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

DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
May 21, 2018.

I hereby appoint the Honorable DAN NEWHOUSE 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 8, 2018, 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.

REMEMBERING OUR VETERANS WHO HAVE MADE THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE

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

Mr. MARSHALL. Mr. Speaker, good afternoon and welcome back to Washington, D.C. I am sure, like me, you spent some time back in your district this weekend.

Every year, on Memorial Day, this country pauses to honor and remember those soldiers who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our freedoms and liberties.

If I could, I would like to share a story from my own district, from my own State of Kansas, which I got to participate in this past weekend.

For over 30 years now, Vietnam veterans have participated in the "Run for the Wall." I am sure this is something that many of us are all familiar with. Starting in California, some 1,500 Vietnam veterans hop on their motorcycles and they take three different routes across the country, with the goal to end up in Washington, D.C. at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial over Memorial Day weekend.

Every year, one of their stops is in Goodland, Kansas, which is in the northwest corner of my State. I was allowed to participate in the hospitality extended by those folks in Goodland. If you could, imagine a small city of 4,000 to 5,000 people and having 600 motorcycles show up on a Saturday afternoon. They had been driving all the way from Albuquerque, New Mexico, through 30-mile-an-hour winds and rain, so they were starving by the time they got to Goodland, Kansas. And when they get there, we have a welcome reception for them with a complete dinner: a hot meal, fresh fruits, vegetables, the whole works.

With one simple Facebook message, over 600 homemade deserts were brought from across Goodland to feed and recognize those Vietnam veterans.

Then Sunday morning, the veterans wake up, after having been provided housing at Northwest Technical College for free, they wake up to a hot pancake and sausage breakfast, provided by the local Rotary Club.

Then those veterans hop on their motorcycles, and they drive on the interstate across Kansas. At every interstate where there is an overpass, there are Kansas citizens waving at them and giving them the heroes welcome that they never got some, I guess, 40 years ago.

They end up at Fort Riley, "Home of the Big Red One," and there, Fort

Riley makes a super welcome for those soldiers, and again, gives them a hero's welcome. These soldiers are going to show up here on Friday and they are going to get together at the Pentagon. At that point, over 500,000 motorcycles will be going across the mall of the United States Capital and on to Arlington Cemetery.

I hope and pray that our news media will share that story of all those soldiers who are now trying to close the chapter, trying to honor those who went before them, to honor their fellow soldiers who never made it back from that war.

I just ask that the House and this country pause to remember our Vietnam veterans, and all of our veterans going back to the Civil War, all those soldiers that have made the ultimate sacrifice.

SUPPORTING THE HONOR FLIGHT IN EPHRATA

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. MARSHALL). The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Washington (Mr. NEWHOUSE) for 5 minutes.

Mr. NEWHOUSE. Mr. Speaker, on May 19, we recognized Armed Forces Day. This is a day set aside to honor the brave men and women serving in the U.S. military across the country.

In central Washington, this day was celebrated by the Ephrata community at an event put on by the American Legion. The annual Nacho/Taco Feed and Dessert was first started by 9-year-old Justin Pederson, who wanted to help veterans in the area take the Honor Flight to Washington, D.C.

I have had the distinct honor to welcome Honor Flight veterans from central Washington, and it was an opportunity that I will never forget. The Honor Flight enables veterans from World War II, the Korean war, and the Vietnam war, to visit the memorials that have been erected for their service.

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I want to thank Justin and the American Legion in Ephrata for their work to support the Honor Flight. Spending the afternoon learning about the once in a lifetime experiences from local veterans is an excellent way to recognize military members. I look forward to greeting more veterans from Washington in the future.

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 (Ms. FOXX) at 2 p.m.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer: Eternal God, we give You thanks for giving us another day.

We pause now in Your presence and acknowledge our dependence on You.

We ask Your blessing upon the men and women of this, the people's House. Keep them aware of Your presence as they face the tasks of this day, that no burden be too heavy, no duty too difficult, and no work too wearisome.

Help them, and indeed help us all, to obey Your law, to do Your will, and to walk in Your way. Grant that they might be good in thought, gracious in word, generous in deed, and great in spirit.

Make this a glorious day in which all are glad to be alive, eager to work, and ready to serve You, our great Nation, and all our fellow brothers and sisters.

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 her approval thereof.

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The SPEAKER pro tempore 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 commu-

nication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, May 21, 2018.

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 May 21, 2018, at 10:22 a.m.:

That the Senate passed S. 346.

That the Senate agreed to S.J. Res. 60.

With best wishes, I am,

Sincerely,

KAREN L. HAAS.

REAPPOINTMENT OF INDIVIDUAL TO COMMISSION ON INTERNATIONAL RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces the Speaker's reappointment, pursuant to section 201(b) of the International Religious Freedom Act of 1998 (22 U.S.C. 6431) and the order of the House of January 3, 2017, of the following individual on the part of the House to the Commission on International Religious Freedom for a term ending May 14, 2020:

Ms. Kristina Arriaga, Alexandria, Virginia

APPOINTMENT OF INDIVIDUALS TO ALYCE SPOTTED BEAR AND WALTER SOBOLEFF COMMISSION ON NATIVE CHILDREN

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces the Speaker's appointment, pursuant to section 3 of the Alyce Spotted Bear and Walter Soboleff Commission on Native Children Act (Pub. L. 114-244), and the order of the House of January 3, 2017, of the following individuals on the part of the House to the Alyce Spotted Bear and Walter Soboleff Commission on Native Children:

Ms. Gloria O'Neill, Anchorage, Alaska

Ms. Lisa Johnson Billy, Lindsay, Oklahoma

Ms. Elizabeth Morris, Hillsboro, North Dakota

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO UNITED STATES SEMIQUINCENTENNIAL COMMISSION

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces the Speaker's appointment, pursuant to section 4 of the United States Semiquincentennial Commission Act of 2016 (Pub. L. 114-196), and the order of the House of January 3, 2017, of the following Member on the part of the House to the United States Semiquincentennial Commission to fill the existing vacancy thereon:

Mr. HOLDING, North Carolina

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER TO UNITED STATES CAPITOL PRESERVATION COMMISSION

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces the Speaker's appointment, pursuant to 2 U.S.C. 2081, and the order of the House of January 3, 2017, of the following Member on the part of the House to the United States Capitol Preservation Commission:

Mr. HOLDING, North Carolina

SUPPORTING THE PROTECT LIFE RULE

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

Ms. FOXX. Mr. Speaker, I rise to applaud President Trump for issuing the Protect Life Rule, delivering on his promise to ensure that the government is not involved in the abortion business—either directly or indirectly.

When Title X was created in 1970, Congress intended for these funds to go toward family planning programs, explicitly barring abortion providers from receiving funds by stating: "None of the funds appropriated under this title shall be used in programs where abortion is a method of family planning."

Since then, the will of Congress and those we represent has been undermined as Title X funds have routinely contributed to employee salaries, facility costs, and medical supplies for abortion providers.

The Protect Life Rule is a victory for the majority of Americans who are fundamentally opposed to taxpayer-funded abortion without decreasing funding for other Title X beneficiaries, and I stand by our pro-life President's decision.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio). Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until approximately 3 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 2 o'clock and 7 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 1500

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. MITCHELL) at 3 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or on which the vote incurs objection under clause 6 of rule XX.

The House will resume proceedings on postponed questions at a later time.