

WELCOMING RABBI ARNOLD E. RESNICOFF

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the gentleman from Virginia (Mr. BEYER) is recognized for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

Mr. BEYER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Rabbi Arnold E. Resnicoff who led us in the opening prayer today.

Rabbi Resnicoff is an American conservative rabbi who served as a military officer and military chaplain. He served in Vietnam and in Europe before attending rabbinical school, and then went on to serve as a U.S. Navy chaplain for almost 5 years. He promoted the creation of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, and delivered the closing prayer in its 1982 dedication.

In 1984, President Ronald Reagan spoke on his eyewitness account of the 1983 Beirut barracks bombing.

After retiring from the military, the rabbi served as the National Director of Interreligious Affairs for the American Jewish Community and then special assistant to the Secretary and Chief of Staff of the U.S. Air Force, serving at the equivalent military range of brigadier general.

Across his career, he received several awards including: the Defense Superior Service Medal, the Department of the Air Force Decoration for Exceptional Civilian Service, and the Chapel of Four Chaplains Hall of Heroes Gold Medallion.

He has always been a spiritual inspiration, and now inspires me to Google how far the golf balls were hit on the Moon.

Madam Speaker, I am honored to welcome Rabbi Resnicoff to the House of Representatives today, and personally thank him for his leadership and for offering the opening prayer.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. KUSTER of New Hampshire). The Chair will entertain up to 15 further requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

PASS AN AGENDA THAT IS FOR THE PEOPLE

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

Mr. KILDEE. Madam Speaker, last night, the President came to the floor here and highlighted important issues like the need to fix our aging infrastructure and lower the cost of prescription drugs.

These are issues that I know I and many of my colleagues are ready to work with the President on. However, the President does have some history of saying things and then not necessarily following through.

In fact, last State of the Union, the President promised a \$1.5 trillion infra-

structure plan, but the next month, released an inadequate proposal that put nearly all the burden on States and local governments to fund those necessary repairs.

In October of 2016, then-candidate Trump promised in Michigan that not one plant would close on his watch. But this year we saw General Motors slash 14,000 jobs in North America, including in my district. And while the President has promised to protect public health, we have seen his own administration refuse to act on important drinking water and health protections.

Throughout his calls to fix the broken immigration system, he continues to govern by tweet, chant, and manufactured crises. The President has to rise for the occasion. We have an agenda that is for the people, and I look forward to working with my colleagues across the aisle to enact it.

BORN ALIVE ABORTION SURVIVORS PROTECTION

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

Mrs. WAGNER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to speak on behalf of babies who survive abortions and are born alive.

The Constitution clearly states that all persons born in this country are entitled to life, liberty, and equal protection under the law.

Our Founding Fathers did not put age limits on who is entitled to life, but over the past month, I have been astounded and horrified to watch radical legislators upend the Constitution and argue that babies who survive abortions should not be given the same level of medical care that all other newborn babies receive.

New York legislators repealed a law mandating medical care for any baby born alive during an abortion. A law proposed in Virginia would allow abortions up to the very moment of full delivery.

Congress must act to protect those who cannot protect themselves. This week, I introduced the Born Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act, H.R. 962, which merely ensures that babies who survive abortions receive immediate lifesaving care, which is very simple. We choose life or we choose death.

FREE PETER BIAR AJAK FROM SOUTH SUDAN

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

Ms. DEAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to speak about Peter Biar Ajak, a husband, father, and renowned peace activist unlawfully detained in South Sudan.

In July of 2018, Peter was arrested by South Sudan security forces. He has

been held without charge or trial ever since, and has frequently been denied access to his family, counsel, medical care, and adequate food.

Peter was one of Sudan's Lost Boys who resettled to Philadelphia and attended La Salle University where I taught for 10 years. I knew Peter as a brilliant student and leader. He later went on to Harvard and Cambridge.

He is a dedicated peace activist, who cofounded South Sudan Young Leaders Forum. In his work, he has criticized South Sudan's leaders for failing to secure permanent peace for their people.

Incredibly, Peter is now under investigation for crimes, including treason and terrorism. If charged and convicted, Peter could be sentenced to death. In reality, he is being persecuted for speech. I call on President Kiir to release Peter and all political prisoners in South Sudan.

RECOGNIZING OMAHA PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOUNDATION AND DIRECTOR TOBA COHEN-DUNNING

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

Mr. BACON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Omaha Public Schools Foundation and its director, Toba Cohen-Dunning for their commitment to the children attending Omaha Public Schools.

The Foundation was established in 1984 with \$1,555, gifted by teachers and staff. It is now a multimillion-dollar foundation serving the students and teachers in Nebraska's largest school district.

Last November, the Foundation was recognized with the Investor in America Award by the Partners for Livable Communities which acknowledges groups and individuals who use creative public and private partnerships to create more opportunities for livable communities.

As director of the Foundation, Toba directs a unique model of social entrepreneurship that invests the revenues from early childhood education and childhood programs to scholarships for high school seniors, teacher innovation and classroom grants, and community partnership projects.

Madam Speaker, I offer my congratulations to Ms. Cohen-Dunning and the staff of the Foundation for their commitment to our children.

