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The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. SIMPSON).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
February 15, 2018.

I hereby appoint the Honorable MICHAEL K. SIMPSON to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

PAUL D. RYAN,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer:

We thank You, O God, for giving us another day. Enlighten the hearts of those who are faithful and tireless in securing equal justice under the law. Fulfill the hopes of those who long for peace and security for their children. Guide and protect all elected officials and all who choose to serve this Nation and their local communities through public service.

May Your will be done in and through the Members of this people's House, those who trust in Your divine guidance and those, as well, who rely upon the gifts You have endowed them with. Even in the midst of conflicting opinions and philosophical differences, may they strive to come to mutually beneficial ends.

Unite Your people and keep them focused on the essentials that reflect Your kingdom. May the fire of divine love and human freedom renew the face of the Earth.

May all that is done today 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.

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

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

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

Mr. BYRNE. 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 pro tempore. 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The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.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 pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Oregon (Mr. SCHRA- DER) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. SCHRADER 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 PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to five requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

RECOGNIZING HALEYVILLE, ALABAMA, AS THE BIRTHPLACE OF THE FIRST EVER 911 CALL

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

Mr. ADERHOLT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize my hometown and my home State of Haleyville, Alabama, as the birthplace of the first ever 911 phone call that was placed 50 years ago tomorrow, February 16, 1968.

This pioneering phone call remains a source of great pride in our city, in our State. The phone call was placed by Alabama's then-Speaker of the House, Rankin Fite; and my predecessor, Congressman Tom Bevill. The call was made on a bright red phone that has been showcased in our city hall for the last several years.

I am proud to report to my colleagues this morning that this red phone, a piece of Haleyville history, will be temporarily showcased as a piece of American history at the Smithsonian. The current mayor of Haleyville, Ken Sunseri, has done an outstanding job in marking this anniversary for our town; and, by the way, his father-in-law, James Whitt, was the mayor at the time the phone call was made.

I want to personally thank the mayor and so many others, including the National Emergency Number Association and all the 911 organizations, for all their efforts to recognize this 50th anniversary of the world's first 911 call.

PASS A DREAM ACT TO PROTECT DACA RECIPIENTS

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

Mr. SCHRADER. Mr. Speaker, I would like to share Miriam's DACA

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story and continue to demand that House Republicans allow a vote on the Dream Act. Miriam was brought to Oregon by her parents when she was a little girl. She is grown and has not allowed her immigration status to deter her from working hard or pursuing her dreams.

When DACA was established in 2012, it opened a path that was unknown to her and has allowed her passion to flourish. Miriam is currently a sophomore in college, and her future is full of hope. She dreams of one day holding public office here at home and hopes to work towards a career in either public schools or as a computer engineer in the healthcare sector. This is a young lady who is working hard, doing the right things to better herself, and who maintains goals that give back to her community and this amazing country that raised her.

The sad reality is this Republican-controlled Congress and administration are holding Miriam's dreams hostage by not allowing a vote on the Dream Act. It is inhumane to continue to entangle the lives of these young folks in partisan games.

Let's do the right thing. Let's get a Dream Act passed so that our country can move forward and protect the 800,000 DACA recipients.

THANKING STENOGRAPHERS DURING NATIONAL COURT REPORTING AND CAPTIONING WEEK

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

Mr. BYRNE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate National Court Reporting and Captioning Week.

As an attorney, from firsthand experience, I can say that court reporters have had and continue to have an enormous impact on our legal system, both in a practical matter but also in an important historical sense. As we attorneys talk away, court reporters tirelessly capture every single word. The importance of this cannot be underestimated. Without their record, there would be no *Brown v. Board of Education*, *Miranda v. Arizona*, or countless other legal decisions of importance to the American people.

Captioners also do wonderful work to help better the lives for millions of Americans who are deaf and hard of hearing by providing captioning realtime.

So, on National Court Reporting and Captioning Week, I want to thank the thousands of Americans who work in this industry for their hard work and dedication.

