

The House of Representatives is a better place because of Frank Mitchell and Washington, D.C., is a better place because of Frank Mitchell. Everybody that knew Frank Mitchell knows that their life has been blessed.

Mr. Speaker, I thank Frank for his service, and he will be missed.

RECESS

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

Accordingly (at 11 o'clock and 9 minutes a.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Ms. DEGETTE) at noon.

PRAYER

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

You have promised, O God, that You are with us wherever we are and whatever we are doing—to heal and to help, to give strength and make us whole.

On this day, the House and the Senate draw our Nation's attention as the process of impeachment moves forward. Bless all Members of Congress with wisdom; give them the courage to honor the Constitution, as they have promised to do, so that all Americans can proudly observe their government in action.

Opinion and feelings will be on edge. May all Members be filled by Your Holy Spirit and engage each other with goodwill and respect.

May all that is done this day, and in the days to come, 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.

Ms. DEAN. Madam 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.

Ms. DEAN. Madam 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 pro-

ceedings 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The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.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. TED LIEU) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. TED LIEU of California 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 15 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

HONORING CLIFFORD BELL

(Mr. HIGGINS of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Madam Speaker, today, on the birthday of Martin Luther King, I rise to recognize a Buffalo, New York, resident born the same year as Dr. King, who continues to serve as a local church, community, and business leader, my good friend, Clifford Bell.

Brother Bell, as he is known in western New York for the love he brings to all of those around him, has served as a senior business advisor to Buffalo State's Small Business Development Center.

He was a colleague of mine in the city of Buffalo Common Council and he has led the Martin Luther King, Jr., celebration in Buffalo for three decades. As a council member Brother Bell was known for the line: "For whom the bell tolls. This Bell tolls for you," a quote that historically references the interconnectedness of humanity and his commitment to service.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., in his "Where Do We Go From Here?" address said: "Hate is too great a burden to bear. I have decided to love."

Brother Bell has lived a life of love, representing the best of our community and our country. We, as a Nation, can learn from his example.

CONGRATULATING GENERAL JOHN RAYMOND

(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. Madam Speaker, I congratulate General John W. Raymond, who was sworn in yesterday as the first Chief of Space Operations for the newly established U.S. Space Force.

As a senior Member of the House Armed Services Committee, I am grateful to President Donald Trump for General Raymond's confirmation and for being able to attend the National Defense Authorization Act signing which officially established the U.S. Space Force.

General Raymond is a Clemson University alumnus and has over 30 years of military experience. "This establishment is absolutely critical to our national security," he said during his remarks after being sworn in.

I am grateful that the U.S. Space Force is in strong, capable hands.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September the 11th, defeating terrorists overseas, in the global war on terrorism with the courageous leadership of President Donald Trump.

ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA FOUNDER'S DAY

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

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Madam Speaker, we should take a moment to honor an outstanding organization, Alpha Kappa Alpha. This is their Founders Day—112 years old.

Isn't it interesting that young women who were in the shadow of the Emancipation Proclamation and the shadow of slavery, in the midst of Jim Crowism and on the precipice of World War I, organized at Howard University to be able to give African American women a place for leadership and civic-mindedness?

As we are on the precipice of a great historic moment dealing with protecting the Constitution here in the United States Congress and the United States Senate, I am glad to honor these women that included Ethel Hedgeman, Margaret Flagg Holmes, Marjorie Hill, Lillie Burke, Beulah Elizabeth Burke, Anna Easter Brown, and many other young women who decided to take a stand for what is right in this Nation and the opportunities of diversity and leadership.

Congratulations to our national president, Dr. Glover, and congratulations to all of our Alpha Kappa Alpha members throughout the United States of America. Happy Founders Day 112.

IMPEACHMENT COLLAPSE

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

Mr. BYRNE. Madam Speaker, after a long, embarrassing month, the House will finally transmit the Articles of Impeachment against President Trump to the United States Senate. Yet I understand Speaker PELOSI and her managers will continue to push for witnesses in the Senate trial because, in their words, they want the facts.

That claim is nonsense. House Democrats blocked the testimony of the

whistleblower, DNC staffer Alexandra Chalupa, Nellie Ohr with Fusion GPS, and, of course, the two gentlemen pictured to my left, Devon Archer and Hunter Biden.

In reality, the Democrats' entire case depended on hiding the facts. As more facts emerged last year, their case collapsed. Public support for their impeachment fell as the weakness of their case was exposed.

I remind my majority that what is good for the goose is good for the gander. I predict House Democrats will not fare as well blocking these witnesses in MITCH MCCONNELL's United States Senate.

FULL AND FAIR TRIAL REQUIRED IN U.S. SENATE

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

Mr. TED LIEU of California. Madam Speaker, yesterday the House released additional documents and new text messages from Lev Parnas. He is an associate of Donald Trump's personal attorney, Rudy Giuliani. He has also been indicted. These documents and text messages show a chilling picture of surveillance, both physical and electronic, of the U.S. Ambassador to Ukraine. This is all the more reason why we need to have a full and fair trial in the United States Senate.

