good job, and, by passing this bill, the House will take a positive step toward getting more Americans back to work.

Lastly, Mr. Speaker, the House will consider two bills from the Natural Resources Committee. First, H.R. 1873, the Electricity Reliability and Forest Protection Act, sponsored by DOUG

LAMALFA. This bipartisan legislation would streamline the process for removing hazardous trees, helping to lower the risk of forest fires, while ensuring a reliable electrical infrastructure.

And second, H.R. 1654, the Water Supply Permitting Coordination Act, sponsored by Representative TOM MCCLINTOCK. This bill provides the framework for creating a one-stop-shop permitting agency, ensuring the vital water storage projects that are so badly needed are not delayed by red tape.

Mr. HOYER. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for his information.

Mr. Speaker, it is a time for us to be together, to be united as Americans, not as Republicans or Democrats, Liberals or Conservatives, and I thank the majority leader for his leadership in that effort and in remembering Officers Griner and Bailey and Cabrera, and all of their colleagues in the Capitol Police, and with our prayers for STEVE SCALISE and the others who have been injured. I thank the majority leader, and I yield back the balance of my time.

PERMISSION TO OFFER RESOLUTION RAISING A QUESTION OF THE PRIVILEGES OF THE HOUSE

Mr. MCCARTHY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the gentleman from Texas (Mr. DOGGETT) may be recognized on the legislative day of Wednesday, June 21, 2017, to offer the resolution that he noticed on Tuesday, June 13, 2017, without further notice under clause 2(a)(1) of rule IX.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

HOURLY MEETING ON TOMORROW AND ADJOURNMENT FROM FRIDAY, JUNE 16, 2017, TO TUESDAY, JUNE 20, 2017

Mr. MCCARTHY. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 9:30 a.m. tomorrow; and further, when the House adjourns on that day, it adjourn to meet on Tuesday, June 20, 2017, when it shall convene at noon for morning-hour debate and 2 p.m. for legislative business.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from California?

There was no objection.

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY TO STEVE SCALISE

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

Mr. RUSH. Mr. Speaker, it is with a determined spirit that I come to the floor today to wish our friend, my friend, our colleague, STEVE SCALISE, a Happy Father's Day.

Mr. Speaker, we pray for STEVE's full recovery as he fights for his life at a hospital near here in our Nation's Capital. We pray for STEVE's family, for their strength, and for their comfort during this most difficult time.

Today, Mr. Speaker, we all join together in a spirit of family and love, to send our love to STEVE. Jennifer, Harrison, Madison, you are in our prayers.

STEVE, get well soon. Happy Father's Day. In spite of it all, Happy Father's Day.

THANKING THE KELLETT FAMILY FOR THEIR SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY

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

Mr. BACON. Mr. Speaker, in light of yesterday's tragedy, I think it is important to remember those who keep our communities safe, including our military, law enforcement, and first responders. In addition to those groups, I believe educators are also heroes.

Today, I want to highlight a family from my hometown of Papillion, Nebraska, the Kelleetts, whose story represents what it means to be heroes and servants of our Nation.

Bill Kellett recently retired as the director of the Papillion-La Vista South High School band, and was a music educator for 33 years. His students were featured in two Presidential inaugural parades and marched in the 2000 millennium celebration in London.

His wife, Andrea, is also a longtime educator who taught history and directed the Titan guard and legion units.

Three of their sons currently serve as airmen, and a fourth one is also a teacher in our community.

Last December, Captain Kyle Kellett, one of their sons, was recognized with the Lieutenant General William H. Tunner Award as the commander of the most outstanding airlift crew in the United States Air Force. As civil war was raging in Yemen, then-Secretary of Defense Ash Carter ordered all U.S. personnel out of the country, and that is when Captain Kellett and his crew put their lives on the line to protect their fellow Americans.

Their no-fail mission was flown at night, over the war-torn country, in bad weather, and with little time for planning. Captain Kellett and his crew quickly evacuated 70 Americans only hours before militants overran their location. His leadership and crew were nothing short of heroic.

