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The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. GRAVES of Louisiana).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

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

WASHINGTON, DC,
October 9, 2015.

I hereby appoint the Honorable GARRET GRAVES to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

JOHN A. BOEHNER,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

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

With many pressing issues, the House currently ponders the future leadership of this assembly. Though uncertainty might breed fear or confusion, dispel such dark spirits and enlighten the Members of the people's House with wisdom, patience, good will, and perseverance.

Often, when things seem to us to be out of control, perhaps You are calling us all to place our trust in You, as we claim to do. We thank You for continuing to call us to be true to our word.

We thank You as well for continuing to walk with us, always offering us the light of Your spirit.

May all that is done 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. HECK of Washington. 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. HECK of Washington. 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The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.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 Louisiana (Mr. ABRAHAM) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. ABRAHAM 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 five requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

RECOGNIZING PILOTS FOR PATIENTS

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

Mr. ABRAHAM. Mr. Speaker, I want to recognize a group called Pilots for Patients, an organization founded by Philip Thomas back home in Monroe, Louisiana.

This group flies patients with debilitating conditions to specialty hospitals all over the Nation. My district is very rural, and some of my patients have to drive several hundred miles to see their doctor. And like Philip says, this could be like a trip to the Moon for some patients to drive that far.

Pilots for Patients has flown over 2,600 missions to date so far, 15 to 20 patients a week. They are part of a larger group of Air Core Alliance pilots that have flown over 20,000 missions a year. All the pilots are volunteer, and I am proud to be one of them.

Pilots for Patients is a shining example of what goodness of the human spirit and working together can accomplish. I wish them continued success in many years to come.

CONGRESS NEEDS TO PERMANENTLY REAUTHORIZE THE LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND

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

Mr. TAKAI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to draw attention to our looming budget crisis and, in particular, the expiration of the Land and Water Conservation Fund.

For over 50 years, this fund has been one of our most effective tools to conserve irreplaceable lands and improve outdoor recreation opportunities throughout the Nation.

In Hawaii's case, the Land and Water Conservation Fund has helped to maintain and support some of our world-famous beaches and nature preserves. The fund expired on September 30 because of congressional inaction. With that, the American public has lost one

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