The House today is going to transmit the Articles of Impeachment to the Senate. Donald Trump was impeached for abusing his power and for soliciting interference in our elections from a foreign government. He will be branded for the rest of his life. It is permanent, it will not go away, and now we need the Senate to act and have a fair trial. That means witnesses and documents. If they do not do that, it will be the equivalent of a coverup.

RECOGNIZING DANIELLE HOUSER

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

Mr. DUNN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize an outstanding member of my staff who is moving on to a career in the defense sector, Danielle Houser.

Danielle graduated from UF in 2015 with a degree in international and global studies. She then moved to D.C. to begin her career on Capitol Hill. In January of 2017 she helped open our D.C. office as my executive assistant, later moving into a legislative role and becoming my legislative aide for military and defense affairs.

After Hurricane Michael devastated the panhandle, DJ played a key role in ensuring Tyndall Air Force Base and all of our bases had the resources they needed to begin recovery. DJ is a force of nature. She is ambitious, disciplined, hardworking, cheerful, and a

joy to work with. She has been an integral part of my office since its inception, and we will miss her greatly.

Madam Speaker, please join me in recognizing Danielle Houser for all that she has done for north Florida and our Nation and wish her luck in all her future endeavors.

THE 19TH AMENDMENT

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

Mr. MORELLE. Madam Speaker, this weekend I will join hundreds of activists and supporters for the Women's March in Seneca Falls, New York, home of the historic 1848 Women's Rights Convention that sparked the suffrage movement.

We will celebrate the incredible strides we have made in the fight for women's rights and the many strong, courageous women who have shattered glass ceilings to achieve progress.

The year 2020 marks the 100th anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment, guaranteeing and protecting women's constitutional right to vote. Now more than ever as we face new barriers threatening to roll back the rights of women, we must take up the mantle of Susan B. Anthony and the suffragists who came before us to continue to fight for the full equality that all women deserve. Together we will keep persisting.

CONGRATULATING RICHARD N. REILLY

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

Mr. RUTHERFORD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Richard N. Reilly on a well-deserved retirement after many years of service to the United States of America.

Richard has been a U.S. State Department Pearson Fellow in my Washington, D.C., office over this past year and has provided invaluable guidance and assistance to both my staff and my constituents.

A native of Minnesota, Rich began his service to our Nation as an Army infantryman and then he continued on later with a 20-year career as a naval officer. Following his time in the military, Rich joined the State Department as a Foreign Service officer advocating for America's interests abroad.

On behalf of the Fourth District of Florida and a grateful Nation, I offer my heartfelt thanks to Rich for his many contributions to our country and wish him a relaxing and fulfilling retirement enjoyed with wife, Susan; his children; and their new granddaughter, Peyton.

Congratulations, Rich.

ENOUGH ALREADY: IT IS TIME TO FREE RAIIF BADAWI

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

Mr. MCGOVERN. Madam Speaker, I speak today for Raif Badawi, a Saudi Arabian human rights blogger unjustly imprisoned since 2012 for exercising his right to freedom of expression.

His supposed crime?

Criticizing Islam and the religious police.

His sentence?

Ten years in prison, 1,000 lashes, and a huge fine.

Monday, January 13, was Raif's 36th birthday—the eighth he spent in prison away from his wife and three children.

January 9 was the fifth anniversary of the day that Raif endured the first 50 of those 1,000 lashes. That the flogging has not continued is a small mercy, but the prolonged imprisonment and harsh conditions is taking a terrible physical and mental toll.

The Saudi authorities must end this egregious injustice.

Madam Speaker, I again demand the immediate and unconditional release of prisoner of conscience, Raif Badawi.

I renew my call for a halt to all weapons sales and military aid until the Saudi regime cleans up its human rights record which is appalling.

CELEBRATING THE RIGHT TO LIFE

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

Ms. FOXX of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, life is the most precious gift from God. From conception until natural death and every moment in between, we must recognize, celebrate, and bear witness to the sanctity of life.

Next Friday tens of thousands of people from across the country will come to Washington and participate in the March for Life. This event serves as a clear reminder that preserving and protecting the lives of the most vulnerable is not simply an option, it is a mandate that we all must uphold.

Madam Speaker, I refuse to stand idly by as the unborn are brazenly targeted. Amidst the shroud of rancor and divisiveness that hangs over this House at present, I will continue to fight for their right to life. They deserve nothing less than unwavering advocates.

JUNE PARKINSON REMEMBRANCE

(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 honor my constituent and friend, June Parkinson. June passed away on January 4 at the age of 64.

June was a loving wife, mother, and grandmother, a gifted artist and special education teacher, and a true community leader. She devoted her life in