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Senate

The Senate was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Thursday, July 1, 2021, at 11 a.m.

House of Representatives

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 30, 2021

The House met at noon and was called to order by the Speaker.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

God our guide, we pray this day that You would go before us as we head into the business that awaits. And as we proceed, may we see Your hand in both the ordinary as well as the exceptional.

Reveal to us Your intent as we attend to the simple things and make us ever mindful that as inconsequential as they may seem, over even the least of these, You have authority.

Unveil Your will as we address the substantial items and remind us that through the significant decisions made by this body, You remain sovereign.

Make us keenly aware of Your claim on each and every Member of this House and those who labor alongside them in these hallowed Halls and beyond, that we all would be faithful in our service to You even as we serve the people.

Holy God, remain with us on the journey You have set before us. Never leave or forsake us. But abide with us as we seek to walk in obedience to You this day.

It is in the strength of Your name we pray.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to section 11(a) of House Resolution 188, the Jour-

nal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Arkansas (Mr. WOMACK) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. WOMACK 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

The SPEAKER. The Chair will entertain up to 15 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

TRIBUTE TO ANDREA HARRIS

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

Ms. ADAMS. Madam Speaker, I am honored today to stand on the floor of the House to honor the life of a cherished friend and extraordinary North Carolinian, Andrea L. Harris, a resident of Henderson, North Carolina, who passed away on May 20, 2020.

Her death leaves a tremendous void throughout our State, but her life's work is a lasting reminder of her courageous fight for civil and human rights, social justice, and building Black wealth.

A bold voice of reason for the underrepresented, her work helped improve the quality of life for so many.

A proud alumna of Bennett College, an advocate for HBCUs, a shero for Black businesses, this "mother of minority enterprise" was always about making good trouble.

She cofounded the North Carolina Institute for Minority Economic Development, serving as president for more than two decades.

Andrea L. Harris made our State, our community, and our world much better than she found it and fulfilled the Scripture in Psalms 84:10, which says: "Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere; I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked."

Rest in peace, my friend.

Andrea, we love and miss you.

REQUEST TO CONSIDER H.R. 18, NO TAXPAYER FUNDING FOR ABORTION ACT

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

Mr. GRIFFITH. Madam Speaker, the Hyde amendment respects the deeply held beliefs of pro-life people like me by not spending our tax dollars to pay for abortions.

But support for the Hyde amendment goes beyond the pro-life community. It has enjoyed broad bipartisan support during most of its 45-year history, previously including the current Democrat in the Oval Office.

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That is because it respects a cherished American value, freedom of conscience regarding our deepest religious beliefs. Now, that freedom is under attack by radicals running this country. Their assault on the Hyde amendment threatens to undo this important protection for the lives of millions and the consciences of millions more.

That is why we need H.R. 18, the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act.

Madam Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Committees on Energy and Commerce, Ways and Means, and the Judiciary be discharged from further consideration of H.R. 18, and ask for its immediate consideration in the House.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. DEGETTE). Under guidelines consistently issued by successive Speakers, as recorded in section 956 of the House Rules and Manual, the Chair is constrained not to entertain the request unless it has been cleared by the bipartisan floor and committee leaderships.

NO TIME TO WASTE ON INFRASTRUCTURE

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

Ms. WILD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to talk about the INVEST in America Act, an important moment in the fight to upgrade our national infrastructure.

I am so glad to see the House take a critical step toward fulfilling many of the key priorities laid out in the American Jobs Plan by passing this bill.

I want to be really frank. There is no time to waste on this. We urgently need to fix the roads, bridges, tunnels, and drainage systems that we see crumbling around the country.

Not only does the INVEST Act address some of the key infrastructure needs of our country, but it also creates good-paying, middle-class jobs that will turbocharge economic growth.

The INVEST Act also includes \$20 million in key infrastructure investments for my district, Pennsylvania's Seventh, that will support our economy and make roads safer for both motorists and pedestrians. I am proud to have secured this funding for my community.

