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Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, April 30, 2018, at 2:30 p.m.

House of Representatives

FRIDAY, APRIL 27, 2018

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

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
April 27, 2018.

I hereby appoint the Honorable MIKE JOHNSON 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: God of the universe, we give You thanks for giving us another day.

As the Members of this people's House deliberate these days, give them the wisdom and magnanimity to lay aside what might divide us as a people to forge a secure future for our country.

We pray for all people who have special needs. May Your presence be known to those who are sick, that they might feel the power of Your healing spirit.

Inspire the men and women who serve in this House to be their best selves, that they may in turn be an inspiration to the Nation and to the world.

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.

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 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. 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 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The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.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 Utah (Mr. CURTIS) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. CURTIS 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.

NATIONAL PARK WEEK

(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 during National Park Week to celebrate America's treasures, our national parks.

For 1 week each April, the National Park Service joins with the National Park Foundation, the official charity of America's national parks, to celebrate National Park Week. This is a time to explore amazing places, discover stories of history and culture, and take in all the beautiful public lands our Nation has to offer.

National Park Week began last Saturday, April 21, and runs through Sunday, April 29. The theme for National Park Week in 2018 is "Park Stars," celebrating everything from starry skies to superstar volunteers, park features, and resources.

Parks, programs, and partners nationwide invite people everywhere to explore stories, experiences, and sites that brighten the national park system and public lands. Parks across the

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country have hosted a variety of events throughout the week. Today is Military and Veteran Recognition Day. The National Park Service employs more than 5,800 Active-Duty veterans in a wide array of careers.

Mr. Speaker, our national parks are truly remarkable, and I encourage everyone to experience their breathtaking beauty.

Happy National Park Week.

NATIONAL DAY OF SILENCE

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

Mr. PANETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the National Day of Silence, a day of silence to bring attention to the discrimination and harassment faced by our LGBT youth across our country.

Eight out of ten LGBT students are harassed because of their sexual orientation or gender identity by the time they graduate from high school, students like Annie Hsu, at Santa Cruz High School in my district on the central coast of California, who has said that “we must be unafraid to stand up against marginalization.”

This month, those of us on the LGBT Equality Caucus took that stand by introducing the Student Non-Discrimination Act. This bill would prohibit discrimination in public schools based on actual or perceived gender, sexual orientation, or gender identity, and it would protect students from the intimidation and violence they may receive.

By standing up and speaking out, Annie and other LGBT students give us motivation to push forward and pass laws that will protect every student in every school across every community so that they are not afraid to be themselves.

OPIOID USE DURING PREGNANCY

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

Mr. CURTIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce the POPPY Study Act, which will improve research and awareness of opioid use disorder during pregnancy.

The opioid epidemic is a national crisis and has hit particularly hard in Utah. Unfortunately, Utah’s drug overdose rate is ranked among the highest in the Nation. Six Utahns die every week from an opioid overdose. Sadly, Utah also has the highest rate of opioid prescriptions for pregnant mothers in the country, double the national average.

Women have been disproportionately affected by the opioid epidemic, and little is understood about the effect this has had on pregnant women. That is why I have introduced the POPPY Study Act, to improve our understanding of prescription opioid use dur-

ing pregnancy, the effects that it can have on a mother and child, and how we can best help those who are pregnant and suffering from opioid use disorder.

It is my hope that the POPPY Study Act will improve the care and well-being of our expecting mothers and their children.

HONORING THE LIFE OF VEL PHILLIPS

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

Ms. MOORE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the life of a phenomenal woman, Vel Phillips, who hails from my hometown, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Vel Phillips passed away this month at the age of 95, but not before she led a phenomenal life. She was the first of so many things: the first African American and the first woman to become an alderman in the city of Milwaukee; the first African American to graduate from the University of Wisconsin-Madison; the first African American judge in Milwaukee County; the first and only African American to win election statewide.

Members may have heard of Father James Groppi, who led 200 days of marches for open housing. That was in support of Vel Phillips’ open housing ordinance in the city of Milwaukee on the Common Council, where it was defeated, repeatedly, 18-1. That led to the signature of open housing legislation nationwide.

She was the first Black person to serve on either the DNC or RNC.

I hope the House will join me in honoring the great life of Vel Phillips.

SMALL BUSINESS WEEK

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

Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana. Mr. Speaker, this Sunday marks the beginning of Small Business Week, where, as a nation, we come together to show support for the many risk takers, entrepreneurs, and mom-and-pop shops that make America great.

More than 99 percent of all businesses in the United States are classified as small businesses, and they are responsible for two out of every three jobs that are created in this country. That is why we often refer to small businesses as the backbone of the U.S. economy.

Thankfully, the passage of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act has given a boost to these operations, which is directly translating into more jobs, better pay, and new investments and expansion across America.

I have traveled all across the 15 parishes of my district, Mr. Speaker, over the last few months, and no matter

where I go, our constituents tell us how the historic reform has helped them and all of our local mom-and-pop shops. Hardworking Americans everywhere, from all walks of life, are reaping the benefits of our reforms, and the best is yet to come.

So, for Small Business Week, which is next week, I want to thank all those who truly are the backbone of our economy. Keep up the good work, and we will continue to fight for you in Washington.

FAA REAUTHORIZATION ACT OF 2018

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on H.R. 4.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania). Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Pennsylvania?

There was no objection.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 839 and rule XVIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the further consideration of the bill, H.R. 4.

Will the gentleman from Louisiana (Mr. JOHNSON) kindly take the chair.

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IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Accordingly, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union for the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 4) to reauthorize programs of the Federal Aviation Administration, and for other purposes, with Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana (Acting Chair) in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The Acting CHAIR. When the Committee of the Whole rose on Thursday, April 26, 2018, amendment No. 87 printed in House Report 115-650, offered by the gentleman from Massachusetts (Mr. LYNCH), had been disposed of.

AMENDMENTS EN BLOC NO. 4 OFFERED BY MR.

SHUSTER OF PENNSYLVANIA

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Chairman, pursuant to House Resolution 839, I offer amendments en bloc.

The Acting CHAIR. The Clerk will designate the amendments en bloc.

Amendments en bloc No. 4 consisting of amendment Nos. 102, 103, 105, 106, 109, 111, 113, and 116 printed in part A of House Report 115-650, offered by Mr. SHUSTER of Pennsylvania:

AMENDMENT NO. 102 OFFERED BY MR. THOMPSON OF CALIFORNIA

Page 270, line 21, strike “and” at the end.
Page 271, line 2, strike the quotation marks and both periods and insert a semicolon.

Page 271, after line 2, insert the following:
“(13) removing standing burned trees; and
“(14) replacing water systems that have been burned and have caused contamination.”.

AMENDMENT NO. 103 OFFERED BY MR. KEATING OF MASSACHUSETTS

Page 273, line 12, strike “; and” and insert a semicolon.