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Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Monday, July 16, 2018, at 3 p.m.

House of Representatives

FRIDAY, JULY 13, 2018

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

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
July 13, 2018.

I hereby appoint the Honorable PAUL MITCHELL to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

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

PRAYER

Dr. Steven W. Schenewerk, Community Baptist Church, Winston, Oregon, offered the following prayer:

O magnificent God, the people who will gather here today represent a diverse population. They will consider many challenges and concerns as they represent those who sent them here. The times in which we live are filled with demanding difficulties.

Lord, I ask that those who deliberate and discuss these challenges may have courage to seek truth wherever it may be found; may You provide a willingness to hear and listen to one another's point of view; may they receive a wisdom to apply truth as they make difficult choices.

Lord, I ask that as decisions are made, You provide peace, Your presence, and Your power so that individuals and families may flourish, com-

munities may be healthy, and that the light of liberty continues to shine in our world.

In the name of God, the Father, Christ the Son, and the holy spirit.
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. NEWHOUSE. 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. NEWHOUSE. 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The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.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 gentlewoman from California (Ms. BARRAGÁN) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. BARRAGÁN 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.

WELCOMING DR. STEVEN W. SCHENEWERK

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the gentleman from Oregon (Mr. WALDEN) is recognized for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

Mr. WALDEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today for the distinct honor and pleasure of welcoming Pastor Steve William Schenewerk as the guest chaplain in the United States House of Representatives this morning.

Pastor Schenewerk serves the congregation of Community Baptist Church in Winston, Oregon. He was raised in the Midwest but followed the call of God to the Pacific Northwest to become a pastor. His path led him to Community Baptist Church, where he has humbly offered spiritual guidance and encouragement to the community for over 25 years.

Pastor Schenewerk's devotion to his community does not stop there, though. He serves on the board of the Winston Area Community Partnership and is involved in several organizations that help the needy in Douglas County.

Ever committed to serving those who have served others, Pastor Schenewerk has most recently become the chaplain to the local police force in Winston.

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Of all the joys in his life, nothing compares to that for his wife, Cindy; his daughter, Megan; and son, Josh.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Pastor Schenewerk for his words this morning. They are most inspirational.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

NATIONAL ICE CREAM DAY

(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, Sunday is National Ice Cream Day. In 1984, President Ronald Reagan issued a proclamation designating the third Sunday in July as National Ice Cream Day in the United States.

The sweet treat holds a special place in the hearts and refrigerators of many Americans. In fact, almost 90 percent of Americans have ice cream in their refrigerator as I speak.

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania produces 10.8 billion pounds of milk annually, and 10 percent of our Nation's milk supply goes to the production of ice cream.

In the Fifth District, the Penn State Berkey Creamery has been researching dairy and producing ice cream for more than 150 years. They were the first collegiate institution in the United States to offer lessons on making ice cream; and in 1978, two men by the name of Ben Cohen and Jerry Greenfield took one of their courses and later went on to launch their company, Ben & Jerry's.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate Penn State for being an industry leader, and in honor of National Ice Cream Day, I hope all Americans will celebrate with a scoop on Sunday.

HONORING LONG BEACH FIRE DEPARTMENT CAPTAIN DAVID ROSA

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

Ms. BARRAGÁN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Long Beach Fire Department Captain David Rosa, who was killed July 2 after suffering a gunshot wound while responding to a fire at a senior living facility.

Captain Rosa was a 17-year veteran of the Long Beach Fire Department assigned to station 10 in the heart of the city of Long Beach, California. During his tenure, David faithfully served the city of Long Beach and its surrounding communities, working as a paramedic and trainer.

Last week, I attended his memorial service and saw an outpouring of love. He was a beloved member of our community and admired by his family and his firefighter family.

I extend my deepest sympathy and condolences to the Long Beach Fire Department, station 10, and Captain Rosa's friends and family, especially his wife and two sons.

RECOGNIZING NATHANIEL PRYOR REED

(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, I rise to recognize the passing and the important contributions of a great Floridian for his unrelenting determination to protect the Florida Everglades. Nathaniel Pryor Reed was a man whom I was proud to know, and he was one of Florida's most influential environmental leaders.

He served six Florida Governors and two United States Presidents, advising them on environmental protection and conservation. He worked instrumentally in the legislation of the Endangered Species Act and the Clean Water Act. He was an avid fisherman and a conservationist. He served on more nonprofit boards than I can count, and he was a founding member of the Everglades Foundation, serving on the board of directors since its inception 25 years ago.

He championed the bipartisan saying: "The Everglades doesn't care what party you belong to, she cares what you do."

Nathaniel ended every phone call by sending his sincerest best wishes, and he always truly meant it. Today we send him our sincerest and remember his unwavering commitment to America's Everglades and his service to our Nation.

LASER INTERFEROMETER GRAVITATIONAL OBSERVATORY NAMED HISTORIC SITE BY AMERICAN PHYSICAL SOCIETY

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

Mr. NEWHOUSE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Laser Interferometer Gravitational Observatory, or what is known as LIGO, for its achievements in the field of gravitational discovery.

The American Physical Society recently named LIGO, which is located in my district in Richland, Washington, as a historic site for its groundbreaking detection of gravitational waves. These waves passed through the Earth on September 14, 2015, nearly 100 years after Albert Einstein predicted their existence. This discovery has opened up new opportunities for learning about the universe.

I am amazed by the work being done in central Washington. In addition to

this recognition, three LIGO scientists, Rainer Weiss, Barry Barish, and Kip Thorne, also received the 2017 Nobel Prize for Physics.

A plaque that will be placed at the site reads: "The precision required to detect these tiny disturbances in space-time, caused by emerging black holes, was made possible by the coordinated labor of over 1,000 scientific and technical workers."

I want to thank the American Physical Society and the Nobel Committee for recognizing the hard work and dedication of these men and women, and I urge my colleagues to join me in congratulating LIGO's scientists and employees.

GOVERNMENT OVERREACH

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

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, the Endangered Species Act was passed 45 years ago. We have seen a recovery of approximately 2 to 3 percent of species since then, but when the baseball All-Star Game is in town, nobody is an all-star at 3 percent.

In my home State of California, an increasing trillions of gallons of fresh drinking water flow unused into the ocean, still fish species don't recover with all this new water introduced in the last 30 years. People's needs are decimated as people need to ask for a glass of water in a restaurant or soon decide if they will shower or wash clothes on a given day in their homes. Electricity is much more expensive than need be.

Home prices are so high in California, people cannot even live where they work, in many cases sometimes commuting 3 hours to where they work. No new lands, they say, are suitable other than building on ag land or on floodplains. This, while the State attempts to commit tax dollars to what they deem affordable housing.

The ESA back then that was passed with bipartisan support in 1973 was well-intentioned, we all agree, on preserving species. Liberal courts, non-governmental organizations, and complicit Federal agencies have weaponized it to stop productive Americans, harm jobs, and increase imports.

The Congressional Western Caucus has a package of modest reforms to reset back to bipartisan goals of the Endangered Species Act, but we will hear how it is gutting the ESA when it is, instead, a series of course corrections applied to a 45-year-old law that has been reinterpreted and weaponized—accountability, transparency in data use, how it is gathered, how success is measured, instead of just being a roadblock for no-growthers, lawyers, and environmental groups.

Mr. Speaker, I commend the Congressional Western Caucus Chairman GOSAR and Mr. BISHOP for their work in