We have more work to do to get an infrastructure package finalized, sent to the President's desk, and signed into law. Our country simply cannot wait any longer, but I am proud to support the INVEST Act and to get us one step closer to that goal.

REQUEST TO CONSIDER H.R. 18, NO TAXPAYER FUNDING FOR ABOR- TION ACT

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

Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota. Fifty million, Madam Speaker. The WHO estimates that 50 million abortions are performed each year. It is a soul-rending number.

Of course, abortion is a deeply divisive legal, political, and moral dispute, but despite that fact, for 45 years, this body has been able to come together to accept the powerful message of the Hyde amendment, that taxpayer funding should never be used for abortion.

When I think about what we can do together, that is a powerful message. It is in that spirit that I ask unanimous consent that the relevant committees be discharged from any further consideration of H.R. 18, the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act, and I ask for its immediate consideration by this House.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. As the Chair has previously advised, the request cannot be entertained absent appropriate clearance.

BOLD ACTION ON CLIMATE CRISIS

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

Ms. BONAMICI. Madam Speaker, 1 year ago today, I joined my colleagues on the Select Committee on the Climate Crisis and we released our bold, comprehensive, science-based climate action plan. Our plan is a roadmap for solving the climate crisis, and I am thrilled that we are advancing many of its provisions this week as part of the INVEST in America Act.

The transportation sector is the largest source of energy-related carbon dioxide emissions in the country, and the pollution disproportionately affects low-income communities and communities of color. We must take bold action to mitigate the climate crisis, and that includes advancing the INVEST in America Act.

This bill would help decarbonize our transportation sector by investing in electric vehicle charging infrastructure, zero-emission buses, and transit. It will increase the resilience of our communities by strengthening predisaster mitigation efforts, supporting the use of natural infrastructure, and restoring fish passages. And importantly, this bill also invests in the people who will rebuild our Nation's infrastructure.

By passing the INVEST in America Act, we can protect our planet, create good-paying jobs, and truly begin to build back better. I thank Chairs CASTOR, DEFAZIO, and PALLONE for their leadership.

SKYROCKETING VIOLENT CRIME

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

Mr. KELLER. Madam Speaker, in large cities across America, violent crime rates are skyrocketing. At the same time, many of our Democrat col-

leagues are leading dangerous calls to defund the police and take cops off the streets.

I can't believe this needs to be said, but demonizing law enforcement will not make our streets safer. This kind of rhetoric makes it more difficult for police officers to do their jobs and harder for local departments to attract new officers.

Just look at the cities which are experiencing the largest spikes in violent crime. Homicides are up 533 percent in Portland, 58 percent in Atlanta, 37 percent in Philadelphia, and 22 percent in Los Angeles. Each of these cities has embraced the same antipolice rhetoric that we have heard from Democrats in this very Chamber. Now, in a bizarre twist of logic, Democrats are trying to shift the blame to Republicans.

The only way to solve this problem is to reestablish respect for law enforcement and make sure they have the support and resources needed to protect themselves and our communities.

TIME TO STEP UP

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

Mr. CARTWRIGHT. Madam Speaker, I am thrilled that, this week, we bring up the INVEST in America Act, part of Joe Biden's American Jobs Plan, something that we have been waiting for for many years.

We have had infrastructure week after infrastructure week. We actually have a real one this week because we will be voting on the INVEST in America Act, something that will invest \$700 billion into America's roads, bridges, tunnels, rail systems, water systems, and sewer systems, things that the Greatest Generation handed down to us. They came back from World War II after all the suffering and all the losses, and they sucked it up and actually contributed more.

All of these investments in American infrastructure that happened after World War II, we have been disinvesting in those things. It is time for us to step up to the plate and invest in America with the INVEST in America Act.

Let's get it done, and let's do it on a bipartisan basis. We all need to invest in our great Nation.

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

Mr. ALLEN. Madam Speaker, H.R. 18 must be immediately brought to the House floor for a vote.

The No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act would make the Hyde amendment and other current abortion funding prohibitions permanent and governmentwide.