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House of Representatives

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

DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
January 22, 2019.

I hereby appoint the Honorable DONALD S. BEYER, Jr. to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

MORNING-HOUR DEBATE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of January 3, 2019, 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.

NORTH LITTLE ROCK CHOIR TO DUBLIN CHORAL FESTIVAL

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

Mr. HILL of Arkansas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the choir from Immaculate Conception Church and School in North Little Rock, Arkansas, for being invited to represent our State at the inaugural Dublin Choral Festival in Ireland later this year.

More than 240 voices from around the United States will sing together at the festival, and Immaculate Conception is

the only group from our State of Arkansas.

The group of 48 parishioners, ranging in age from 10 to 87, is led by Music Director Steve Guilmet.

While there, the choir will travel to Belfast, Northern Ireland, where they will attend mass and perform during the service. Along with their performances, the parishioners will be raising money to support local hunger and poverty programs, and the parish there will host them.

I congratulate those parishioners on their hard work, and I join all Arkansans in wishing them the very best as they represent our State in Ireland.

ARKANSAS CANOE CLUB TRASH REMOVAL TEAM

Mr. HILL of Arkansas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the achievements of Cowper Chadbourn and the Arkansas Canoe Club Black Ops Advanced Trash Removal team.

Cowper founded the black ops team in 2014 to promote water quality and clean up trash in the watersheds throughout Arkansas.

Since the formation of the group, they have retrieved two giant dumpsters, portable toilets, refrigerators, washers, stoves, and countless tires out of our State's streams. In total, over the past 2 years, they have hauled out more than 2,400 tires and 124,000 pounds from Arkansas waterways.

Mr. Speaker, I extend a hand of gratitude to Mr. Chadbourn and the entire Arkansas Canoe Club Black Ops Advanced Trash Removal team for their worthwhile commitment to our environment and our natural resources.

ASH HOSPITAL OF THE YEAR

Mr. HILL of Arkansas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize North Little Rock's Arkansas Surgical Hospital for being awarded the Physician Hospital of the Year by the Physician Hospitals of America.

This award recognizes a hospital with a long and exceptional record of high-

quality community service and leadership.

Arkansas Surgical Hospital was one of only 19 hospitals in the United States, and the only one in Arkansas, to receive double five-star status from the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services, CMS, and obtained the highest rankings for both overall quality and patient satisfaction.

The hospital opened in 2005 with 16 beds and 5 operating rooms, but quickly outgrew its space. To meet increasing demand for patient care, in 2006, the hospital broke ground on expansion that brought the facility to 51 beds and 9 operating rooms.

The facility continues to grow and helps 15,000 patients on an annual basis.

Mr. Speaker, I thank the dedicated workers at the Arkansas Surgical Hospital for their service and leadership in patient-centered care in central Arkansas.

ARKANSAS CHILDREN'S BEACON AWARD

Mr. HILL of Arkansas. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit at Little Rock's Arkansas Children's Hospital. They have received the silver-level Beacon Award for Excellence by the American Association of Critical-Care Nurses.

The Beacon Award for Excellence recognizes unit caregivers who successfully improve patient outcomes and demonstrate effective leadership and communication. Arkansas Children's Hospital is the only hospital and unit in the State to earn this recognition and one of only 497 hospitals that currently hold the award.

Its history of excellence in patient care dates back to its founding in 1912.

As a former director and supporter of Arkansas Children's Hospital, I congratulate them on their 106-year legacy of leadership in patient-centered care; this recognition of the Beacon award; and their unqualified, wonderful service to the kids of Arkansas.

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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 5 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 (Mr. CUELLAR) at 2 p.m.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer: Thank You, O Lord, for giving us another day.

In Scripture, we read:

"You shall not oppress a hired servant who is poor and needy . . . You shall give him his wages . . . lest he cry against you to the Lord. . . ." And then, "now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift, but as his due."

May Your spirit, O Lord, impel those who are empowered to do so, to bring resolution to the current shutdown.

In such a contentious time, may humility be manifest in the exchange of opposing positions, that all might find relief, and those charged with serving to secure our safe travel, and our borders, can be properly compensated in a timely fashion.

Lord, have mercy on us.

May everything we do 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. MCCARTHY. 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. MCCARTHY. 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 California (Mr.

MCCARTHY) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. MCCARTHY 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 communication from the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

OFFICE OF THE CLERK,
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Washington, DC, January 18, 2019.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
The 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 January 18, 2019, at 12:59 p.m.:

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 259.

That the Senate agreed to Relative to the death of Richard Arvin Overton S. Res. 10.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

KAREN L. HAAS.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until approximately 4 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 2 o'clock and 3 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

□ 1600

AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. CUELLAR) at 4 p.m.

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, January 22, 2019.

Hon. NANCY PELOSI,
The 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 January 22, 2019, at 2:23 p.m.:

That the Senate passed without amendment H.R. 430.

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.

NATIONAL FFA ORGANIZATION'S FEDERAL CHARTER AMENDMENTS ACT

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 439) to amend the charter of the Future Farmers of America, and for other purposes.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 439

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

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "National FFA Organization's Federal Charter Amendments Act".

SEC. 2. ORGANIZATION.

Section 70901 of title 36, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in subsection (a), by striking "corporation" and inserting "FFA"; and

(2) in subsection (b), by striking "corporation" and inserting "FFA".

SEC. 3. PURPOSES OF THE CORPORATION.

Section 70902 of title 36, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in the matter preceding paragraph (1), by striking "corporation" and inserting "FFA";

(2) by redesignating paragraphs (1) and (2) as paragraphs (7) and (8), respectively;

(3) by striking paragraphs (3), (4), (6), and (7);

(4) by redesignating paragraph (5) as paragraph (11);

(5) by redesignating paragraphs (8) and (9) as paragraphs (12) and (13), respectively;

(6) by inserting before paragraph (7), as redesignated by paragraph (2), the following:

"(1) to be an integral component of instruction in agricultural education, including instruction relating to agriculture, food, and natural resources;

"(2) to advance comprehensive agricultural education in the United States, including in public schools, by supporting contextual classroom and laboratory instruction and work-based experiential learning;

"(3) to prepare students for successful entry into productive careers in fields relating to agriculture, food, and natural resources, including by connecting students to relevant postsecondary educational pathways and focusing on the complete delivery of classroom and laboratory instruction, work-based experiential learning, and leadership development;

"(4) to be a resource and support organization that does not select, control, or supervise State association, local chapter, or individual member activities;

"(5) to develop educational materials, programs, services, and events as a service to State and local agricultural education agencies;

"(6) to seek and promote inclusion and diversity in its membership, leadership, and staff to reflect the belief of the FFA in the value of all human beings;"

(7) in paragraph (7), as redesignated by paragraph (2)—

(A) by striking "composed of students and former students of vocational agriculture in