HONORING CHILDREN'S HEALTHCARE OF ATLANTA FOR THEIR WORK FIGHTING SICKLE CELL ANEMIA DISEASE

(Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Children's Healthcare of Atlanta for their extraordinary work in fighting sickle cell anemia disease, and providing comprehensive medical care for thousands of our children in Georgia.

Children's Healthcare of Atlanta is the home of this Nation's largest pediatric sickle cell disease program with more than 1,800 children and teens. Georgia is home to over 8,000 people who have sickle cell disease, one of the Nation's most impacted populations.

On this Thursday, February 7, Children's Healthcare of Atlanta will be hosting a briefing at 1 p.m. right here in the Capitol in room HVC-201 to discuss innovations in sickle cell disease treatment.

Madam Speaker, more than 100,000 Americans have and suffer from sickle cell disease. It is a painful, genetic blood disorder that prevents the children from getting air. It is debilitating.

Madam Speaker, I ask that we stand proudly and support the Children's Healthcare of Atlanta.

INVEST IN MEANINGFUL PHYSICAL BARRIERS AT OUR BORDER

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

Mr. GIANFORTE. Madam Speaker, Border Patrol agents recently made the largest fentanyl bust in the agency's history. A suspect attempted to cross our southern border with nearly 400 pounds of meth and enough fentanyl to kill 57 million Americans.

Montana faces a meth epidemic that is tearing our families apart. We must secure the border to cut off the meth supply that cartels push through the ports of entry and across our porous borders.

Securing the border with a physical barrier enjoys bipartisan support. More than 60 Democrats in the House and the Senate have claimed a physical barrier should be part of the solution.

Both U.S. Senators from Montana have voted for physical barriers. Yet, despite bipartisan support for a physical barrier, the Speaker recently declared there is not going to be any money for a wall.

Madam Speaker, I urge Members of the border security conference committee to listen to lawmakers from both parties and invest in meaningful physical barriers at our southern border.

REVERSE TRANSGENDER MILITARY BAN

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

Mr. PAPPAS. Madam Speaker, yesterday, I welcomed a transgender veteran from New Hampshire named Tavion as my guest to the State of the Union. I am proud to say that he was warmly received here in the people's House.

Tavion didn't give a big speech last night but he still delivered a powerful message. His story and exemplary service stand as a direct rebuttal to the

false claims and flimsy logic used to justify the Trump administration's ban on transgender military service.

By politicizing our military and marginalizing patriot servicemembers, this unjust policy is weakening America's Armed Forces. Any American who is prepared to risk life and limb in defense of our Nation deserves our undying respect.

In spite of our political differences, my sincere hope is that members of both parties can come together to support our men and women in uniform, regardless of gender identity.

Madam Speaker, the American people sent us to Washington to stand up for our constituents and our values. We can live up to that responsibility by reversing the transgender military service ban and honoring brave trans vets like Tavion.

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APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO ACT AS SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE TO SIGN ENROLLED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS DURING THE 116TH CONGRESS

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

FEBRUARY 6, 2019.

I hereby appoint the Honorable STENY H. HOYER, the Honorable JAMES E. CLYBURN, the Honorable BEN RAY LUJÁN, the Honorable ROBERT C. "BOBBY" SCOTT, the Honorable ELLIAH E. CUMMINGS, the Honorable DORIS O. MATSUI, the Honorable JOHN P. SARBAKES, the Honorable GERALD E. CONNOLLY, the Honorable DONALD S. BEYER, JR., the Honorable ANTHONY G. BROWN, the Honorable A. DONALD MCEACHIN, and the Honorable JAMIE RASKIN to act as Speaker pro tempore to sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions through the remainder of the One Hundred Sixteenth Congress.

Sincerely,

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Without objection, the appointments are approved.

There was no objection.

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CLERK OF THE HOUSE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, February 5, 2019.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
*Speaker, House of Representatives,
Washington, DC.*

DEAR MADAM 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 February 5, 2019, at 5:17 p.m.:

That the Senate passed without amendment S. 49.

With best wishes, I am.

Sincerely,

KAREN L. HAAS.

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DEAR MADAM 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 February 6, 2019, at 11:11 a.m.:

That the Senate passed S. 1.

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 439.

With best wishes, I am
Sincerely,

KAREN L. HAAS.

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 votes objected to under clause 6 of rule XX.

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

PACIFIC NORTHWEST EARTHQUAKE PREPAREDNESS ACT OF 2019

Mr. DEFAZIO. Madam Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 876) to direct the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to carry out a plan for the purchase and installation of an earthquake early warning system for the Cascadia Subduction Zone, and for other purposes, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 876

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; DEFINITION.

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the “Pacific Northwest Earthquake Preparedness Act of 2019”.

(b) CASCADIA SUBDUCTION ZONE DEFINED.—In this Act, the term “Cascadia Subduction Zone” means the landward-dipping fault that is approximately 684 miles long, separates the Juan de Fuca and North America plates, and stretches along a portion of the western coast of the United States beginning off Cape Mendocino, California, along the State of Oregon, the State of Washington, to Northern Vancouver Island, British Columbia.

SEC. 2. EARTHQUAKE EARLY WARNING SYSTEM FOR CASCADIA SUBDUCTION ZONE.

(a) PLAN FOR PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION.—

(1) DEVELOPMENT AND FUNDING.—The Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency shall—

(A) develop a plan for the purchase and installation of an earthquake early warning system for the Cascadia Subduction Zone; and