

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

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The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.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

Ms. BROWNLEY 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.

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRIES

Mr. GRIFFITH. Madam Speaker, I rise for a parliamentary inquiry or a series thereof.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will state his parliamentary inquiry.

Mr. GRIFFITH. Madam Speaker, am I correct that H. Res. 755 was passed by vote of the House on December 18, 2019?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will not verify the status of a measure not currently pending.

Mr. GRIFFITH. A measure not currently pending.

Additional parliamentary inquiry, please.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will state his parliamentary inquiry.

Mr. GRIFFITH. Madam Speaker, since H. Res. 755 passed on December 18, 2019, and the motion to reconsider H. Res. 755 was laid on the table on that same date, December 18, 2019, is there any action the House of Representatives can now take on H. Res. 755?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair does not respond to hypothetical questions.

Mr. GRIFFITH. It is not a hypothetical.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair does not respond to hypothetical questions.

Mr. GRIFFITH. Additional parliamentary inquiry.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will state his parliamentary inquiry.

Mr. GRIFFITH. I am not inquiring hypothetically. I may wish to take action. Is there any action currently available to a Member of the House in regard to H. Res. 755?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair does not issue advisory opinions.

Mr. GRIFFITH. All right. Further parliamentary inquiry.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will state his parliamentary inquiry.

Mr. GRIFFITH. Is H. Res. 755 currently within the bosom of the U.S. House?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman is inquiring about the status of a measure not currently pending on the House floor.

Mr. GRIFFITH. I thank the Speaker. Additional parliamentary inquiry.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will state his parliamentary inquiry.

Mr. GRIFFITH. Since 21 calendar days, 12 working days, and seven legislative days have gone by since H. Res. 755 passed the House and the Speaker of the House has not been physically able to deliver H. Res. 755 to the United States Senate, does clause 8(b)(3)(C) of rule I of the House rules automatically cause a vacancy in the Office of the Speaker, or what action does the House need to take since the Speaker has not been able to physically do an essential part of her administrative duties as the Speaker of the House?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman has stated the form of clause 8(b)(3) of rule I. However, the gentleman is not stating a parliamentary question within the purview of the Chair at this point. The gentleman is free to consult the rule and its accompanying legislative history for further clarification.

Mr. GRIFFITH. I thank the Chair.

Additional parliamentary inquiry.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will state his parliamentary inquiry.

Mr. GRIFFITH. Reviewing its parliamentary history, I would ask the Chair, is there any precedent, other than incapacity, of a Speaker not timely transmitting action of the House to the United States Senate?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will not issue an advisory opinion. The Chair is prepared to entertain one more parliamentary inquiry.

Mr. GRIFFITH. Additional parliamentary inquiry.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The gentleman will state his parliamentary inquiry.

Mr. GRIFFITH. Madam Speaker, clause 8(b)(3)(C) says that a physical incapacity to do the job of Speaker causes or may cause a vacancy. I am asking if there is any precedent related to that rule that the Chair can direct me to, having found none on my own?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will again respond that she will not issue an advisory opinion.

Mr. GRIFFITH. I respectfully disagree that it is an advisory opinion and thank the Chair for her indulgence.

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.

TAKE ACTION ON PFAS

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

Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN. Madam Speaker, I come to the well of the House today to call on my colleagues to support the PFAS Action Act. This bill, like so many that have come to the floor under Democratic leadership, is about taking action for the people; in this case, ensuring access to clean and safe water.

PFAS, so-called forever chemicals that have leached into water supplies for decades, are hazardous to human health. Their presence is linked with reduced kidney function, reduced immune system function, and increased risk for diseases like diabetes and cancer.

These chemicals are in our water because of corporate negligence, and like in many other cases, our working families trying to make ends meet are hit the hardest. That is why it is critical that Congress step up and take action, and that is why this legislation is so important and what it is about.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to stand up for the people and vote for the PFAS Action Act.

FORT JACKSON EXPANSION

(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 am grateful for the addition of the Civil Affairs and Psychological Operations Advanced Individual Training courses at Fort Jackson, South Carolina, which is one of the most military friendly communities in America.

Civil affairs and psychological operation soldiers bring unique skill sets. The relocation of Fort Jackson, where over half of all soldiers attend basic training, effectively organizes courses in the Army Training and Doctrine Command environment.

Through job growth at Fort Jackson, the local economy of Columbia will benefit with nearly \$5 million in initial establishment, and \$3.5 annually.

Congratulations to Commanding General Milford Beagle, Jr., of Fort Jackson on this expansion. I appreciate his extraordinary leadership.

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.

Our sympathy goes out to the family of Nawres Hamid, an Iraqi American Muslim from California who was murdered by the Soleimani-financed terrorists on December 27.

SALUTING JACK YATES HIGH SCHOOL

(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, I rise this morning to congratulate a very significant and historic high school, Jack Yates High School. Jack Yates High School was founded by the founding father, if you will, of the African American community in Houston, Freedmen's Town.

He is the founder of Wheeler Avenue Baptist Church. He is respected at Texas Southern University, and today they announced in a public school that they will implement an international baccalaureate.

