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## House of Representatives

The House met at noon and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. COMER).

### DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,  
July 24, 2017.

I hereby appoint the Honorable JAMES COMER 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 3, 2017, 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. All time shall be equally allocated between the parties, and in no event shall debate continue beyond 1:50 p.m. Each Member, other than the majority and minority leaders and the minority whip, shall be limited to 5 minutes.

### HONORING PROFESSOR VED NANDA

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

Mr. COFFMAN. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor today to recognize the long career and accomplishments of a dear friend of mine, Professor Ved Nanda, who will be celebrating his 50th year teaching international law at the University of Denver.

As a professor at the Sturm College of Law, Professor Ved Nanda has been a pioneer in the international law com-

munity since his arrival at the University of Denver in 1965. Professor Nanda created the school's renowned international legal studies program and established the Denver Journal of International Law and Policy in 1972. His work has inspired a countless number of students to become a part of the conversation on human rights and international issues.

In addition to his achievements as an educator, Professor Nanda has contributed significantly to the international law community. He has served as the United States delegate to the World Federation of United Nations Associations where he worked to promote world peace, human rights, and the spread of democracy throughout the world.

The culmination of his work has led to his receipt of countless awards, including the "World Legal Scholar" award in 1990 and the "United Nations Association Human Rights Award" in 1997. I want to congratulate Professor Ved Nanda once more on his long career and many achievements. Professor Nanda's greatest passion was educating his students about the importance of international law and human rights. It is an honor to have a living legend in our community.

### RECOGNIZING LENAPE VALLEY FOUNDATION

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

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, for over a half century, the Lenape Valley Foundation has provided assistance, compassion, and hope to thousands of children, adults, and families within my district. They offer services related to mental health, substance abuse, intellectual disability, and early intervention.

I was pleased to meet with community leaders and volunteers during the

groundbreaking ceremony at The Lodge at Lenape Valley Foundation, a new construction on the campus of Lower Bucks Hospital.

The new facility will provide more outpatient mental health services, including individual group and family therapy, an improved crisis call center, an improved crisis walk-in center, peer support, and Bucks County's only Crisis Residential Program.

I am thankful for the leadership of the Lenape Valley executive team: Alan Hartl, Walter Wolaniuk, Sharon Curran, Philip Braun, JoAnne Davis, Mary Dubyk, Mary Jane Fletcher, Traci Gorman, Angela Jacobsen, Marjorie Morgan, and Mary Ann Venezia, as well as board president, Robert Rogala; vice president, Lisa Bodine; secretary, Helene Cevasco Mathern; treasurer, Mark Strasburg; and all the board of directors.

I am proud to work with an organization which recognizes that everyone can grow and progress toward personal fulfillment, and we are proud to stand by their side.

### HONORING UNITED WAY OF BUCKS COUNTY

Mr. FITZPATRICK. Mr. Speaker, the United Way of Bucks County is dedicated to improving the lives through the caring power of communities. We all have a stake in making our communities healthy and prosperous. The United Way of Bucks County is committed to working together, advancing the common good, and creating a better life for all.

The United Way works in close collaboration with diverse partners in Bucks County. From schools, government agencies, community corporations, neighborhood associations, the faith community, and volunteers, the United Way brings together passion, resources, and expertise to get things done in Bucks County.

Although there are about 1,300 United Way chapters nationally, each chapter shapes its own identity, holding firm

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that everyone deserves a good life through quality education, stable employment, supportive income, and good health.

I am very proud to work with Bucks County's team at the United Way: Marissa Christie, Faith Parkinson, Patricia Winslow Gallagher, Matt Uhler, Danielle Bush, Tim Philpot, Candi Guerrero, Katie Matarazzo, Dan Warvolis, and Pat Miller.

Mr. Speaker, these problem-solvers are making an impact on improving lives and making Bucks County a more prosperous community, and for that, they are deserving of all of our thanks and support.

### RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until 2 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 12 o'clock and 6 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 1400

### AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mrs. MIMI WALTERS of California) at 2 p.m.

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer: Lord, our God, thank You for giving us another day.

As they are returning to the Capitol, please be with the Members of this people's House in all their undertakings today. You know them through and through. You know how they relate with one another and know them as the American people do, as the 115th Congress of the United States.

Lord, help them to know You. As ultimate truth, send Your spirit upon them, that You might find a dwelling place among them, so that all Your people can place trust in them as leaders as well as their representatives.

May all that is done this day be for Your greater honor and glory.

Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. 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.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. WALZ) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. WALZ 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.

### COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,  
Washington, DC, July 20, 2017.

Hon. PAUL D. RYAN,  
*The Speaker, House of Representatives,*  
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, the Clerk received the following message from the Secretary of the Senate on July 20, 2017, at 2:52 p.m.:

Appointments:  
Board of Visitors of the U.S. Air Force Academy.

With best wishes, I am,  
Sincerely,

KAREN L. HAAS.

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Hon. PAUL D. RYAN,  
*The Speaker, House of Representatives,*  
Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. SPEAKER: Pursuant to the permission granted in Clause 2(h) of Rule II of the Rules of the U.S. House of Representatives, I have the honor to transmit a sealed envelope received from the White House on July 20, 2017 at 5:14 p.m., said to contain a message from the President whereby he submits a notice continuing the national emergency with respect to significant transnational criminal organizations.

With best wishes, I am,  
Sincerely,

KAREN L. HAAS,  
*Clerk of the House.*

### CONTINUATION OF THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY WITH RESPECT TO TRANSNATIONAL CRIMINAL ORGANIZATIONS—MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (H. DOC. NO. 115-57)

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following message from the President of the United States; which was read and, together with the accompanying papers, referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed:

*To the Congress of the United States:*

Section 202(d) of the National Emergencies Act (50 U.S.C. 1622(d)) provides for the automatic termination of a national emergency unless, within 90 days prior to the anniversary date of its declaration, the President publishes in the *Federal Register* and transmits to

the Congress a notice stating that the emergency is to continue in effect beyond the anniversary date. In accordance with this provision, I have sent to the *Federal Register* for publication the enclosed notice stating that the national emergency with respect to significant transnational criminal organizations declared in Executive Order 13581 of July 24, 2011, is to continue in effect beyond July 24, 2017. This notice superseded the notice regarding this topic submitted to the *Federal Register* on July 19, 2017.

The activities of significant transnational criminal organizations have reached such scope and gravity that they threaten the stability of international political and economic systems. Such organizations are increasingly sophisticated and dangerous to the United States; they are increasingly entrenched in the operations of foreign governments and the international financial system, thereby weakening democratic institutions, degrading the rule of law, and undermining economic markets. These organizations facilitate and aggravate violent civil conflicts and increasingly facilitate the activities of other dangerous persons.

The activities of significant transnational criminal organizations continue to pose an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security, foreign policy, and economy of the United States. Therefore, I have determined that it is necessary to continue the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13581 with respect to transnational criminal organizations.

DONALD J. TRUMP,  
THE WHITE HOUSE, July 20, 2017.

### RECOGNIZING STEWART ADAIR

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

Mr. HURD. Madam Speaker, I rise to recognize the extraordinary contributions Mr. Stewart Adair has made on my hometown of Helotes, Texas.

Since first becoming the Walmart store manager in 2013, Mr. Adair has dedicated his professional and personal life to helping the people of Helotes. Stewart and his family have become pillars of the community.

As the store manager, Mr. Adair was responsible for leading hundreds of employees, where he quickly grew to become a role model and mentor to many.

In addition to his commitments to his job and his family, Stewart has spent much of his personal time supporting our Nation's troops. Stewart is well known in Helotes for organizing the annual Turkey for Troops program, which he has helped grow into a thriving charity event.

As many in the community of Helotes know, Stewart was recently diagnosed with cancer.

This past Saturday, I was honored to volunteer my time for a man who has