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Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, June 25, 2018, at 3 p.m.

House of Representatives

FRIDAY, JUNE 22, 2018

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

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
June 22, 2018.

I hereby appoint the Honorable DON BACON 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 grace and goodness, thank You for giving us another day.

These are days fraught with important and contentious issues that go to our core as a nation. It is difficult to resolve the different priorities and positions regarding immigration and our borders.

Help all Members to be their best selves so that we, as a nation, can be our best self. Endow them with the wisdom of Solomon, the patience of Job, and compassion to be a shining example of a people intent on making the world a better place, especially for those whose burdens in life seem insurmountable.

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The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.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

Mr. MAST 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.

CELEBRATING RELIGIOUS FREEDOM 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, today marks the beginning of Religious Freedom Week.

Freedom of religion is a fundamental human right and protected by our Constitution. The First Amendment's protection of freedom of religion, along with the freedom of speech and the press, afford us the opportunity to have open and thoughtful debates on the floor of the House every day, and it protects the space in which members of all religions can peacefully join together and solve the world's most pressing issues.

For thousands of years, people have sought the freedom to practice their religion without the fear of persecution. Since our founding, we have continued to recognize freedom for all.

Our great Nation and its foundation of freedom and liberty for all were conceived by individuals in search of religious freedom.

Mr. Speaker, the United States of America will always be a beacon of light in the world, and we will always

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protect our fundamental unified commitment of religious freedom. It is a central part of what makes us exceptional and affords our citizens the right to live in a free society.

ISSUES OF IMMIGRATION

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

Ms. TSONGAS. Mr. Speaker, I want to enter into the RECORD two haunting stories from migrant mothers reported this month.

The first, "Don't take my child away," said a mother, and her child started screaming and vomiting and crying hysterically. And she asked the officers, "Can I at least have 5 minutes to console her?" They declined.

And next, another mother set her 2-year-old daughter down and an agent began to run gloved hands across her body. Immediately, the girl began to scream. It all happened so quickly, and the girl's despair was so complete in those few seconds. She would be taken from her mother when the van reached its destination.

There are more than 2,300 similarly heartbreaking and unimaginable stories.

The Trump administration cannot undo the trauma and terror they have caused, but they must immediately outline their plan to reunite these loved ones.

KNOB NOSTER HIGH SCHOOL LADY PANTHERS ARE STATE CHAMPIONS

(Mrs. HARTZLER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. HARTZLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Knob Noster High School Lady Panthers track team on winning the 2018 Class 2 Missouri State Track Championship.

The Lady Panthers' win marks the first women's team State championship in their school's history. The Lady Panthers took home the title with 50 team points after rain delayed the final track events for nearly 2 hours.

In addition to winning the State championship, the Lady Panthers' Jessica Sader recorded the second furthest javelin throw in Missouri history to claim the Class 2 title. Sader won her third straight title, throwing 143 feet, breaking her own Class 2 State record of 134.6 feet.

The team's outstanding accomplishments mark a great milestone for the girls track team and its coaches and creates a legacy that will be cherished and heralded for years to come.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating the Knob Noster High School Lady Panthers on this momentous achievement.

PRESIDENT TRUMP'S IMMIGRATION POLICY

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

Ms. ADAMS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the thousands of families being ripped apart by President Trump. Like the majority of Americans, I vehemently oppose Trump's cruel and immoral zero-tolerance policy.

In less than 2 months, nearly 2,000 children have been snatched from their parents. Why? Because this administration is willing to use toddlers as bargaining chips for a wall.

This Trump-created nightmare is absolutely unacceptable. This executive order does nothing to stop immigrant families from being detained. What a shame.

Congress has the responsibility to act and create a bipartisan solution. The Ryan immigration bill is not that. It codifies hatred, putting families at greater risk.

I urge my colleagues to abandon this hyperpartisanship and find a way to keep all families together and to reunite these children with their parents.

TAX CUTS PROMOTE JOBS

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

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, last week the National Federation of Independent Business released their May Small Business Optimism Index, which is the highest Small Business Optimism rating in history.

The NFIB reports that expansion plans for small businesses have hit an all-time high. The positive sales trends for independent businesses are at their highest level since 1995.

These statistics show that the Republican tax cuts and President Donald Trump's economic deregulation have promoted jobs.

Thanks to the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, the National Association of Manufacturers, led by President Jay Timmons, reports 77 percent of manufacturers plan to increase hiring, and 72 percent plan to increase wages or benefits.

Current unemployment is 3.8 percent, the lowest level in almost 50 years. In addition, African American unemployment is the lowest ever recorded.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September the 11th in the global war on terrorism.

Our sympathy to the family and talented associates of Charles Krauthammer, a megastar for truth on FOX News.

RECOGNIZING THE CAREER OF DOM BETRO

(Mr. TAKANO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TAKANO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the career of Dom Betro, a resident of my district, who is retiring this month as the president and CEO of the Family Service Association of Western Riverside County.

Over the last 33 years, Dom has overseen phenomenal growth in the impact of this agency, which today helps more than 75,000 people a year. Under Dom's leadership, the FSA developed more than 90 units of senior housing and provided counseling and childcare service to countless individuals.

Dom's record of public service includes volunteer work for organizations such as the Nonprofit Policy Counsel of California. He is a lecturer at California State University San Marcos and served for 4 years on the City of Riverside City Council.

The legacy of Dom's dedication to the Inland Empire will continue long after his retirement. He has made our community a better place to live. On behalf of my constituents, I want to thank him for his service.

HOW MUCH POLLUTION IS TOO MUCH?

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

Mr. MAST. Mr. Speaker, today is day 22 of water exactly like this being discharged into my community in Lake Okeechobee. You can see exactly how disgusting it is.

What you cannot see is the disgusting smell that emanates from it. You cannot see the toxins that are inside of it. You cannot see the airborne pathogens that come off of it.

What you see behind me is a satellite image of the hundreds of square miles of algae bloom that are in this lake that are being discharged miles and miles away into my community.

My community did not put the algae bloom on the lake; they did not put the nutrients into the lake that caused this algae bloom; but my community pays the price, all under the umbrella of flood control for other communities.

I believe my community is owed, at a minimum, one answer: How much pollution is too much? How much danger to our community is too much? How much before this will stop?

CELEBRATING GROWN FLOWER MONTH

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

Mr. CARBAJAL. Mr. Speaker, this July, our Nation will come together to celebrate American Grown Flower Month and the contributions of the cut flower industry to our country.

The cut-flower industry generates thousands of jobs across our State and produces \$1.13 billion in economic activity each year through flower farmers, distributors, and florists.