This is a proud all-American family. I want to thank the Kellett family for their service to our country.

NEVADA WON'T BACK DOWN

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

Ms. TITUS. Mr. Speaker, today, Energy and Commerce's Environment

Subcommittee advanced a bill that would ram Yucca Mountain down the throats of Nevadans. Among its many faults, the bill usurps the State's water rights. Now, this is unethical, it is certainly intellectually dishonest, and it is probably unconstitutional.

Republican lawmakers have long touted states' rights as a basic tenet of our democracy. What they must really mean is states' rights apply to their States but not to Nevada.

They also took great pride in opposing the waters of the U.S. regulations, saying it was Federal overreach and outrageous power grab. Well, so much for principle. Now it is a different story.

Taking a state's water rights sets a dangerous precedent. If they can do it to Nevada, they can do it to you. If they can take our water, they can take your water.

In the West, we say that water is worth fighting for. Whiskey is for drinking. Well, we are not giving up this fight.

WELCOMING PENNSYLVANIA FARM BUREAU INTERNS

(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, this week, I had the opportunity to meet with students interning with the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau.

The Pennsylvania Farm Bureau is the Commonwealth's largest farm organization, with a volunteer membership of more than 60,000 members. Since 1950, it has provided legislative support, information, and services to Pennsylvania's farmers and rural families.

The Farm Bureau provides its members with representation, both in Washington and their State Capitol of Harrisburg concerning legislation and rulemaking. Its grassroots structure allows county farm bureaus and their leaders to develop and implement policies which are then determined at an annual meeting.

I am always pleased to meet with our farm leaders of tomorrow. Through this internship, students interested in pursuing a career in the agriculture sector are afforded a firsthand experience to further understand farmland preservation, commodity pricing, property rights, land management, and much more.

Mr. Speaker, agriculture is Pennsylvania's number one industry. As vice chairman of the House Agriculture Committee and chairman of the Nutrition Subcommittee, it gives me great hope for the future to see our youth engaging in policy issues that impact our farmers. I look forward to them pursuing their own careers in the agriculture sector.

GOD BLESS STEVE SCALISE AND ALL THOSE INJURED IN THE SHOOTING OF JUNE 14, 2017

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

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I want to say that my thoughts and prayers are with our colleague, STEVE SCALISE, and the others who were injured as a result of the horrific shooting yesterday morning. This makes us realize how vulnerable we all are and, in serving our country, we risk a lot of things from time to time.

The people who were injured, besides Congressman SCALISE, the brave first responders who probably saved many more lives as a result, what can we say, other than thank you to the first responders all over this country who save us day in and day out.

The other young people, the staffer and lobbyist, everyone who was injured yesterday, my thoughts and prayers are with them as well.

STEVE is a tough guy, and I know he is going to heal quickly, and I know he is going to get better and have a full recovery, so I just wanted to wish him a good Father's Day. Let the small pleasures of life come back to him because he deserves it.

I want him and his family to know that our thoughts are with them during this difficult time. We are all in the same family together, the congressional family. And it matters not what party you belong to, but the fact is we are all there to serve our constituents and help America.

So God bless America, God bless STEVE SCALISE and all the people who were injured. We are not going to stop until they are brought back home and mending and recovered 100 percent.

WELCOMING THE DEVIL BRIGADE BACK HOME

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

Mr. MARSHALL. Mr. Speaker, more than 3,000 soldiers with the Army's 1st Armored Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, are headed home to Fort Riley in my district this month after a 9-month deployment in South Korea.

Also known as the "Devil Brigade," these soldiers have been stationed in South Korea since October of last year. During their deployment, these American soldiers have trained closely with their South Korean partners, deterring North Korean hostility and providing security in the Korean Peninsula. This service is invaluable.

These soldiers and families sacrificed greatly during their deployment. As the Devil Brigade begins to journey back home to Fort Riley, may I be the first to thank them for their service and say "Welcome Home."