CONGRESS SHOULD REJECT THE DIRTY BUDGET AND INFRASTRUCTURE SCAM

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

Ms. McCOLLUM. Mr. Speaker, as Americans, we have a responsibility to protect our environment and our public lands for today and for tomorrow, and that is why we, Congress, passed clean air and clean water laws. That is why we protected our public lands and treasured spaces.

President Trump has a different set of priorities. With his dirty budget and his infrastructure scam, President Trump is attacking basic environmental safeguards. The Trump budget cuts environmental protections and makes it impossible for the EPA to keep American families safe and healthy.

The Trump budget stops essential research on climate change, slashes clean energy development, and threatens endangered species. The Trump infrastructure scam repeals basic environmental safeguards and sells off our public lands to Big Oil. Once again, President Trump is putting polluters and their profits first at the expense of America's families being healthy.

Our air, water, and our land should never be partisan issues. Congress must reject this dirty budget and infrastructure scam and work to protect our environment and not destroy it.

RECOGNIZING PENNSBURY SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THEIR FOCUS ON MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES

(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 to recognize the Pennsbury School District in Bucks County, Pennsylvania, for their focus on the mental health of their students and our community at large and their determination to end the drug epidemic. Pennsbury School District recently launched an onsite mental health counseling program for their high school students and their families in partnership with the district's new Addiction and Mental Health Task Force.

The clinical counseling, in partnership with St. Mary Medical Center and Family Service Association of Bucks County, began last month at the Pennsbury High School. The district hopes to continue its partnership and expand the program to students and families in the elementary and middle school communities.

As the co-chair of the Bipartisan Heroin Task Force, we have worked tirelessly, both in Congress and in our communities, to find solutions to this devastating epidemic. We are so encouraged by the steps that these members of our community are taking to address the issues of mental health and addiction.

We encourage every school district in Bucks County to follow the lead of Pennsbury School District in both educating and protecting our children, and we also thank the St. Mary Medical Center and Family Service Association

of Bucks County for partnering with the Pennsbury School District in this critical program.

GUN VIOLENCE

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

Ms. KELLY of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today because, on a day when schoolchildren should be thinking about baseball tryouts, prom, and college selections, again they head to school living the reality that a gun may strike them down at any moment.

Today 17 children will never again return to their school in Florida, casualties in America's 18th shooting in 44 days. Once again parents and counselors will have to bring the comfort and security that this Congress refuses to offer.

This week in Chicago, a decorated police commander, Paul Bauer, was shot and killed, another officer lost in a disturbing trend of police shootings that we have not addressed either.

Mr. Speaker, Melissa Falkowski, a teacher in that school, asked when Congress will do something. A student said, The country needs to look in the mirror. He said, We cannot get used to this. This cannot become the norm.

Do you remember the terror you felt as grown men on that baseball field?

Well, imagine those young people in that school, in our neighborhoods, at a concert, in a park.

Despite your words, your prayers, you have proven over and over you don't care about anyone but yourselves and your contributions. It is sickening, and shame on you.

LOS HERNANDEZ TAMALES HONORED WITH JAMES BEARD FOUNDATION AWARD

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

Mr. NEWHOUSE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Los Hernandez Tamales in Union Gap, Washington, for winning the James Beard Foundation's 2018 America's Classics Award.

Felipe and June Hernandez, as well as their daughter and son-in-law, Rachel and Dion Wilburn, have operated the tamale eatery in the Yakima Valley for the last three decades. Felipe came to America from Mexico to work in agriculture and opened Los Hernandez Tamales in 1990. This family-owned establishment is well known for its pork, chicken, and seasonal asparagus tamales and, until now, remained a relatively secret spot among us locals.

The James Beard Foundation America's Classics Award honors locally owned restaurants that are cherished for quality food that reflects the character of their community, and Los Hernandez Tamales is the first restaurant in central Washington to be recognized by the foundation.