In the midst of the tumultuous times that we have, how important it is that high school students will be engaged in discussions of peace, diplomacy, understanding world engagement, understanding the value of languages and being diverse, recognizing the wonderful experiment of the United States founded by those who fled persecution and indicated in the Constitution we have organized to create a more perfect union.

The more young people, more minorities that we can get in programs like an international baccalaureate where they will come out with that document and be ready to perch on the leadership role is outstanding.

To Jack Yates High School, I salute you. You are mighty. You are important, and God bless you.

CELEBRATING KELLY'S ANGELS ON THEIR 10TH ANNIVERSARY

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

Ms. STEFANIK. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and celebrate Kelly's Angels on their 10-year anniversary. This charitable organization has been serving the children of the Capital Region of New York for the past decade.

After Kelly Mulholland, a local teacher and mother of two from my district, tragically lost her battle with cancer in 2007 at the age of 37, her husband, Mark, founded Kelly's Angels in her honor.

Their mission is to provide grants for children in upstate New York who have lost parents or siblings to cancer or other illnesses. Children receive fund grants to use for whatever the child can dream up.

The goal of these grants is to bring a smile to a child's face, create positive new memories, and help with the healing process.

Kelly's Angels has worked with countless families in our local communities over the past decade, and their work continues to have a positive impact on so many lives.

On behalf of New York's 21st Congressional District, I want to congratulate and thank Mark, his children, McKenna and Connor, and the entire Kelly's Angels team for achieving this milestone.

I thank them for their amazing work. We are so proud of them.

STOP TRUMP'S WAR WITH IRAN

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

Ms. GABBARD. Madam Speaker, President Trump has committed an illegal and unconstitutional act of war, pushing our Nation headlong into a war with Iran without any authorization from Congress, a war that would be so costly and devastating, it would make our wars in Iraq and Afghanistan look like a picnic.

In doing so, he has undermined our national security in two critical ways: number one, Iran is no longer complying with the Iran nuclear agreement and is quickly speeding forward in developing their nuclear weapons capability, putting us and the world at greater risk.

Number two, our troops in Iraq are no longer focusing on preventing a resurgence of ISIS and al-Qaida. Instead, all of their efforts are now focused on Iranian forces and Iranian-backed Shia militias.

Congress must act today to stop further escalation of this war. Vote "yes" on H. Con. Res. 83 to uphold the Constitution which we all took an oath to support. Vote "yes" to stop Trump's war with Iran.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to refrain from engaging in personalities toward the President.

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HIGHLIGHTING SERVICE ACADEMY NOMINATION BOARD

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

Mr. BUDD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to highlight one of the most rewarding responsibilities I have as a Member of Congress: the honor of nominating students to the service academies.

This past weekend, I met with my Service Academy Nomination Board for North Carolina's 13th Congressional District to begin the review process. This year's board includes Mr. Ronald Hope of Advance, Mr. Matt Reyes of Mooresville, Mr. Doug Lain of High Point, Mrs. Rayne Brown of Lexington, Mr. Wayne Davidson of Greensboro, Mr. John Sherden of Mocksville, and Mr. Frank Pugh of Greensboro.

I am grateful that these individuals sacrificed their time and effort to help review applications, interview candidates, and recommend qualified individuals for the nominations. I look forward to announcing our nominees in the coming weeks.

Madam Speaker, please join me in thanking the members of our board and all the applicants who want to serve our great country.

PREVENTING WAR WITH IRAN

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

Mr. TAKANO. Madam Speaker, I am here to condemn the President's hostile actions against Iran that led us to the brink of war.

President Trump had no legal justification to launch an attack against Iran. The President's dangerous provocation was unlawful and unconstitutional, and Congress must assert its sole authority to declare war. His actions made America less safe.

Today, I will be voting for a War Powers Resolution to check the President's use of military action against Iran. But the need for Congress to reassert its authority does not end there. We must repeal the 2002 AUMF and prevent the administration from engaging in an unauthorized war by restricting funding from being used to wage war against Iran.

We must not yield to the voices of extreme hawks that see war as the only answer. We must not go to war with Iran.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to refrain from engaging in personalities toward the President.

RECOGNIZING U.S. ASTRONAUT CHRISTINA KOCH

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

Mr. MURPHY of North Carolina. Madam Speaker, as a North Carolinian and member of the Science, Space, and Technology Committee, I take great joy today in rising to recognize United States astronaut Christina Koch.

Christina grew up in eastern North Carolina in Jacksonville and graduated from the prestigious North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics. She later earned her bachelor's and master's degrees from N.C. State.

On December 28, 2019, Christina set the record for the longest continuous spaceflight by a female. She surpassed the previous record of 288 days achieved by fellow astronaut Peggy Whitson. She is now at 300 days and counting. In addition, Christina participated in the first all-female space walk on October 18 alongside fellow astronaut Jessica Meir.

She is, without a doubt, one of the most accomplished people in North Carolina's history. Christina has made her country, her State, and all of eastern North Carolina proud. I wish her luck on her continuous voyage amongst the stars. We look forward to her safe return to Earth in February.

SUPPORT PROGRAMS FOR WOMEN VETERANS

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